Annual Report of Asian Association on Remote Sensing (AARS)

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The Asian Association on Remote Sensing (AARS) has successfully held the 18th Asian Conference on Remote Sensing (ACRS) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 20-24 November 1997 with the following achievements.

a. Participants
Asian participants from 25 countries: 263
including 150 Malaysian participants
Non-Asian participants: 21
Total: 284

b. Presented Papers
Oral presentation: 98 papers in 12 sessions and 4 workshops
Poster presentations: 55 papers in 3 poster sessions
Total: 153 papers actually presented

c. Commercial Exhibition
Oral presentation: 8 speakers
Booth exhibition: 35 booths

d. Decision of General Conference
- New membership: Brunei was admitted an ordinary member. So AARS has 23 ordinary members as of 1997 (please refer to Appendix)
- Election of General Secretary
Prof. Shunji Murai was elected for 1997-1999.
- Election of Deputy General Secretary
Mr. Manu Omakupt was elected for 1997-1999.
- Endorsement of Asian Center for Research on Remote Sensing (ACRoRS)
ACRoRS was unanimously endorsed for AARS to be a joint founder with Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) to support research activities in the Asian Region.
- Report on Working Group: Land Cover Database in Asia
Dr. Ryataro Tateishi, Chairman completed 4km Land Cover Database and distributed CD ROMs free of cost to Asian researchers. The Working Group plans to complete a 1 km Land Cover Database in the coming 18 months.
- Plan of Publication of a Memorial Book
- The next Asian Conference on Remote Sensing
The 19th ACRS will be held in Manila, Philippines, 16-20, November, 1998.
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