**IEEE GRSS INTERACTIVE SESSION PRIZE PAPER AWARD**

**Criteria:** The GRSS established the Interactive Session Prize Paper Award to recognize the author(s) who posted at the GRSS Symposium (IGARSS) an exceptional paper in terms of content and impact on the GRSS. In selecting the paper, other factors considered are originality, clarity and timeliness of the paper. The published versions of the papers in the Digest shall also be evaluated.

**Administration:**  The award will be administered by the GRSS.

**Eligibility:** Papers posted in Interactive Sessions of IGARSS. Eligibility and the selection process shall comply with procedures and regulation established in IEEE and Society governing documents, particularly with IEEE Policy 4.4 on Awards Limitations.

**Prize Items** - Certificate and US$1250 honorarium. If there are multiple authors, each will receive a certificate and the honorarium will be shared.

**Funds:** Funds will be provided from the GRSS treasury.

**Nominee Solicitation:** A special committee designated by each IGARSS will assess all papers posted in the Interactive Sessions. The Special Committee will score papers on readability ease, comprehension ease, clarity, background adequacy, content adequacy, originality, significance, impact, timeliness, etc. Those papers with high scores will be identified and forwarded to the GRSS Awards Committee Chair. The Awards Committee (PAC) will accept these nominations, examine the corresponding papers in the Digest, and select an exceptional paper to be recommended to GRSS AdCom. The GRSS AdCom approves the selection.

**Schedule:** Nominations for the Interactive Session Prize Papers shall be conducted during IGARSS. The titles and scores of the outstanding papers shall be forwarded to the GRSS Awards Committee Chair within one month following IGARSS. The Awards Committee (PAC) shall make a selection and recommend to AdCom by about six months prior to the following year's IGARSS.

**Selection:** The factors to be considered are as listed above in Nominee Solicitation. The published versions of the papers in the Digest shall also be evaluated.

**Presentation:** The award shall be presented at an awards ceremony during IGARSS of the following year.

**Publicity:** A feature publication will be published in the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON GEOSCIENCE AND REMOTE SENSING, and in any other suitable media.