



## Guest Editorial

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The Second Joint International Symposium on Deformation Monitoring (JISDM) was successfully held at the charming campus of the University of Nottingham in the UK on September 9–10, 2013. It is the first time that three world leading geospatial associations (FIG, IAG and ISPRS) co-organised the deformation monitoring symposium. Around 200 people from 26 countries attended the conference, with a strong group from China. This was largely due to efforts of the conference chair, Dr Xiaolin Meng, who is Director of the Nottingham's Sino-UK Geospatial Engineering Centre, but it also serves to indicate an increasing interest in China in this topic. 180 paper abstracts were submitted, 80 papers were selected for oral presentations in 20 parallel sessions and 30 paper abstracts were presented as posters. Additionally six student paper prizes were awarded to talented research students to encourage their innovative work. During the conference ten leading organisations and companies presented their latest deformation monitoring solutions at the associated exhibition. After the conference a technical tour was arranged for 38 people to the Forth Road Bridge, Scotland, on September 11–12, 2013.

One of the initial targets set when beginning to organise the conference was to adopt a complete peer-review process for the publication of the conference papers in *Survey Review*. After one year of hard work the guest editors are delighted that this target has been achieved. The guest editors of this special issue of *Survey Review* were Dr Xiaolin Meng and Mr Yang Gao, both from the Nottingham Geospatial Institute of the University of Nottingham, and Dr Wujiao Dai from the Central South University of China. As guest editors, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all the paper reviewers in assisting us to fulfil this mission in a very timely manner. We would also like to express our appreciation to Dr Peter Collier, from the University of Portsmouth, for his encouragement and invaluable advice. Our gratitude should go to Laura Bradford and Katy Lawson from Maney Publishing for their great support to the conference and their endless editing work as we strived to maintain the high quality. Finally, the Sino-UK Geospatial Engineering Centre should be acknowledged for the provision of financial and personnel support to the publication of this issue of *Survey Review*.

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