

Dear Prof. Blaze:

I would like to clarify misconceptions about IEEE's recent change to policy which allows authors to post their articles on their personal web sites or those of their employers. An incomplete description of the policy was recently referenced in your 28 February blog posting entitled "Shaking Down Science."

The new IEEE policy, which was approved in November 2010 and became effective this past January, still allows authors (and their employers) to post an accepted, peer-reviewed manuscript. The new policy explicitly states that an author's personal site, or the author's employer's site, may host "a version which has been revised by the author to incorporate review suggestions, and which has been accepted by IEEE for publication." The only significant change in IEEE's policy is that the author may no longer post the final, published PDF version of the paper as it has been incorporated into the IEEE Xplore Digital Library.

This new policy is consistent with those of ACM and other scholarly publishers.

I hope that you will consider posting an "update" to your "Shaking Down Science" blog similar to the one that was posted on 2 March to clarify ACM's policy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ David A. Hodges

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