Announcement of the Introduction of "Early Release" Function to IEEJ Journal of Industry Applications（JIA）

IEEJ Journal of Industry Applications（JIA） publishes papers through JST's online publication system "J- Stage." This time Industry Applications Society, IEEJ（IAS）is happy to announce the introduction of a function to J- Stage, called "Early Release," from **JIA** Vol. 9, No. 6, which is to be published on November 1st, 2020.

The purpose of Early Release is to publish papers as they are accepted following the examination and peer review processes, allowing them to be published sooner. The papers published through Early Release will be identified as "Early Release Version" [1].

The final version [2] of the paper is released later, when the volume, number, and start page are defined.
Since the final version submitted by the author is used as the early release version, it is not possible to modify it during the period until the final version is published.
This publication procedure is conducted by the Institute. When the final version is published, the early release version is deleted from the "Early Release Screen", but it can be accessed as a past version from a link on the final version screen.

Since the same DOI [3] is given to the early release and final versions, both are dealt with as the same paper. Therefore, it is also possible to cite an early release version using this DOI, but please have in mind that the DOI rules are changing with the introduction of this new function.

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1   In the early release version, the volume, number, and page are not yet defined. It is published with a note that it is still the early release version.
2   The final is published with the volume, number, and page.
3   Digital Object Identifier, an identifier attributed to digital contents published on the internet. Until today, we used the "Volume/Start page" format, but since these are not yet defined in the early release version, we are changing it to the "Paper number" format.