



Q&A's

Q: "I am Rajesh from IIT Delhi. I wanted to check how do the panelists compare 4-page IEEE embedded systems letters with these long-paged journals in terms of value and importance."

A: ESL is often work in progress or intermediate results etc., whereas the journals/magazines represent more mature work.

A: ESL is designed to get primarily experimental work out rapidly to the community. Typically, within 3 months of submission.

Q:"My general questions to all the distinguished panelists are: Due to the progress of open archives and many conferences in the area, nowadays we as researchers usually do not read journals anymore. The only reason I know people who still publish in journals is to provide bullets in the CV or beans for bean-counters. On the other hand, it is very hard to get reviewers, not alone high-quality ones. So, my question is: why not just stop wasting everybody's time by terminating journal publications totally? Of course, as any political institute, a journal will also tend to resist its own death. So, it is natural to expect resistance to this naive suggestion."

A: It is a good question. I will answer it if we get the time live. Else, there are technical and cultural issues involved with publishing. Take a look here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1j9TpVDSNHXEWpYsiUyt9dtidt3v2ma46ReTLszQ9MTc/edit>

A: Definitely a good topic to discuss. One important consideration is how to get "quality assurance" on papers in open archives.

Q: Do we believe journals to become more popular in virtual world due to COVID?

A: The answer is in the literature currently you see re COVID-19. Journals have stepped up with rapid dissemination.

A: We are planning to have a virtual live session for some of the ACM journals together. So that will give you the visibility for your work as well especially in post Covid-19 world.

Q: Prof. Tulika mentioned that there is no page limit, but the tecs journal page says 25 pages. Is a higher page limit a norm? Journal page clearly says that papers exceeding 25 pages would be summarily rejected. how should authors approach it.

A: You can just request for additional pages. We would like to remove the 25-page limit from the webpage. As ACM Digital Library went through restructuring, we haven't managed to change it yet.

A: Typically most papers fall within this budget though.

Q: ACM journal typically have no fees but IEEE TCAD and others mention page charges beyond 9 pages. From this perspective, how do we compare TCAD and TODAES or others? Moreover, TCAD has longer publication cycle after accept.

A: Yes, ACM journals do not have page charges. As for publication cycle, both IEEE and ACM have early access so the paper appears in the journal webpage immediately with a DOI and can be cited.

A: I believe the page limit and charge on extra pages are an IEEE level policy not TCAD. I would say charge and timing are factors to consider when deciding which journals to send your articles.

Q: Prof. Rajesh Gupta showed the statistics that the average reviewer assignment process takes about two weeks. However, my recent submission's status remains "awaiting reviewer assignment" for two months. Any suggestions to push the process please? Thanks!

A: Yours is definitely several sigma outlier. It may be because the paper is out of scope or barely in scope. Please send email with paper info so I can look up.

Q: Can I get this lecture video for future use?

A: The recording will be posted to CEDA's YouTube page, usually within 1 week.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtV0i4UH8cElzn4Igl7VrAw>

Q: Are the responses to Q&A also archived somewhere like the video?

A: We are currently looking into this. If we are able to save the Q&A, we will add a link to the report and the YouTube video to this page in the next week or so: <https://ieeeced.org/post/dawn-publishing-eda-transactions-journals-and-magazines>

Q: I joined late but do we keep data on how our journals are doing with respect to diversity?

A: TODAES pays close attention to our editorial board composition w.r.t. diversity.

A: Diversity in the editorial board is important aspect for all the journals.

A: However, we certainly have lower representation from Asia as reviewers compared to authors in ACM journals. Hopefully this will evolve in the right direction moving forward.