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Spatial data exists in various information systems and applications. The unprecedented amounts of spatial data that have been amassed and that are still being produced rapidly, via various facilities such as sensors, GPS receivers, smart phones and remote sensing, calls for extensive, deep and sustaining researches on spatial information modelling, management and mining. In the past decade, we witnessed increasing research interests in these areas from database, data mining and geographic information systems (GIS) communities. The *IJDMMM* special issue on 'Spatial information modelling, management and mining' intends to solicit original research contributions and practical experiences of spatial data modelling, management and mining.

Submissions for this special issue consist of two parts, some are selected from the accepted papers of the 1st International Workshop on Spatial Information Modeling, Management and Mining (SIM3-2011 in conjunction with DASFAA 2011), the other are newly submitted. Through two rounds of blind review, six papers are accepted for inclusion in the special issue, based on the reviewing comments and discussions among the guest editors.

The six accepted papers cover geovisual analysis, spatial data mining, data warehousing and data management, and geospatial services. Concretely, Tahir et al. present a web-based visualisation tool to support map personalisation by analysing users' mouse movement data. Huang and Gartner propose to employ collaborative filtering (CF) approaches to mine GPS trajectories for providing Amazon-like points of interest (POI) recommendations. Jin et al. propose a method to find out the optimal parameter value of the bandwidth for clustering with Bayesian posterior density estimation and MCMC method. Viswanathan and Schneider comprehensively survey the requirements and approaches of spatial data warehousing. Granell et al. assess whether WPS-based geospatial services can be viewed from the architectural principles exposed in representational state transfer (REST). Wang et al. present a framework and a prototype of GML data management.

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