

Message from the Editor

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Electronic Preprints: In an attempt to improve the effectiveness of disseminating research findings and the results of other creative endeavors among members of the engineering design graphics community, a message was sent to EDGD listserv subscribers in late March. The message asked the following: “Does anyone have experience with publishing preprints per the following <http://cogprints.org/3019/1/eprints.htm> Are preprints considered legit publications, and if so, where does it fall in the hierarchy of publications for tenure, promotion, merit, etc?”

While not mentioned in the message, an attempt is being made to revisit the relationship between manuscripts published in Mid-Year proceedings and those published in the EDGJ. Presently the EDGJ does not accept papers published in the Mid-Year proceedings unless they are significantly different from what was published in the proceedings, which is in contrast to past practices.

It can be argued however that if what is published in the proceedings are preprints, then manuscripts published in the proceedings can be submitted for consideration for publication in the EDGJ. This matter will be revisited by the EDGD’s executive committee during its annual meeting in San Antonio.

Manuscript Submission: The EDGJ continues to seek high quality manuscripts for publication in the EDGJ. If you and your colleagues have research findings and the results of other creative endeavors in draft, polish them up and submit them for consideration, and encourage your colleagues to do the same. Reviews can be turned around in three to six months.

The EDGJ Review Board: The composition of the EDGJ’s review board will be examined during the Division’s annual meeting in San Antonio. The purpose of the review is to ensure it is comprised of and is representative of what we today and in the future consider to be full spectrum engineering design graphics. The likelihood that we will be seeking additional review board members is pretty high. During my tour as Editor, we’ve only added one new board member. Moreover and to the best of my knowledge, a formal review of the board’s composition has never been conducted.

Please respond to any and all of the aforementioned at your earliest convenience—send me a message at chinr@ecu.edu. I’d like to synthesize all the inputs and share them with the executive committee in June. Hope to see you in San Antonio.