

Fifty Years of the IEEEEP Journal: A Historical Review and Editorial Reflection (1972–2022)

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The institution was originally known as the Institution of Electrical Engineers Pakistan (IEEP) since its establishment in 1969. In 1993, its name was changed to the Institution of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Pakistan (IEEEEP). From 1972 to 2004, the IEEEEP journal was published under its original name (IEEP Journal). Subsequently, in 2004, it was renamed “*New Horizons*”. The journal was not published in 1991, 2021, and 2022.

To examine the evolution of the IEEEEP Journal, five representative issues published in 1972, 1982, 1992, 2002, and 2012 were reviewed and analyzed. This brief historical review is intended to be of interest to both IEEEEP members and the broader engineering community.

In October 1972, thirty-two months after the establishment of the IEEP, IEEP published its first quarterly journal, Vol. 1, No. 1 [1]. Engr. R. N. Batra was the editor. This issue had fifty-eight pages, seven advertisements, and three articles. It was formatted in double-column format. Only the third paper contained references. In addition to the papers, this issue included a Message from the President of IEEP (A. Hamid), an Editorial, Institution News, Biodata, and Views. Fig. 1 shows the cover page of the 1972 journal [1].

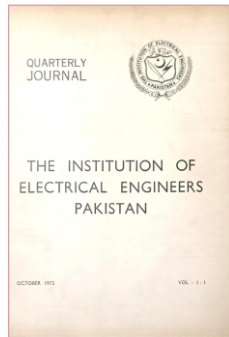


Fig. 1 Cover Page of the 1972 Issue [1]

In 1972 volume, editor R. N. Batra wrote in the editorial that a journal of any organization has a five-fold purpose:

- (i) to protect the image of the Institution,
- (ii) to furnish technical material of a high order for the benefit of its members,
- (iii) to provide a means of communication between its members,
- (iv) to make available a platform or forum for the expression of the views of its members, no matter how controversial, and
- (v) to be such an attractive vehicle of thought that it brings into its fold a greater and greater number of engineers from its disciplines.

Engr. Batra also mentioned, “*one of the major issues was the lack of engineers' interest in engineering bodies and organizations. The total strength of the Corporate Members of the Institution was still not very high, and the total number of engineers entitled to become its*

members was not accurately known to the Institution [1].” Incidentally, Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC), Institution of Engineers Pakistan (IEP), and IEEEEP are all facing this challenge in 2026 as well.

The editor, R. N. Batra, published Vol. XI, No. 4 (October–December 1982) of the IEEP Journal. It contained an introductory editorial, three papers, and thirty-nine pages, with no advertisements [2]. Only paper No. 3 contained references. The first and third papers were formatted in a single-column layout. Overall, the issue exhibited inconsistencies in formatting, column structure, and font sizes.

Prof. Dr. Tabrez A. Shami was the editor of Vol. XXI, No. 1 (January–March 1992) of the Journal of IEEP, which had a special focus on telecommunications [3]. The issue included an Editorial, Editors' Mail, Message from the Chairman Board of Publication (BOP), Telecommunications Sector Report, and Selected Abstracts. It contained five technical papers across sixty-one pages. The IEEP journal resumed publication after a gap of more than one year. The issue demonstrated reasonably consistent formatting, and all papers included references.

Editor Engr. Iqbal Ashraf published the Souvenir Issue (40th Volume, January–September 2002) [4]. The issue contained nine articles spanning seventy-two pages and included eleven advertisements. Of the nine articles, five were contributed by the same research group. A curriculum vitae (CV) was also published on pages 44–45. The issue additionally included the Welcome Address of the Honorary Secretary General for Convention 2002, the Keynote Address of the President, IEEEEP, and the Address of the Chief Guest at Convention 2002 and the 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Editor Dr. Suhail A. Qureshi published Vol. Nos. 74–75 (October 2011–March 2012) of *IEEEEP New Horizons* [5]. The editor reported that an ISSN was also obtained for the journal. The issue comprised ten articles across fifty pages, of which five articles did not include references. The President IEEEEP and the Editor of IEEEEP Journal contributed two articles each, respectively. A summary table I is given.

TABLE I

IEEEEP Journal Issues (1972–2012):
Publication Structure, Length, Advertisements, and
Referencing Practices

Year of Publication	Papers	Papers with Reference	Pages	Advertisements
1972	3	1	58	7
1982	3	1	39	0
1992	5	5	61	0
2002	9	8	72	11
2012	10	7	50	0

TABLE II
Editorial Leadership and Volume Publication
History of the IEEEEP Journal (1972-Present)

Editor Name	Tenure (Years)	Total Volumes
Engr. R.N. Batra	1972 - 1974	3
Engr. Syed Irfan Ahmad	1975 - 1976	2
Engr. M. Ayub Saddozai	1977 - 1981	5
Engr. Dr. Imtiaz Tarique	1982	1
Engr. A. H. Gardezi	1983 - 1985	3
Engr. Hafeez Ibrahim	1986 - 1987	2
Engr. A. Wahab Khan	1988	1
Engr. A. Waheed	1989 - 1992	4
Engr. Abdul Aziz	1993 - 1995	3
Dr. Tabrez A. Shami	1996 - 1997	2
Engr. Dr. Iqbal Ashraf	1998 - 2002	5
Dr. Suhail Aftab Qureshi	2003 - 2011	9
Dr. Muhammad Asghar Saqib	2011 - 2012	2
Engr. Dr. Murtaza Hashmi	2012 - 2013	2
Dr. Suhail A. Qureshi	2013 - 2016	4
Prof. Dr. Bhawani. S. Chowdhry	2016 - 2020	5
Engr. Dr. Sajid Iqbal	2022 - Todate	3
	Total	55

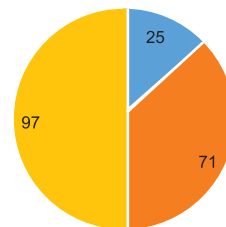
Over five decades, the journal shows a clear progression in referencing practices, evolving from minimal and inconsistent citations in early issues to standardized scholarly referencing in later volumes. Publication ethics and editorial discipline have also strengthened, aligned with global academic standards, while peer review has shifted from informal screening to more structured and rigorous evaluation. In parallel, the journal has transitioned from print-based dissemination to digital and indexed publishing, significantly improving accessibility and reach.

Table II summarizes the editorial leadership of the IEEEEP Journal from 1972 to the present, showing each editor's tenure and the number of volumes published during their term. A total of fifty-five volumes have been published under successive editors. Prof. Dr. Suhail Aftab Qureshi had the longest cumulative tenure. Higher Education Commission (HEC) recognition has further contributed to enhanced editorial standards, improved submission quality, and strengthened overall journal credibility. The historical record of its recognition status is illustrated in Table III.

During the period 2020–2022, the journal was not published due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The current Chief Editor assumed responsibility for the IEEEEP Journal in June 2022. From July 2022 to December 2025, the journal processed ninety-seven manuscript submissions, resulting in twenty-five publications, seventy-one rejections, and one withdrawal, as shown in fig. 2

TABLE III
HEC Recognition History of the IEEEEP Journal

Volume	Period	Chief Editor	HEC Category
Vol 79-80	Up to Dec 2013	Dr. Suhail Aftab Qureshi	Y
Vol 81-83	2014	Dr. Suhail Aftab Qureshi	Y
Vol 88-90	Oct 2015 - Jun 2016	Dr. Suhail Aftab Qureshi	Z
Vol 91-96	Jul 2016- Dec 2017	Dr. Bhawani. S. Chowdhry	Z



Published Rejected Withdrawn Total

Fig. 2 Manuscript Submission and Publication Statistics
(July 2022–December 2025)

Since its revival in June 2022, the IEEEEP Journal has achieved the following milestones:

- HEC Y-Category recognition
- International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) (Online) registration
- CrossRef registration
- Access to Turnitin
- Successful publication of five (5) issues
- Affiliation with the Asian Council of Science Editors (ACSE)
- Affiliation with the International Society of Managing & Technical Editors (ISMTE)
- Revival of the journal after a two-year closure during the COVID-19 period
- Submission of a subsequent application for continued HEC recognition

This 50-year review of the IEEEEP Journal highlights its evolutionary journey marked by phases of progress, inconsistency, and renewal in editorial direction, content quality, formatting standards, and institutional engagement. Despite publication gaps, structural variations, and disruptions including the COVID-19 period, the journal has consistently reflected its founding fivefold purpose and institutional commitment to *engineering knowledge dissemination*. Since its revival in June 2022, the journal has entered a new phase defined by academic rigor, international indexing, and digital modernization, including HEC Y-Category recognition, CrossRef and Turnitin integration, and a selective publication process (25 published out of 97 submissions). Moving forward, sustained editorial discipline, broader author diversity, and alignment with global publishing standards will be essential to further strengthen its scholarly impact and institutional relevance, positioning the IEEEEP Journal as a credible and forward-looking platform for engineering research in Pakistan.

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