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Preface

The twenty fourth Annual Conference of the Engineering Group of the Geological Society was held at Sunderland Polytechnic from the 4th to the 8th of September 1988. The theme of the Conference was 'Field testing in engineering geology' and covered both direct and indirect methods of field testing, with particular reference to their relevance to engineering geologists. Most in situ testing techniques were addressed and geophysical methods also were considered with reference to the indirect derivation of geotechnical parameter values.

Most of the papers presented to the Conference are included in these Proceedings, together with both verbal and written discussion contributions. An editorial introductory paper which briefly reviews the main themes covered during the Conference also is included.

Once again, the Conference was well attended by delegates from engineering consultants and contractors, local and central government organizations and academia. The Conference was enhanced by the large trade exhibition and a lively social programme which enabled delegates to meet informally in a convivial atmosphere. It has always been the policy of the Engineering Group that the Conference should act as an eagerly anticipated meeting point for the various professionals with an interest in engineering geology. That this objective was met, was largely due to the efforts of the local organizers and other staff at Sunderland Polytechnic. They, and all those who contributed in the technical sessions, at the trade exhibition and on the field visits, are thanked for making the Conference a success.

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