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4. Conferences

Europe

March 2024

- 20-24: [FAIR Digital Objects: From Theory to Practice](#)
 Venue: Berlin, Germany



South America

December 2024

- 01-08: [FOSS4G](#) (stay tuned for more news in the future)
 Venue: Belém, state of Pará, Brazil



Asia

November 2024

- 17-21: The 2nd Ramon [International Geospatial Intelligence](#) 360 Conference Geospatial Intelligence for Sustainable and Resilient Future
 Venue: Tel-Aviv, Israel

North America and Central America

May 2024

- 22-24: [38th Conference of Latin American Geography \(CLAG\)](#)
 Venue: Old San Juan, Puerto Rico

5. Webinars

- If you want to start learning how to use QGIS, there are some excellent free resources at <https://www.gislounge.com/free-ways-to-learn-qgis/>



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GeoForAll Themes

▪ OpenCity Smart

Theme under revision

▪ Teacher Training & School Education

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Dec 2016, Vol.2, no.12	Dr. Daria Svidzinska, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine
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Oct 2015, Vol.1, no.3	Open Source Geospatial Lab, University of Southampton, UK (Europe)
Nov 2015, Vol.1 no.4	The Northeast Institute of Geography and Agroecology of Chinese Academy of Science, China (Asia)
Jan 2016 , Vol.2 no.1	Centre for Geoinformation Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa, (Africa)
Feb 2016, Vol.2 no.2	Open Source Geospatial Lab, University of Newcastle, UK, (Europe)
Mar 2016, Vol.2 no.3	SMART Open Source Geospatial Lab, University of Wollongong, (Australia)
Apr 2016, Vol.2 no.4	Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development, Nairobi, Kenya (Africa)
May 2016, Vol.2 no.5	GeoDa Centre – Arizona State University, (USA)
June 2016, Vol.2 no.6	Direccion Nacional de Topografia – MTOP Montevideo, Uruguay, (South America)
July 2016, Vol.2 no.7	SIGTE – University of Girona, Spain (Europe)
August 2016, Vol.2 no.8	Open Source Geospatial Lab, Department of Geodesy and Surveying, Budapest Univ. of Technology and Economics, Hungary (Europe).
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October 2016, Vol.2 no.10	Hellenic digital earth Centre of Excellence, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, (Europe)
November 2016, Vol.2 no.11	Department of Geoinformatics, Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic
December 2016, Vol.2 no.12	Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand
January 2017, Vol.3 no.1	Spatial Lab, Texas A&M, Corpus Christi, USA
February 2017, Vol.3 no.2	Open Source Geospatial Lab, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Belgrade, Serbia
March 2017, Vol.3 no.3	Geomatics and Earth Observation Laboratory (GEOlab) , Politecnico di Milano, Italy
April 2017, Vol.3 no.4	Faculty of Civil Engineering, Department of Geomatics, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic
May 2017, Vol.3 no.5	the Laboratory of socio-geographical research of the University of Siena, ITALY
June 2017, Vol.3 no.6	A World Bridge program
July 2017, Vol.3 no.7	Department of Civil, Environmental and Mechanical Engineering of the University of Trento, Italy
August 2017, Vol.3 no.8	Institute of Geography, Faculty of Science, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Slovakia
November 2020, Vol.6 no.11	Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC), Spain
January 2021, Vol.7 no.01	gvSIG Uruguay Community, Uruguay



7. Training programs

- GeoForAll educational materials have been transferred to our new web site. [GeoForAll educational inventory system, a place to search and share educational materials](#)

- **Satellite Application Course for African Users**

Start Date: Feb. 26, 2024

End Date: March 1, 2024

Country: Kenya

City: Nairobi

Organizer: EUMETSAT

Host: Institute for Meteorological Training Research

Language: English

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- **Satellite Application Course for African Users**

Start Date: March 11, 2024

End Date: March 15, 2024

Country: South Africa

City: Pretoria

Organizer: EUMETSAT

Host: South African Weather Service

Language: English

Contact email: training@eumetsat.int

11. Free books, educational materials, etc.

- Visit the YouTube QGIS channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGS162t4hkOA0b35ucf1yng/videos> to get videos of QGIS applications, representations and ideas.

12. Article

Acronyms

by **Nikos Lambrinos**, Chief Editor, and **Michael Finn**.

For those who would like to support this effort, please send any acronyms to the Chief Editor (labrinos@eled.auth.gr).

3DEP: 3-D Elevation Program

AAG: Association of American Geographers

AGI: Ambient Geographic Information

AGS: American Geographical Society

AGU: American Geophysical Union

AI: Artificial Intelligence

AM/FM: Automated Mapping/Facilities Management

AOSP: African Open Space Platform

API: Application Programming Interface

ASPRS: American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

AURIN: Australian Urban Research Infrastructure Network

BBSRC: Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council

BDS: BeiDou Navigation Satellite Demonstration System

BIM: Building Information Modelling

CAADP: Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme

CAD: Computer Aided Design

CaGIS: Cartography and Geographic Information Society

CCGI: Collaboratively Contributed Geographic Information

CEGIS: Center of Excellence for Geospatial Information Science

CEOS: Committee on Earth Observation Satellites



CHIRPS - Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Precipitation with Station data	FOSS4G: Free and Open Source Software For Geospatial
CI: CyberInfrastructure	GCP: Ground Control Point
CLGE: The Council of European Geodetic Surveyors	GDAL: Geospatial Data Abstraction Library
CODATA: Committee on Data for Science and Technology	GEO: Group on Earth Observations
COGO: Coordinate geometry	GEO: Geosynchronous Earth Orbits
CRC: Census Research Centre	GloFAS: Global Flood Awareness System
CRS: Coordinate Reference System	GNSS: Global Navigational Satellite System
CSA: Canadian Space Agency	GODAN: Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition
CSSTEAP: Center for Space Science & Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific	GPS: Global Positioning System
CUDA: Compute Unified Device Architecture	GPX: GPS Exchange Format
DAAC: Distributed Active Archive Center (of NASA)	GRACE: Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (satellite program)
DEM: Digital Elevation Model	GRASpfgs: Geospatial Resource for Agricultural Species and Pests and Pathogens with workflow integrated modeling to support Global Food Security
DSM: Digital Surface Models	GSoC: Google Summer of Code
DWG: Design file format	HLPF: High Level Political Forum (of UN)
DXF: Drawing Interchange File	HOT: Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team
ECMWF: European Center for Medium range Weather Forecasting	HPC: high-performance computing
EOS: Earth Observation Science	ICA: International Cartographic Association
EOSDIS: Earth Observing System and Data Information System	ICIMOD – International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency	ICSU-WDS: International Council for Science – World Data System
EPSG: European Petrol Survey Group (used in projection IDs)	IDE: Spatial Data Infrastructure
ESA: European Space Agency	IFAD – International Fund for Agricultural Development
ESERO: European Space Education Resource Office	INSPIRE: Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe
EUROGI: European Umbrella Organisation for Geographic Information	IPCC – Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
EuroSDR: European Spatial Data Research	IPGH: Pan American Institute of Geography and History
FDO: FAIR (Find, Access, Interoperate, and Reuse) Digital Objects	ISO: International Organization for Standardization
FOSS: Free and Open Source Software	



ISPRS: International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

ISRO: Indian Space Research Organization

JAXA: Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

KML: Keyhole Markup Language

LBS: Location-Based Service

LEO: Low Earth Orbits

LiDAR: Light Detection and Ranging

LOC: Local Organizing Committee

LOD: Level Of Detail

MEO: Medium Earth Orbits

MIL: Media and Information Literacy

MoU: Memorandum of Understanding

MSS: Multispectral Scanner

NAD: North American Datum

NARSS: National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences of Egypt

NCSA: National Center for Supercomputing Applications

NDVI - Normalized Difference Vegetation Index

NDWI - Normalized Difference Water Index

NED: National Elevation Dataset

NEPAD: NEw Partnership for African Development

NGA: National Geospatial Intelligence Agency

NHD: National Hydrologic Dataset

NIR - Near-Infrared

NLCD: National Land Cover Dataset

NOOSA: United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs

NRSA: Indian National Remote Sensing Agency

NSDI: National Spatial Data Infrastructure

NSF: National Science Foundation

OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development

OER: Open Educational Resources

OGC: Open Geospatial Consortium

OHI: International Hydrographic Office

OSGeo: Open Source Geospatial Foundation

OSM: OpenStreetMap

OTB: Orfeo Tool Box

PPGIS: Public Participation in Geographic Information Systems

PPSR: Public Participation in Scientific Research

RBV: Return Beam Vidicon

RCMRD: Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development

RDA: Research Data Alliance

ROSCOSMOS: Russian Federal Space Agency

ROSHYDROMET: Russian Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring

RUFORUM: Regional Universities Forum for capacity building in agriculture

SaaS: Software as a Service

SAR: Synthetic Aperture Radar

SDG: Sustainable Development Goal

SDI: Spatial Data Infrastructure

SIG: Geographic Information System

SIGTE: The GIS and Remote Sensing Service of the University of Girona, Spain

SPIDER: open SPatial data Infrastructure eEducation network

SQL: Structured Query Language

STISA 2024: Science Technology Innovation Strategy for Africa

STSM: Short Term Scientific Missions

SWIR: Short Wave Infrared

TIN: Triangulated Irregular Network

UAV: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

UML: Unified Modeling Language

UN-GGIM: United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management

USGS: U.S. Geological Survey

USGIF: United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation

VGI: Volunteered Geographic Information

VNIR: Visible Near Infrared



XSEDE: Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment

WCS: Web Coverage Service

WFS: Web Feature Service

WGCapD: Working Group on Capacity Building and Data Democracy

WGS: World Geodetic System

WISERD: Wales Institute of Social & Economic Research, Data & Methods

WMO: World Meteorological Organization

WMS: Web Map Service

WMTS: Web Map Tiles Services

WOIS: Water Observation Information System

WPS: Web Processing Service

17. Ideas / Information

1. If you are interested in educational material, then go to <https://www.osgeo.org/initiatives/geo-for-all/in-your-classroom/> where you can find software resources for your classroom. Also, go to "Resources" <https://www.osgeo.org/resources/> to get a guidance on how to use open source projects and tools.

2. From Dr Suchith Anand

Senior Adviser to Governments and International Organisations | Scientist | AI Ethics | AI Governance | Policy | Consultant in Data and AI Ethics | Global Citizen | SDG Volunteer and Advocate

FDO Implementation Summit 'FAIR Digital Objects: From Theory to Practice', Berlin, March 20-21, 2024.

Under the title 'FAIR Digital Objects: From Theory to Practice' this event will focus on plans and developments and will also discuss relevant policy aspects. It will be preceded by a training day on March 19th. A Call for Papers is open with a deadline of 15 December, and registration will be opened in late November 2023.

More details at <https://fairdo.org/fdof-summit-2024/>

3. [A two-month training course: Geocomputation and Machine Learning for Environmental Applications \(intermediate level\).](#)

April and May

The course will be offered online with a supplementary 5-day in-person segment at the University of Basilicata, in the magnificent town of Matera, Italy.

This is a wonderful opportunity for PhD students, Post-Docs, and professionals to acquire advanced computational skills with a Linux computer.

4. "GEO-OPEN-HACK-2024: Big Geospatial Data Hackathon with Open Infrastructure and Tools (advance level)"

24 to 28 June

With the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Laxenburg, Austria.

Graduates from the Spatial Ecology course will be directly admitted to the GEO-OPEN-HACK-2024.

Details will be announced shortly.

5. CARLOS LÓPEZ-VÁZQUEZ, Head of the Academic Liason Committee, Cartography Commission, Pan American Institute of Geography and History

I am pleased to contact you to announce the Call for Applications to the tenth edition of the "Prize for the Outstanding Master's thesis in Cartography, Geodesy and/or Geographic Information" organized by the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH). The call will open 1st June 2024 and will close 30th June 2024. In a few words, Master's level students graduated between 1st January 2019 and 31st December 2023 can apply. In addition, they should satisfy one of two conditions: a) be a citizen of any PAIGH member state, irrespective of the granting university, or b) have a degree granted by an accredited university in any PAIGH member state, irrespective of the student's citizenship. The candidates must write a scientific paper summarizing



their work, a fact that justifies an early announcement well before June.

The announcement can be downloaded from https://comisiones.ipgh.org/CARTOGRAFIA/Premio/Tesis_Msc_2024/Poster_Premio_Cartografia_MSc_2024_EN.pdf

Updates will be available soon at https://comisiones.ipgh.org/CARTOGRAFIA/PremioMSc_EN.html

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6. [Geoliteracy Course–Contest through the use of Geographic Information Technologies](#): closing

It is announced the closing of one more edition (the sixth) of the Geoliteracy Course-Contest through the use of Geographic Information Technologies.

What is this all about? It is the culmination of an initiative that was born in 2010 to develop gvSIG Batoví.

And what is gvSIG Batoví? It is a GIS (Geographic Information System) applied to educational environments, destined for [Ceibal](#) (project for Uruguay of the OLPC/OneLaptopPerChild initiative), and based on the free software of Spanish origin [gvSIG](#)



Why do this? This is an initiative of the [National Directorate of Topography](#) (Ministry of Transportation and Public Works/MTOP-Uruguay) as a contribution to teaching from an area of its knowledge. The National Directorate of Topography promotes and is part of the [IDEuy](#) (Spatial Data Infrastructure of Uruguay), while developing and being responsible for the [MTOP Geportal](#).

How is it born? An agreement is signed between MTOP, Ceibal, and the gvSIG Association (2011) to adapt gvSIG to Ceibal devices, obtaining a first version in August 2012.

