

Editorial

No Overlength Page Charges for One Page of References

THE IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON ANTENNAS AND PROPAGATION (TAP) has changed its editorial policy by allowing one free page of references, i.e. one page that does not incur overlength page charges, provided that such a page is used only for references.

The reasons behind such a change are that some authors do not provide a careful analysis of prior contributions, give reference to relevant works, and clarify the novelty of their work in relation to what has already been published. In fact, it is a matter of fairness to give citations to all relevant works that represent the foundation of a specific contribution. Focus should be given to papers that are "...directly relevant to the subject matter..." (PSPB Manual 8.2.1.B.11) and authors should provide a clear argument to justify what the merits of their proposed publication are with respect to (1) very recent publications and (2) directly and relevant articles.

Such careful analysis should always be present in a well written paper and this concept was emphasized in the January 2017 editorial: "...authors should write their articles by making comparisons with a sufficient number of relevant papers (i.e. closely related to what is being proposed/discussed/analyzed) that are among the most recently published. In this way, authors should make the argument that there is novelty compared to the state of the art and thus hopefully convince the reviewer(s) about the merits of their submitted manuscripts. In fact, it is the authors' responsibility to (1) clearly state what they think the novelty is; (2) provide evidence that the novelty is not incremental; and (3), add appropriate statements in the manuscript (such as in the Introduction section and/or other appropriate sections)..."

Another reason to provide a free page of references is to avoid the drastic reduction in the number of references that occurs frequently when authors are asked to reduce a manuscript from a full paper to a communication. Authors

should not fear between allocating space for technical content and space for references.

Overlength (OPC) page charges will be computed according to the following algorithm:

- 1) For Regular papers that have at least one full page of references, and the paper totals 9+ pages, the author receives the 9th page free of OPC (fees apply beginning with the 10th page onward). For example,
 - a) A 9-page paper with one full page of references = \$0 OPC.
 - b) A 10-page paper with one full page of references incurs \$200.00 in OPC.
- 2) For regular papers that have less than one full page of references, and the paper totals 9+ pages, OPC incur from the 9th page onward. For example,
 - a) A 9-page paper with less than one full page of references = \$200 OPC.
 - b) A 10-page paper with less than one full page of references \$400.00 in OPC.
- 3) For communications that have at least one full column of references, and the communication exceeds 4+ pages, the author receives the 5th page free of OPC (fees apply beginning with the 6th page onward). For example,
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 - b) A 6-page paper with at least one full column incurs \$200.00 in OPC.
- 4) For communications that have less than one full column and the communication exceeds 4+ pages, the author incurs OPC beginning with the 5th page onward. For example,
 - a) A 5-page paper with less than one full column of references = \$200 OPC.
 - b) A 6-page paper with less than one full column of references incurs \$400.00 in OPC.

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