Dr Kong Awarded 2012 Freudenstein/General Motors Young Investigator Award

Dr Xianwen Kong, Lecturer in the Institute of Mechanical, Process and Energy Engineering, won the **2012 Freudenstein / General Motors Young Investigator Award**, which was established by the ASME (America Society of Mechanical Engineers) Mechanisms and Robotics Committee to encourage young investigators in accomplishing high quality research. The award is aimed at a paper that makes a significant original contribution to the theory or practice of mechanisms and has the potential to enhance the public good. The award was presented at the 36th ASME Mechanism and Robotics Conference held in Chicago, USA in August 2012.

Dr Kong received this award for his paper entitled "Type synthesis of variable degrees-of-freedom parallel manipulators with both planar and 3T1R operation modes". The work in the paper was supported by EPSRC under grant No EP/I016333/1.

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