

**MINUTES**  
**DISCUSSION ON IEEE SUBSCRIPTION**

**DATE** : **3 August 2010 (Tuesday)**  
**TIME** : **10.30 am – 12.30 pm**  
**VENUE** : **Meeting Room**  
**Library, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)**

Presents IPTA's:

Puan Noorhasimah Aris – Chair Person  
Puan Nor Aziah Abdullah (*UiTM*)  
Puan Normala Harun (*UiTM*)  
Puan Norbaya Muda – (*UIAM*)  
Puan Khairul Bahiyah Yaakub (*UTM*)  
Puan Suhaila Marsidi (*UIAM*)  
Puan Rozana Kamdani (*USIM*)  
Puan Mazainun Aini Mohd Zain (*USM*)  
Puan Nazatul Shima Baroji (*UMP*)  
Puan Yafiza Halim (*UPNM*)  
Puan Nordiah Musa (*UTHM*)  
Encik Khairul Naser Ibrahim (*UTHM*)  
Puan Azana Hj. Abd Hadi (*UPM*)  
Cik Sutarmi Kasimun (*UM*)

Presents United Technology Sdn Bhd:

Colin Edmonds  
Barry Edmonds  
Geraldine de Silva  
Nik Ab Kadir

**Introduction**

The meeting was held between the IPTA Libraries's representatives and United Technology to discuss on the pricing for IEEE's renewal subscription. Mr Barry Edmonds gave the welcoming remarks and started the meeting.

## **Matters:**

1. Ms. Geraldine detailed out the price for IEEE 2011 renewal will be USD88,130 per institution i.e 4% increase from 2010's price. This is based on the quotation faxed to all institutions. Prices will be locked for 3 years should every institution agreed to sign-up for the 3 years contract.
2. Mr. Collin stated that there will be no price increase for 3 years (from 2011 to 2013) and payment is allowed to be made on annual basis.
3. In view of that, Puan Noorhasimah raised concerns on:
  - Budget cut faced by all libraries will not be able to cater all subscription renewal fees whereby prices for all other databases and print subscriptions will be increased as well. Subscription price for IEEE alone is almost RM300,000.
  - Fair pricing for all institutions whereby flat rate of USD88,130 will not be fair and justifiable to small universities where the Engineering Faculty just started to develop.
  - It was also proposed that FTE factor of each individual institutions should also be put into consideration for the basis of price quoting. This is in view that IEEE is a specialised database whereby only a special group of users will be making full use of it (i.e., Faculty of Engineering).
4. Puan Bahiyah from UTM informed that UTM is following strictly to the Financial procedures set by the MOF whereby subscription that exceeded RM500,000 must be forwarded to MOF. 3 years contract meant overall subscription price will be USD264,390 or RM900,000 plus. She proposed to the 3 years contract to be signed on annual basis or not spell out from the contract.

## **Conclusion:**

After so much discussion United Technology finally agreed that:

1. The price will be reduced to **USD86,000.00** per institution instead of USD88,130.00
2. The 3 years contract will be prepared based on the libraries' request. For example, UTHM has no problem signing the 3 years contract provided that the payment is based on annual pricing and payment is on yearly basis. As for UTM the annual contract will be prepared considering that IEEE is the major database for the university.
3. United Technology will revised the quotation including quotation for Option 2 as soon as possible.
4. The price re-quoted will also be applied to GLC.
5. United Technology will open trial to STM database for all universities, and at least 3 universities is needed to form a consortium. Mr Collins will talk to IEEE to come up with the quotation.
6. United Technology invited all universities to elect one person from MOLEC (formerly JKPKD) member to visit Denver 2011. Foods and lodging will be sponsored by IEEE.

## **Adjournment of the meeting**

The meeting is adjourned at 12.30pm.

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