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## Benefits of AARSE-IEEE GRSS Collaboration to AARSE Members

At the 7<sup>th</sup> biennial conference of the African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment (AARSE) – AARSE 2008 – in Accra, Ghana, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Geosciences and Remote Sensing Society (GRSS) of IEEE and AARSE was approved by the AARSE General Assembly. The MoU sets out agreements for co-operation between the two societies on the following main activities:

- Co-sponsoring of events and conferences
- Execution of joint projects, workshops and training courses
- Access to journals and publications of the two societies
- Travel fellowship for African Remote Sensing Scholars

The beneficiaries of the travel fellowships shall be African scientists or students who have had a paper accepted for oral or poster presentation at either the IGARSS Annual Symposium or the AARSE Biennial Conference, provided that:

- (i) The recipient is normally resident in Africa at the time of the award;
- (ii) The recipient has not previously received an award of one of these fellowships
- (iii) The recipient shall be a registered member of GRSS and AARSE

Six AARSE members were sponsored to the 9<sup>th</sup> AARSE conference in El Jadida, Morocco in 2012 with the travel fellowship and the application for the fellowship to attend AARSE 2014 in Johannesburg in October this year is already available at the website of the conference ([www.aarse2014.org.za](http://www.aarse2014.org.za)).

Under this agreement, many members of AARSE also became members of GRSS as at October 2008 and such members have been enjoying free access to GRSS newsletter and scientific publications on the condition that they keep their membership up-to-date. This has greatly enhanced the research capabilities of African scholars in the field of remote sensing. Also in the pipeline is a workshop on paper writing technique for AARSE members, similar to the one that was co-organised at IGARSS 2009 by GRSS and AARSE.

These benefits and more will continue to be available to up-to-date members of AARSE and/or GRSS.

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