Abstract — This is the first regular issue of the IEEE Latin America Transactions of the year 2011. Each year are published four regular issues – March, June, September and December. Special issues are published, out of regular issues schedule, according to the availability of extended best papers from recognized high level conferences that claim for a special issue.

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I. INTRODUCTION

This first issue of 2011 year aggregates 22 papers that were submitted by the OpenConf system available in the periodical site www.revistaieeela.pea.usp.br. Each paper is submitted under a peer review, reviewed by at least three reviewers that are active and recognized in the area, invited and cadastrated by IEEE Latin America Transactions journal. Each reviewer can attribute one out three recommendations: accept, reject or modify. After that, one of the Advocates (Editorial Board Member) gives the recommendation according the reviewers suggestions. In the next step, the editor-in-chief gives the final recommendation.

Then, the accepted papers are detailed revised top ut in the exact required format by the periodical. These careful procedures take a lot of time - sometimes more that the expected/programed time - due some reviewers takes extra time (it is asked three months in maximum) and some co-authors that not respect all the format required details.

When all papers are modified according the reviewers suggestions, and formatted according the periodical rules, the authors are invited to visit the site again, in order to check if some detail can be improved. After that, the papers are sent out to IEEE Xplore (via ftp).

II. CURRENT STATISTICAL NUMBERS

In order to give an idea about the number of submitted papers, as well as, the number of published papers, it is possible to register here some current numbers and averages:

(i) total of submitted papers: 1045;
(ii) total of published papers: 11 (Vol1) + 32 (Vol2) + 59 (Vol3) + 65 (Vol4) + 97 (Vol5) + 90 (Vol6) + 82 (Vol7) + 100 (Vol8) = 536 = 51% acceptation rate;
(iii) total of accepted papers: 536 (published) + 22 (next issue Vol9Issue1March2011) = 558; and
(iv) average time from submission to publication (Vol8Issue6Dec2010): 603 days = 86 weeks.

It is important to register that now the “very old” submissions still pending for one or other aspect are finished.

From Vol9Issue1March2011 to forward, the number of weeks will be significantly reduced.

III. RECOGNIZED LEVEL (QUALIS, ISI, DOI)

CAPES (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior) has the Qualis (conjunto de procedimentos utilizados pela Capes para estratificação da qualidade da produção intelectual) in order to classify the quality level of journals, conferences and graduate programs. The IEEE Latin America (Region 9) Transactions, under 1548-0992 ISSN number, is current classified as “B2” in “interdisciplinary” area.

To see that, it is needed follow the steps below:

(i) http://qualis.capes.gov.br/webqualis/;
(ii) check periodicals by ISSN 1548-0992 http://qualis.capes.gov.br/webqualis/ConsultaListaCompletaPeriodicos.faces; and
(iii) to click on "Lista completa". See the Fig. 1 below.

Figure 1. IEEE R9 Transactions classified by Qualis index.
In addition, the journal is currently present into ISI "Thomson Reuters (formerly ISI) Web of Knowledge"
http://apps.isiknowledge.com or
http://science.thomsonreuters.com/cgi-bin/linkj/search.cgi?letter=i.

The ISI links, where the IEEE Latin America Transactions are mentioned, can be viewed following the steps below:
(i) search by "IEEE Latin America Transactions":
http://science.thomsonreuters.com/cgi-bin/jrnlst/jlcovchanges.cgi?PC=D;
and
(ii) search by IEEE+Latin+America+Transactions.
See the Fig. 2.

Figure 2. Search at ISI index.

The IEEE LA Transactions indexes at "ISI Web of knowledge" http://apps.isiknowledge.com/ are the published papers from 2009 to 2010.

Looking for "IEEE Latin America Transactions", to select one sub-areas – in this example, "engenharia". See the Fig. 3.

Figure 3. List of publications at ISI.

Selecting one of the papers, it is possible to see its details. The papers of VoI8 Issue5 Sept2010 is in the site yet. See the Fig. 4.

Figure 4. Selected paper into ISI.

In the Fig. 4 it is possible to see the details of one particular selected paper to observe.

In addition, it is available tools of paper citations (maps). See Fig. 5.

Figure 5. ISI tools for maps citations.

Finally, it is possible mention the Digital Object Identifier index. http://www.doi.org/about_the_doi.html. The DOI System has been standardized through the International Standards Organization, ISO (via ISO TC46/SC9). The Final Draft International Standard (ISO/DIS 26324, Information and Documentation — Digital Object Identifier System) was approved by 100% of those voting in a ballot closing on November 15, 2010. The approved ISO standard is now moving through the publication process; in parallel, the IDF will be modifying the DOI Handbook to reflect this standard and update parts of the Handbook which have been on hold during the ISO process (which began in 2006).

All the papers published at IEEE Xplore have a DOI code; then, all the papers published at IEEE Latin America Transactions have DOI code. See the Fig. 6.
As shown in Fig. 6, for instance, the first paper of Vo8Issue6 "Design and Implementation of an Arithmetic Processor Unit Based on the Logarithmic Number System" by the authors Carrillo and Viveros, pages 605–617, has the follow classification at Digital Object Identifier: 10.1109/TLA.2010.5688085.

For further information about the IEEE Latin America Transactions (instructions for authors, opportunity for reviewers), access http://www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/9/etrans/esp/. See Fig. 7.

As shown in Fig. 7, it is possible to see the Editorial Board, the format for submissions, as well as, all the issues/papers published until now.