

The Board of Directors has decided, after discussions which have extended over many months, to establish a new monthly publication, IEEE SPECTRUM, to be sent to all members (except Student members, who receive the STUDENT JOURNAL). The IEEE SPECTRUM will publish, beginning in January 1964, articles and papers on topics of current technical interest couched in terms intelligible to the general membership. It will also publish news of the Institute and of the profession, formerly carried in ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING and PROCEEDINGS, as well as many other features of broad interest to IEEE members. This is a new concept - one which the Board intends shall provide a service hitherto not available in IEEE or in its predecessor societies.

Concurrently, in January 1964, the scope of PROCEEDINGS OF THE IEEE will be expanded to cover the full range of technical interests of the Institute. It will publish technical papers at the forefront of the art, informative letters on timely new developments, reviews of books, and Special Issues to provide comprehensive understanding of new fields. PROCEEDINGS papers will be couched in the language and notation appropriate to the subject matter to permit efficient and rapid communication from author to reader.

The PROCEEDINGS, in its expanded role, will continue to be a technical journal for technical readers and for all those who wish to be informed across interdisciplinary boundaries. In view of its established character, the Board has decided that the PROCEEDINGS should not serve as a general information medium of the Institute but that it should be available to those members whose activities and interests it serves. It was further decided that the cost of the PROCEEDINGS should be borne by the members who elect to receive it, and by the subscriptions, at a higher rate, of nonmember individuals and organizations.

There has been no increase in the IEEE dues. Rather, the magazine which has been sent to former IRE members (PROCEEDINGS OF THE IEEE) has been replaced by the new publication, the IEEE SPECTRUM, which has been designed to serve the needs of the whole membership. Similarly, the magazine which has been sent to former AIEE members (ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING) will be replaced by IEEE SPECTRUM.

The Board is of the unanimous opinion that the new policy will serve IEEE members in a manner responsive to their needs, which coincide on matters of universal interest but which often diverge in more specialized areas. Support for this new policy by all IEEE members is earnestly solicited by the Officers and the Directors of the Institute. The confidence expressed by the members, they are convinced, will be amply rewarded by the new SPECTRUM and the expanded PROCEEDINGS in 1964.

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