Editorial

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The current issue of the journal presents Part II of the special collection entitled Integrating Science and Engineering to Solve Karst Problems. The second part of this special collection is continued in Carbonates and Evaporites' first issue of the New Year. Selected authors who participated in the 12th Multidisciplinary Conference on Sinkholes and the Engineering and Environmental Aspects of Karst held in January 2011 at St. Louis, Missouri, USA were invited to contribute. These papers were expanded and enhanced based on comments from attendees, the peer review committee, and additional research.

Papers presented in Part II are authored by distinguished professionals in their fields from all over the world. The conference is co-sponsored by the National Cave and Karst

Research Institute and PELA GeoEnvironmental (formerly PE LaMoreaux & Associates, Inc.).

It is appropriate that the cover of Volume 28/I has a cover photo of Carlsbad Caverns, which is where this year's Sinkhole Conference will be held May 6–10, 2013. Persons interested in attending the 2013 conference are invited to visit: <http://www.karstworlds.com/2012/05/sinkhole-conference-call-for-papers.html>.

With best wishes for the New Year,
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