

Announcement
New Policy Introduces Plagiarism Detection to the Publication Workflow

Following the IEEE Board of Directors decision in November 2012, the Publication Services and Products Board has approved a policy requiring all manuscripts to be submitted to plagiarism detection software. The new policy appears in the *PSPB Operations Manual*, under Section 8.2.2 as a new Subsection C:

“Plagiarism is a threat to scholarly publishing in general and to IEEE’s publication program in particular. Originality of the submitted work can be assured through plagiarism screening and rejection of suspected material. For maximum effectiveness among IEEE periodicals and conferences, all IEEE articles shall be submitted to a plagiarism detection process prior to being uploaded to IEEE Xplore.”

The goal of the policy is to bolster the quality of IEEE Xplore content by identifying papers with potentially plagiarized material before they are posted.

The IEEE Intellectual Property Rights Office has offered CrossCheck as a plagiarism detection service at no cost to all Organizational Units since 2009, and many journal and conference editors have already implemented the tool into their workflows. IEEE Editors in Chief and Conference Publication Chairs who are not using CrossCheck are encouraged to contact the IPR Office for more information on registering to use CrossCheck. Staff will provide volunteers with assistance and suggestions as they begin using CrossCheck. Staff will also be available to review the results from CrossCheck, and will advise volunteers on any actions that should be taken.

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