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The present document defines the policy of CIGRE as regards technical information: what kind of information is made available by CIGRE, how it can be accessed, by whom, and under what conditions.

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1. *What is the kind of information available at CIGRE?*

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CIGRE information can be classified as follows:

a) CIGRE Publications

These are the result of the collective work of CIGRE, through its Study Committees, their Working Groups (WGs) and Task Forces (TFs).

Two main types of publication are contemplated, namely:

- Comprehensive technical reports denominated Technical Brochures (TBs);
- Shorter technical reports denominated WG or TF reports.

The above publications do not differ in terms of quality but only in terms of volume.

b) Study Committee and Technical Committee papers

These papers concern the activities of the TC and SCs:

- Strategic Plan: main directions of the activities (nature and implementation) over a set period, typically ten years;
- Action Plan: targets to be reached in the mid-term (typically 3 years), with a planned schedule;
- Technical Reports: for TC and SCs, a report on the main results achieved, respectively at CIGRE and at SC level, as well as on the new activities launched;
- Minutes of meetings for TC and SCs (internal documents);
- Other internal SC documents such as terms of reference, interim & progress reports, questionnaires...

c) Papers related to CIGRE events – Session, Symposia, Regional Meetings, Colloquia...

- Papers for presentation or discussion;
- Session Special Reports;
- Other Special Reports, when available;
- Discussion material and/or General Reports.

d) ELECTRA

ELECTRA is the journal of the Association. Its main purpose is to inform CIGRE members on the life of the Association and to supply information on new publications. ELECTRA also includes "Invited papers", which vary in character from one issue to the next.



New TBs are usually introduced through an Executive Summary, which presents the purpose of the work, its main results and the foreseen applications; WGs reports are usually published in full.

e) Tutorials

The contents of tutorials are defined/updated by the SCs and remain under the control of these bodies.

2. *Access to Technical Brochures and Reports*

- CIGRE Technical Brochures (TBs) and reports are numbered and recorded in the CIGRE on-line Library (www.e-cigre.org):
 - Members can download the TBs and the reports free of charge, when they are available on electronic format (all TBs exist in digital as well as reports published after 2000);
 - Non members do not have access to downloading and must purchase paper copies;
 - Members and non members can order paper copies; cost is different for members and non members.
- Exceptionally, a report may be singled out and made available on free access to members and non members from the CIGRE website (www.cigre.org).

3. *Documents from TC and SCs*

- Strategic Plans, Action Plans

After approval the Strategic Plans of the TC and SCs are made available on free access, to members and non members of CIGRE on CIGRE website (Section Technical Activities, page Activities Outlines) and SC websites (Section Technical Activities, page Action Plan), respectively. For TC and SCs "Action Plan", conditions of access are decided by the respective Chairman.

- Technical Reports

The Technical Reports are published periodically (2-3 years) in ELECTRA (see below for access to ELECTRA papers); they are also available for the public, from the websites.

4. *Documents from CIGRE events*

- Sessions

Papers and Proceedings from Sessions are intended for Session delegates only: the Papers for presentation are sent to registered delegates prior to the event and the Proceedings are sent out after the Session to all delegates. (The contents of the Proceedings are detailed in the official document "General Rules for CIGRE Sessions").

After the Session sets (CDs) of the Papers and Proceedings may be purchased (difference in price for members and non members).

All Sessions papers published since 1968 are recorded in the on-line Library. They can be downloaded by members when they exist in digital (from 1996 on). Paper copies can be ordered by members; non members can get only paper copies (different prices).



- Symposia

The set (CD) of Papers are sent to registered delegates prior to the event.

After the event they can be purchased. Individual papers are not recorded in the Library.

- Regional Meetings / Colloquia

Papers are usually dispatched by the SC or the NC in charge, before the event.

For Colloquia the practice is for SCs to keep the Papers presented; conditions for access are decided by the SC Chairman. Usually a set of the papers is transmitted to the Central Office.

- Availability of individual Symposia papers (and Sessions papers before 1968)

Individual papers from these events can be ordered from the Central Office, as a special service reserved to members.

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5. *ELECTRA*

- As the journal of the Association, ELECTRA is reserved for CIGRE members. It cannot be sold to non members.

(Exception for the CDs “30 years of ELECTRA”, and for the free distribution of ELECTRA to Students selected by the National Committees)

- Papers issued in ELECTRA can be purchased separately. Papers published after 2000 exist in digital and are recorded in the on-line Library; members can download them; non members can get only paper copies, against payment.

6. *Tutorials*

CIGRE Tutorial documents are private documents:

- They are communicated under the responsibility of the SC to persons registered for the Tutorial, and are protected by copyright;
- They cannot be sold or copied;
- By delegation of an SC, but still under its responsibility, an NC can organise a Tutorial and use the documents.

7. *Catalogues*

In parallel with the on-line Library, CIGRE maintains two main catalogues of its technical documents

- Technical Brochures, sets of Sessions and Symposia Papers and Proceedings, as well as a few special publications as the set of ELECTRAs 1967-2000, are listed in a catalogue -with a short abstract and the selling price- “**Catalogue of Publications**”.
- ELECTRA papers and Sessions papers after 1968 are listed in a catalogue -with their title and a reference- “**Catalogue of ELECTRA and Session Papers**”.
- These catalogues are on free access on the CIGRE website.



8. *Intellectual ownership of CIGRE documents / Copyright*

- **ISBN and ISSN:** CIGRE publications get an ISBN reference (ISSN for ELECTRA): this reference is printed on the sets of Sessions or Symposia papers, on the CD itself and on the jacket; most recent TBs also get an ISBN.
- CIGRE Publications are protected by copyright, and cannot be reproduced outside the following conditions:
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- Papers from CIGRE events

Copying follows the same rule as for CIGRE publications. Specific conditions apply for authors of papers, in case of use by their Companies.

- ELECTRA and ELECTRA papers

Copying is limited to personal use.

9. *Special Provisions*

Translation of CIGRE Publications

- NCs are allowed to translate under their responsibility CIGRE publications and to sell them. However,
 - they have to include in the first page the mention: “Translated by... National Committee” (CIGRE does not guarantee the accuracy of the translation);
 - they are not allowed to sell CIGRE publications in the original language.
- Use of Sessions or Symposia Papers

To enhance diffusion of CIGRE information CIGRE allows NCs to use Sessions or Symposia documents to organise local events once the main CIGRE events are over.

10. *Disclaimer*

CIGRE aims to provide the most comprehensive and up-to-date information, but does not accept any responsibility or liability as to its accuracy or exhaustiveness.

A “**disclaimer**” notice is therefore printed on CIGRE publications, jointly with the Copyright mention:

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