

July 17, 2008

Amanda Mims
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Dear Ms. Mims

I am pleased to announce that your paper *WindSat Ocean Surface Emissivity Dependence on Wind Speed in Tropical Cyclones* has been chosen as this year's winning entry for the National Weather Association's Meteorological Satellite Applications Award. Congratulations!! The NWA Council and members are looking forward to presenting you with the \$500 check during the Awards Luncheon on October 15, 2008 at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. The dates of the entire meeting are October 12-16, 2008.

In addition, the NWA Annual Meeting Program Chairman would like you to present your paper as either a presentation or a poster during the meeting. Please let us know as soon as possible whether you will be able to attend, and if yes, how you would like to present your paper. Please send an email to the Executive Director Stephen Harned at exdir@nwas.org with your preference. We are currently finalizing the Meeting Program and will need to list your paper in the program.

Your paper illustrates the potential of using WindSat to estimate higher surface wind speeds of tropical storms to be even better than expected over the data sparse oceans. This is encouraging news and a very useful real-time application.

This award is sponsored by NWA charter member, Ms. Frances C. Holt, a strong proponent of the use of meteorological satellite data in applied research and especially in operational weather analysis and forecasting. She also sends her thanks and congratulations to you for contributing greatly to meteorological satellite applications and supporting operational meteorology.

We would like to publish your paper on the NWA Web site on the Remote Sensing Committees web page at <http://www.nwas.org/committees/rs/>. In order for us to accomplish that, we need your permission to do so. If you concur, please let us know as soon as you can via e-mail to me at natweasoc1@aol.com. Your paper may go through a minor editing process and the final layout will be sent to you for your review and approval before publishing.

We hope you will continue to work on applied research projects. Best wishes to you for good health, happiness and for continued success in your studies and career planning.

Sincerely,

Cynthia A. Nelson
Assistant Executive Director

cc: Professor Christopher Ruf

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Professor Christopher S. Ruf
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Dear Prof. Ruf,

Thank you for assisting Ms. Amanda Mims in applying for the National Weather Association Meteorological Satellite Applications Award for the year 2008. We are pleased to announce that she won the award. Her superb work was well described in the paper she submitted entitled: *WindSat Ocean Surface Emissivity Dependence on Wind Speed in Tropical Cyclones*. The enclosed is a copy of the letter sent to Amanda.

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We send congratulations to her and to the faculty and students in the University of Michigan meteorology program. No doubt, the learning environment in your department is conducive to fostering initiative and great work.

Sincerely,

Cynthia A. Nelson
Assistant Executive Director

Enclosure