

New Submission Format

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Dear Readers:

We are pleased to inform you that as of August 1, 2012, the *IEEE Transactions on Communications*, the *IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications*, and the *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications* will have a new submission format. These journals will allow up to 30 pages of a single-column, double-spaced manuscript inclusive of figures and tables. The text part of the manuscript should be in 12-point font with approximately 26 lines per page and 6.5-in line length. Authors are required to submit their manuscript in single-spaced double-column IEEE format as well as in the single-column format described above.

The new submission standard will allow authors to integrate tables and figures within the submitted text as long as the submitted manuscript is less than 30 pages. The new formatting rules allow authors to integrate tables, figures, and text as they please, as long as the entire submitted manuscript is no more than 30 pages in length. This change in formatting has two implications. (1) Authors can submit papers containing more text than in the past, thereby giving them more latitude to express

their ideas clearly. (2) Authors wishing to submit manuscripts containing a large number of figures or tables will have to decide how to trade text, figures, and tables in order not to exceed the 30 pages allotted.

Nevertheless, we expect authors to be disciplined in their writing and only use the 30 pages as needed. By the same token, editors will continue to make sure that the length of submitted papers is in keeping with the content. Precision of writing is of paramount importance when submitting a manuscript; we expect the majority of accepted papers will not have the maximum length.

We also point out that accepted papers are subject to mandatory page charges if they exceed a certain length. All papers submitted before December 31, 2011 that are accepted for publication are subject to a mandatory page charge of \$220.00 for each Transactions page (double-column format) exceeding seven printed pages. All submissions after January 1, 2012 that are accepted for publication are subject to a mandatory page charge of \$220.00 for each Transactions page exceeding eight printed pages.