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IEEE is proud of its 129-year heritage in producing the highest caliber and most well attended conferences in support of technology and engineering professionals.

We continue to follow strict governance guidelines for evaluating IEEE conferences and publications, including serving a leadership role in sharing best practices and implementing new procedures that ensure that the highest quality possible content is produced for our attendees, members and volunteers.

It was brought to our attention over a year ago that there might have been some conference papers published in our IEEE *Xplore* digital library that did not meet our quality standards. We took immediate action to remove those papers, and also refined our processes to prevent papers not meeting our standards from being published in the future.

We continuously monitor this issue, as quality content is at the heart of everything IEEE does, not only for IEEE, but also for our industry.

Additional statement, 19 February:

While in the academic publishing industry we are always working to deliver quality content, unfortunately sometimes we are faced with these issues. We have taken steps to mitigate the effect these issues can have on our content. Specifically, we continue to follow strict governance guidelines for evaluating IEEE conferences and publications, including serving a leadership role in sharing best practices and implementing new procedures that ensure that the highest quality possible content is produced for our attendees, members and volunteers.