

Editorial

Announcing the Move to Electronic Publishing

FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, the IEEE Publications Department has been moving its operation toward electronic publication. The IEEE Computer Society has pioneered electronic publishing within the IEEE since about 1985 and now publishes all its magazines and TRANSACTIONS in electronic form. The IEEE has been promoting this form of publishing and making it available to other societies. Since electronic publishing is expected to save both time and cost in publication, IEEE MICROWAVE AND GUIDED WAVE LETTERS will take advantage of the opportunity for electronic publishing beginning with the January 1992 issue. Those authors wishing to make use of this service are requested to follow the guidelines printed on the following page of this issue and in appropriate sections in the "Information for Authors" on the back cover and on the inside back cover in the subsequent issues. Since not every author has an access to computers for the typing of the manuscript, this procedure is still optional.

Briefly, the electronic publishing works in the following manner. Submission of the manuscript to the Editor and the review process will be unchanged from the present practice. However, upon final acceptance of the manuscript, the author will be requested to submit the final version of his manuscript in electronic form prepared using one of many word processing softwares and sent to the Editor on a floppy disk. An *identical paper copy* is required. Figures and illustrations are required to be submitted in a traditional paper format. The following page illustrates the numerous word processors and disk formats that are presently acceptable to the IEEE Publications Department—Electronic Publishing.

The procedure to be followed is as follows. The Editor sends both the floppy disk and the identical paper copy of the accepted manuscript to the IEEE Publications Department in New York. The floppy disk containing the textual material in the submitted manuscript is then read into the IEEE computer system and is translated into the word processing system of the IEEE Publications Department—Electronic Publishing. Any equations in the manuscript will be rekeyed in at this time. Figures will be processed in the traditional way as in the past. Therefore, it is important that the original hard copies of figures, photos (glossy print), etc., be submitted for photographic reproduction.

It is hoped that as many authors as possible participate in this endeavor and take advantage of this modern mechanism.

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