



# GeoForAll

Monthly Newsletter



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## 4. Conferences

### Europe

#### June 2026

1. 22-24: [ML4EO](#)

Venue: University of Exeter, Exeter, UK

#### September 2026

2. 7-9: [Environmental Intelligence 2026](#)

Venue: University of Exeter, Streatham Campus, Exeter, UK

3. 16-18: [PLATIAL '26: International Symposium on Platial Information Science](#)

Venue: Salzburg, Austria

#### October 2026

4. 6-8: [RDA 27<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting](#)

Venue: London

### Asia

#### August 2026

5. 30-September 5: [FOSS4G 2026](#)

Venue: Hiroshima, Japan



### North America

#### July 2026

6. 28-31: [ESIP Meeting](#) - Bridging Divides: Data, Technology, Community  
Venue: Austin, Texas, USA

#### November 2026

7. 2-4: [FOSS4G NA 2026](#)

Venue: Sacramento, California, USA



### Africa

#### September 2026

8. 21-25: AGSE 2026

Venue: Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana, Africa



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## GeoForAll Themes

### ▪ OpenCity Smart

Theme under revision

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Oct 2016, Vol.2, no.10	Sergio Acosta Y Lara, Montevideo Uruguay
Nov 2016, Vol. 2, no. 11	Victoria Rautenbach, Centre of Geoinformation Science Univ. of Pretoria, South Africa
Dec 2016, Vol.2, no.12	Dr. Daria Svidzinska, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine
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Feb 2017, Vol.3, no. 2	Dr. Rafael Moreno Sanchez, Department of Geography and Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado Denver, USA
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## Lab of the Month, Content table

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Sep 2015, Vol.1 no.2	FOSS4G Lab, University of Colorado Denver (USA)
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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).
September 2016, Vol.2 no.9	Open Source Geospatial Lab, Faculty of Geodesy, University of Zagreb, Croatia, (Europe)
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



## 5. Webinars

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- 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

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

## 9. Funding opportunities, bids, etc.

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From Natalie Korolyova, CSc., Ph.D.

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### PhD position in Forest Ecology and Remote Sensing (Slovakia)

The Institute of Forest Ecology, Slovak Academy of Sciences, invites applications for a fully funded 4-year PhD position in Forest Ecology within the Forest Disturbance Ecology Team.

PhD topic:

Spatial spreading of bark beetle infestations in spruce stands in relation to their health status

The project focuses on modelling bark beetle spread in Norway spruce (*Picea abies*) forests using time

series of satellite, aerial, and UAV remote sensing data. The successful candidate will analyse spatial and temporal patterns of forest health and bark beetle outbreaks in a GIS environment.

The position is connected to ongoing international collaborations developed through the Horizon Europe RESDiNET project involving partners from Slovakia, Finland, and Sweden.

Requirements:

- Master's degree in forestry, remote sensing, GIS, ecology, or related field
- Python and/or R
- Statistical analysis and ecological modelling
- GIS and remote sensing software (e.g. ENVI, QGIS, ArcGIS)
- Experience with UAV/drone operation is an advantage

Supervisors:

Ing. Rastislav Jakuš, DrSc.

Ing. Miroslav Blaženeč, PhD.

Location: Zvolen, Slovakia

Application **deadline: 30.6.2026**

For inquiries and applications, please contact:

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## 11. Free books, educational materials, etc.

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



## 12. Articles

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### 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](mailto: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

CDSE: Copernicus Data Space Ecosystem

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

CLMS Data: Copernicus Land Monitoring Service Data

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	KML: Keyhole Markup Language
GDAL: Geospatial Data Abstraction Library	LBS: Location-Based Service
GEO: Group on Earth Observations	LEO: Low Earth Orbits
GEO: Geosynchronous Earth Orbits	LiDAR: Light Detection and Ranging
GloFAS: Global Flood Awareness System	LOC: Local Organizing Committee
GNSS: Global Navigational Satellite System	LOD: Level Of Detail
GODAN: Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition	MEO: Medium Earth Orbits
GPS: Global Positioning System	MIL: Media and Information Literacy
GPX: GPS Exchange Format	MoU: Memorandum of Understanding
GRACE: Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (satellite program)	MSS: Multispectral Scanner
GRASPgfs: Geospatial Resource for Agricultural Species and Pests and Pathogens with workflow integrated modeling to support Global Food Security	NAD: North American Datum
GSoC: Google Summer of Code	NARSS: National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences of Egypt
HLPF: High Level Political Forum (of UN)	NCSA: National Center for Supercomputing Applications
HOT: Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team	NDVI - Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
HPC: high-performance computing	NDWI - Normalized Difference Water Index
ICA: International Cartographic Association	NED: National Elevation Dataset
ICIMOD – International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development	NEPAD: NEw Partnership for African Development
ICSU-WDS: International Council for Science – World Data System	NGA: National Geospatial Intelligence Agency
IDE: Spatial Data Infrastructure	NHD: National Hydrologic Dataset
IFAD – International Fund for Agricultural Development	NIR - Near-Infrared
INSPIRE: Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe	NLCD: National Land Cover Dataset
IPCC – Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	NOOSA: United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
IPGH: Pan American Institute of Geography and History	NRSA: Indian National Remote Sensing Agency
ISO: International Organization for Standardization	NSDI: National Spatial Data Infrastructure
ISPRS: International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing	NSF: National Science Foundation
ISRO: Indian Space Research Organization	OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development
JAXA: Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency	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 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. A number of publications of open science and AI which might be of interest to the members.
  - Ibrahim, R.E., Motshegwa, T., Elfadaly, A., Elbiomy, A.A., Ibraheem, M.R (2026) Development of Technology Convergence Assessment Framework for Poly crisis. *Data Science Journal*, 25: 7, pp. 1–26. <https://doi.org/10.5334/dsj-2026-007>
  - Ibrahim R. E., Hassan A. S., Motshegwa T. (2025) Sustainable Africa space governance: Strategic decision support framework, opportunities, challenges and solutions. *Journal of Space Safety Engineering*, 12(4), 749-769. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsse.2025.11.001>
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### 3. From Prof. Suchith Anand

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Dear colleagues.

I would like to congratulate Dr. Jummy Okoya, Samson Olagbami and the University of East London for the **Reimagining Sustainability in Higher Education: Thriving Through Equity and Student Success** report published in partnership with Advance HE.

What started as a conversation at the House of Lords has now become a national sector report bringing together the voices of Vice-Chancellors, policymakers and senior leaders from across UK higher education.

This work emerged from a powerful House of Lords convening hosted by Baroness Sandy Verma and developed through a national dialogue involving:

- contributions from more than 10 Vice-Chancellors
- engagement from senior leaders across more than 30 institutions
- four themed webinar conversations exploring the future sustainability of higher education through the lens of equity, leadership and student success

*This report aims to reposition equity and student success as the foundational infrastructure of institutional sustainability in higher education.*

*Originating from the House of Lords convening, one-on-one interviews with various university Vice-Chancellors and developed through a national webinar series, it seeks to move the sector beyond moral rhetoric toward strategic, evidence-led action.*

*The report has four central aims. First, to redefine sustainability as more than financial survival, framing student continuation, attainment, belonging and progression as core indicators of institutional resilience. Second, to surface practical leadership, governance and accountability mechanisms that make equity measurable and unavoidable. Third, to connect innovation, digital transformation and partnership working directly to inclusion, ensuring futureproofing does not reproduce inequality. Finally, to provide a clear call to action for governing bodies, executive leaders and academic communities to embed equity at system level rather than as an add-on initiative.*

*In doing so, the report offers a strategic blueprint for institutions seeking to thrive through equity, strengthen public trust, and deliver student success as a matter of institutional design rather than chance.*

Read the full report at <https://advance-he.ac.uk/knowledge-hub/reimagining-sustainability-he-university-east-london>

Okoya, O J & Olagbami, S (2026) *Reimagining Sustainability in Higher Education: Thriving through Equity and Student Success*. University of East London.

