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# **SDI and the Revolutionary Technological Trends**

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# **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

Spatial data infrastructure (SDI) activities have been initiated at local, national, regional, and global levels to enhance the utilization of spatial data and processing tools in decision-making processes. In recent years, several revolutionary technological trends have disruptively changed the way we think about solving spatial problems. Machine learning, linked data, big data processing, blockchain, NoSQL database systems, virtual and augmented reality, and the Internet of Things are some of the scientific achievements that also influence SDIs. Moreover, while movements towards open data urge us to openly disseminate spatial data to wider groups of audiences, the emergence of ethics, laws, and policies about privacy, security, and liability (such as the General Data Protection Regulation—GDPR), also force us to take more conservative approaches.











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