

Positive Changes Coming for 2015

AS PART of our continuing efforts to upgrade and improve the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON PLASMA SCIENCE (TPS), a number of changes were made or are taking place. I wanted to update our readers on these developments.

In an important departure from past practices, TPS will be eliminating page charges for all manuscripts submitted on or after January 1, 2015. This action was taken via a formal positive vote of the IEEE Nuclear and Plasma Sciences Society's (NPSS) governing body, the Administrative Committee (ADCOM), at its November 15, 2014 meeting in Seattle, WA, USA. Manuscripts submitted prior to January 1, 2015 will still be subject to voluntary and mandatory page charges.

Another change we have made is the creation of a monthly E-Mail Newsletter (referred to as the TPS E-mail Blast). Issues began with the September 2014 TPS Issue. These electronic E-mail Blasts feature several highlighted papers from that month's Regular Issue. Highlighted papers are those of especially significant interest, and are nominated by the TPS Senior Editor responsible for the subject area of that paper. Highlighted papers are made available in their entirety to our readers free of charge from IEEE Xplore for a period of one month. Following the highlighted papers in the E-mail Blast, the full tables of contents are displayed for the Regular Issue

(and Special Issues, if there are any in that month). Each listed paper's title may be clicked on and the link will take the reader to the IEEE Xplore location of that particular paper where the abstract may be viewed. Copies of recent E-mail Blasts are accessible via TPS's website, <http://iee-npss.org/publications/transactions-on-plasma-science/>.

Finally, the IEEE NPSS ADCOM has also approved a special fund to encourage review articles in both of the Society's TRANSACTIONS (IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE and TPS). The fund would pay the open access charges for any review papers published in either TRANSACTIONS. Of course, we always encourage authors to first consult with the relevant TPS topical Senior Editor before making such a submission. However, it is my hope that this additional support will serve to encourage members of the plasma science community to seriously consider a review paper submission.

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