



## The University hosts a prestigious international conference on Computing in Civil Engineering attracting more than 350 delegates from 40 countries.

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The 13th International Conference on Computing in Civil and Building Engineering was held in Nottingham between 30 June - 2 July 2010. It was hosted by the University of Nottingham at the East Midlands Conference Centre on the University Park Campus. The conference also included the 17th International Workshop on Intelligent Computing in Engineering.

The conference was opened by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nottingham Professor David Greenaway. It was organised by the Department of Civil Engineering and the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Nottingham. The Faculty supports international research forums and has strongly supported and backed the organisation of this conference. This forms part of its research strategy in being research-led and in encouraging research dissemination and knowledge exchange. The Department of Civil Engineering has a strong research base and was ranked second in England for the quality of its research in the latest Government organised Research Assessment Exercise (RAE 2008).

The icccbe Conference is a prestigious and truly international event. It is considered as one of the most influential conferences in the field of computing in civil engineering. This conference is part of the bi-annual ICCCBE Conference series, the organisation of which is overseen by the International Society for Computing in Civil and Building Engineering, the ISCCBE. The organisation of the Workshop is overseen by the European Group for Intelligent Computing in Engineering, the EG-ICE.

The conference focused on the advances, innovations and future challenges of the application of computing in engineering in general and civil and building engineering in particular. The programme included 303 paper presentations, 20 of which were posters. These papers were drawn from a total of 422 submissions, the papers having undergone a two-stage peer reviewing process. The accepted papers have been contributed to by 532 different authors including researchers and practicing experts from 40 countries and 253 organisations.

The conference attracted 354 delegates. The activities were organised into 47 technical sessions, of which two were plenary and 45 were run in five parallel sessions. The conference fringe hosted a number of official meetings including those of the ISCCBE and the EG-ICE, the ASCE Journal of CCE editorial board, and the ASCE Executive, TCCIT and Intelligent Computing Committees. The

official Board of Directors of the ISCCBE was hosted by the Dean of Engineering Professor Hai-Sui Yu.

The conference was also accompanied by an industrial exhibition. The exhibition included mainly construction industry software vendors. The conference was sponsored by Tekla, Autodesk, AceCAD, SOFiSTiK and Acumen. It was supported by The American Society of Civil Engineers, The Institution of Civil Engineers, The Institution of Structural Engineers, The International Society for Computing in Civil and Building Engineering, and The Spencer Institute.

The next ICCCBE conference will be held in Moscow in July 2012.

Further information on the conference programme, accepted papers and others can be at the conference web site: <a href="https://www.engineering.nottingham.ac.uk/icccbe/">www.engineering.nottingham.ac.uk/icccbe/</a>

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