

# Annual Report of Asian Association on Remote Sensing (AARS)

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Shunji Murai - General Secretary, AARS

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*

AARS decided to publish a memorial book in commemoration with the 20th ACRS/AARS Anniversary in 1999/2000.

- *The next Asian Conference on Remote Sensing*

The 19th ACRS will be held in Manila, Philippines, 16-20, November, 1998.

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