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Monthly Newsletter



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4. Conferences

Europe

March 2024

1. 20-24: [FAIR Digital Objects: From Theory to Practice](#)
Venue: Berlin, Germany

April 2024

2. 14-19: [European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2024](#)
Venue: Vienna, Austria

September 2024

3. 9-10: [QGIS User Conference 2024](#)
Venue: Faculty of Civil Engineering, Slovak Technical University, Bratislava, Slovakia

South America

December 2024

4. 01-08: [FOSS4G](#) (stay tuned for more news in the future)
Venue: Belém, state of Pará, Brazil

Asia

November 2024

5. 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

April 2024

6. 8-11: [GIS/Valuation Technologies Conferences](#)
Venue: Charlotte, NC, USA
7. 10-12: [PA GIS Conference](#)
Venue: State College, PA, USA
8. 15-18: [MidAmerica GIS Consortium – 2024 Symposium](#)
Venue: Omaha, NE, USA
9. April 30 – May 1: [GIS in Action](#)
Venue: Portland, OR, USA

May 2024

10. 5-8: [GEOINT 2024 Symposium](#)
Venue: Kissimmee, FL, USA
11. 22-24: [38th Conference of Latin American Geography \(CLAG\)](#)
Venue: Old San Juan, Puerto Rico

June 2024

12. 2-4: 2024 IMAGIN Annual Conference
Venue: Thompsonville, MI, USA

August 2024

13. 14-16: CPGIS; 2024 - The 31st International Conference on Geoinformatics
Venue: Toronto, Ontario, Canada



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GeoForAll Themes

▪ OpenCity Smart

Theme under revision

▪ Teacher Training & School Education

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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)
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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



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/>

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: 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
- **International Summer School on Applications with the Newest Multi-Spectral Environmental Satellites**
 Start date: June 17, 2024
 End date: June 26, 2024
 Country: Italy
 City: Bracciano
 Organizer: Italian Air Force – Met Service
 Host: NMS regional course, EUMETSAT
 Language: English
 Contact person: Ivan Smiljanic
 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.
- You can download the full proceedings of the OSM Science 2023 conference from <https://zenodo.org/records/10443403>

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

CI: CyberInfrastructure

CLGE: The Council of European Geodetic Surveyors

CODATA: Committee on Data for Science and Technology

COGO: Coordinate geometry

CRC: Census Research Centre

CRS: Coordinate Reference System

CSA: Canadian Space Agency

CSSTEAP: Center for Space Science & Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific

CUDA: Compute Unified Device Architecture

DAAC: Distributed Active Archive Center (of NASA)

DEM: Digital Elevation Model

DSM: Digital Surface Models

DWG: Design file format

DXF: Drawing Interchange File

ECMWF: European Center for Medium range Weather Forecasting

EOS: Earth Observation Science

EOSDIS: Earth Observing System and Data Information System

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

EPSG: European Petrol Survey Group (used in projection IDs)

ESA: European Space Agency

ESERO: European Space Education Resource Office

EUROGI: European Umbrella Organisation for Geographic Information

EuroSDR: European Spatial Data Research

FDO: FAIR (Find, Access, Interoperate, and Reuse) Digital Objects

FOSS: Free and Open Source Software

FOSS4G: Free and Open Source Software For Geospatial

GCP: Ground Control Point

GDAL: Geospatial Data Abstraction Library

GEO: Group on Earth Observations

GEO: Geosynchronous Earth Orbits

GloFAS: Global Flood Awareness System

GNSS: Global Navigational Satellite System

GODAN: Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition

GPS: Global Positioning System

GPX: GPS Exchange Format

GRACE: Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (satellite program)

GRASPgfs: Geospatial Resource for Agricultural Species and Pests and Pathogens with workflow integrated modeling to support Global Food Security

GSoC: Google Summer of Code

HLPF: High Level Political Forum (of UN)

HOT: Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team

HPC: high-performance computing



ICA: International Cartographic Association	Development
ICIMOD – International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development	NGA: National Geospatial Intelligence Agency
ICSU-WDS: International Council for Science – World Data System	NHD: National Hydrologic Dataset
IDE: Spatial Data Infrastructure	NIR - Near-Infrared
IFAD – International Fund for Agricultural Development	NLCD: National Land Cover Dataset
INSPIRE: Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe	NOOSA: United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
IPCC – Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	NRSA: Indian National Remote Sensing Agency
IPGH: Pan American Institute of Geography and History	NSDI: National Spatial Data Infrastructure
ISO: International Organization for Standardization	NSF: National Science Foundation
ISPRS: International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing	OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development
ISRO: Indian Space Research Organization	OER: Open Educational Resources
JAXA: Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency	OGC: Open Geospatial Consortium
KML: Keyhole Markup Language	OHI: International Hydrographic Office
LBS: Location-Based Service	OSGeo: Open Source Geospatial Foundation
LEO: Low Earth Orbits	OSM: OpenStreetMap
LiDAR: Light Detection and Ranging	OTB: Orfeo Tool Box
LOC: Local Organizing Committee	PPGIS: Public Participation in Geographic Information Systems
LOD: Level Of Detail	PPSR: Public Participation in Scientific Research
MEO: Medium Earth Orbits	RBV: Return Beam Vidicon
MIL: Media and Information Literacy	RCMRD: Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development
MoU: Memorandum of Understanding	RDA: Research Data Alliance
MSS: Multispectral Scanner	ROSCOSMOS: Russian Federal Space Agency
NAD: North American Datum	ROSHYDROMET: Russian Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring
NARSS: National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences of Egypt	RUFORUM: Regional Universities Forum for capacity building in agriculture
NCSA: National Center for Supercomputing Applications	SaaS: Software as a Service
NDVI - Normalized Difference Vegetation Index	SAR: Synthetic Aperture Radar
NDWI - Normalized Difference Water Index	SDG: Sustainable Development Goal
NED: National Elevation Dataset	SDI: Spatial Data Infrastructure
NEPAD: NEw Partnership for African	SIG: Geographic Information System
	SIGTE: The GIS and Remote Sensing Service of the University of Girona, Spain
	SPIDER: open SPatial data Infrastructure eDucation 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

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Thanks to UNESCO and the Government of Slovenia for organising the **2nd Global Forum on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence**: Changing the Landscape of AI Governance in Slovenia on 5-6 February 2024.

This Forum brought together the experiences and expertise of countries at different levels of technological and policy development, for a focused exchange to learn from each other, and for a dialogue with the private sector, academia and a wider civil society.

Day 1 Recordings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=okgVwczLTUc>

Day 2 Recordings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3V4mCmxAAvM>

More details of the Forum at

<https://www.unesco.org/en/forum-ethics-ai>



UNESCO produced the first-ever global standard on AI ethics – the '**Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence**' in November 2021. This framework was adopted by all 193 Member States.

Details at: <https://www.unesco.org/en/artificial-intelligence/recommendation-ethics>

3. 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

Member states of PAIGH are Argentina, Belice, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, United States of America, Guatemala, Haití, Honduras, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela.

4. From Dr Suchith Anand

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Happy "AzaadiSAT-2" 1st anniversary. A satellite built by 750 girl students from 75 government schools across India.

AzaadiSAT was created to mark India's 75th year of independence. This anniversary was being marked by the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations <https://amritmahotsav.nic.in> throughout the country, and the CubeSat was part of this campaign. AzaadiSAT was built by girl students from 75 schools across India. 10 girl students from each school were involved, for a total of 750 students involved. The mission was created to give girl students from lower-income backgrounds the opportunity to learn the

fundamentals of spaceflight.

More details at:

https://www.isro.gov.in/mission_SSLV_D2.html
<https://spacekidzindia.in/azaadisat-1/>
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Sh1YCJ4m7aE>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ey1pxYo6Ct4>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A60m4BHx8KI>

5. From Dr Suchith Anand

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The UN AI Advisory Body has launched its interim report. The report calls for a closer alignment between international norms and how AI is developed and rolled out. The central piece of the report is a proposal to strengthen international



governance of AI by carrying out seven critical functions such as horizon scanning for risks and supporting international collaboration on data, and computing capacity and talent to reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It also includes recommendations to enhance accountability and ensure an equitable voice for all countries.

Individuals, groups, and organizations are encouraged to provide feedback via the online submission form at <https://www.un.org/en/ai-advisory-body>.

The deadline for the online submission process is 31 March 2024

6. From Dr Suchith Anand

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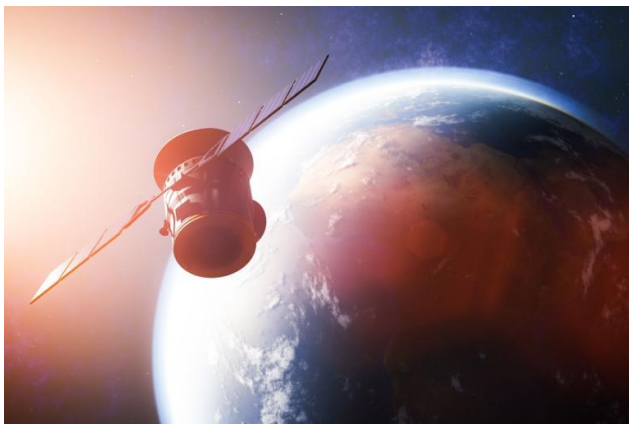
In recognition of the vital role of satellite observations, WMO will reinvigorate its relationship with space



agencies to strengthen cooperation in in an era of rapid climate, societal and technological change.

Space-based observing systems constitute approximately 90 percent of the data used in global numerical weather prediction models. They are the backbone of operations of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, providing invaluable insights that safeguard lives and property worldwide, 24/7.

Details at: <https://wmo.int/media/news/wmo-reinvigorates-relations-space-agencies>



So it is very timely the upcoming launch of INSAT-3DS, India's most advanced meteorological satellite. Scheduled for lift-off on Feb 17th, 2024 aboard GSLV-F14 from Sriharikota spaceport in India, this satellite is a game-changer for weather forecasting and disaster warning. The mission is fully funded by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India.

INSAT-3DS is not just a technological marvel; it's a crucial tool for enhanced meteorological observations, monitoring land and ocean surfaces, and improving our disaster preparedness. Its state-of-the-art payloads, including a 6-channel Imager, 19-channel Sounder meteorology payloads, and communication features like the Data Relay Transponder (DRT) and Satellite-aided Search and Rescue (SAS&R) transponder, highlight its versatile capabilities.

INSAT-3DS Satellite is a Third Generation Meteorological Satellite from Geostationary Orbit. It is designed for enhanced meteorological observations and monitoring of land and ocean surfaces for weather forecasting and disaster warning. The satellite will augment the Meteorological services

along with the presently operational INSAT-3D and INSAT-3DR satellites.

More details at https://www.isro.gov.in/GSLV-F14_INSAT-3DS_mission.html

https://space.oscar.wmo.int/satellites/view/insat_3ds

By leveraging better Earth observations, we can substantially bolster the effectiveness of these endeavours, ensuring more timely and accurate warnings for vulnerable communities and facilitating informed decision-making in addressing climate change challenges.

ISRO satellite mission for enhanced meteorological observations, monitoring land and ocean surfaces and study the effects of a changing climate for the benefit of humanity.

