

**An IARTEM mini-conference was held in Antananarivo, Madagascar, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October 2008:**

*Understanding and Improving the Role of Textbooks and Educational Media in a Resource-Challenged Environment.*

There were 33 participants from nine different countries: Australia, Denmark, Madagascar, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, the United States and Zambia. Most of them were from different parts of the host country.

18 papers were presented in six different sessions, covering a range of issues related to textbooks and educational media. Plenary discussions followed all sessions, allowing a very fruitful exchange of ideas and information. Visits to a primary and a secondary school were arranged, as well as a visit to the Teaching Resource Center in Antananarivo and guided tours of the city.

Participants are invited to submit papers to the editor of the IARTEM e-journal, Mike Horsley, by December 15, 2008. [m.horsley@uws.edu.au](mailto:m.horsley@uws.edu.au)

The conference was very well organized and enjoyable, with transportation, delicious food and practical assistance readily available. Thank you very much to a wonderful organizing committee!