

# Preface



The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Beam Instrumentation Conference, IBIC2013, took part at the Saïd Business School in Oxford, UK from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2013. The conference was hosted by Diamond Light Source and supported by a range of sponsors and vendor exhibitors. On one hand, this was only the second conference since the fusion of European DIPAC with the North American BIW together with the introduction of an Asian beam instrumentation conference, which resulted in the new 'International' conference series. On the other hand, this conference followed in the tradition of DIPAC, and had already started its planning even before the idea of IBIC (or the name!) had been conceived.

The change to IBIC had brought with it a move to early autumn rather than late spring for the date of the conference. In 2013, the 're-synchronisation' had been completed after a 'glitch' in 2012, which saw both BIW2012 in May in Newport News hosted by JLab followed by IBIC2012 in October in Tsukuba hosted by KEK. Maybe as a result or just as a coincidence, IBIC2013 saw almost the same number of posters as BIW2012 and IBIC2012 put together! The 3.5 day programme featured 11 invited talks, 21 contributed talks, 1 public lecture and 220 posters in 3 poster sessions and a 3 day long vendor exhibition with 27 exhibitors. A total of 278 participants (coming from 24 countries and 82 organisations) plus 56 exhibitor staff attended the conference.

All this was framed by the historic University City of Oxford, in the heart of which the conference venue, the Saïd Business School, provided modern and spacious facilities. The Oxford architecture (and a special pipe organ performance by Toshiyuki Mitsuhashi) could be enjoyed during our conference dinner at the Town Hall, and some participants did find time despite the busy schedule to see some more of the 'city of dreaming spires'. Finally, on Thursday afternoon there was an opportunity to see one of Diamond, ISIS or the Central Laser Facility during a visit to the Rutherford Appleton Labs.

At this point I would like to express my gratitude to all those who have contributed to this conference: The Programme Committee for their advice and opinion that formed a balanced and interesting programme, all the speakers for preparing and presenting talks that inspired us, the editorial team for working hard to enable us to present pre-press proceedings by the end of the conference, and last but by no means least, the Local Organisation Committee for its enthusiastic efforts that have turned this conference into reality.

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