

Dear President,

I request the board of governors of the Information Theory Society to consider the following two issues.

1. Many of classic books of information theory are out of print now. For example the book by Csiszar and Korner on information theory, the book by Berger on rate distortion theory, the book by Blahut on information theory, the book by Pinsker on information stability, and the book by Billingsley on ergodic theory and information to name a few.

The younger generation of faculty and students are not able to access these books. Some of these books are not even available in the original form in libraries of some of the prominent US universities. For example Univ. of Michigan has only one copied version of Berger's book in its library. I request you to consider publication of some of these classic books in some form by Information Theory Society.

2. The papers published in Problems of Information Transmission, one of the prominent Russian journals devoted to information theory are difficult to get access to. I request you to consider building an electronic database of this journal. IEEE Information theory Society has the rare distinction as one of the first IEEE societies to build an electronic database of all of its transactions. A project similar to Project Euclid in mathematics could be considered by the Information theory Society.

Thanks for your consideration.