1. Activities of the Network

- Ottawa, Ontario, OSGeo Meetup Group meets on the third Thursday of each month. If you are located in the area, go to the link to sign up to the group and get updates about future events. ([https://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/Ottawa_Chapter](https://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/Ottawa_Chapter))

4. Conferences

**Europe**

**May 2020**

1. 7-9 May: GISTAM 2020 6th International Conference on Geographical Information Systems Theory, Applications and Management  
   Venue: Prague, Czech Republic (*Streaming online*)

2. 12-15 May: INSPIRE Conference 2020  
   Venue: Dubrovnik, Croatia (*Canceled. To be scheduled in September/October 2020*)

**September 2020**

3. 15-18 September: Giscience  
   Venue: Poznań, Poland

**North and Central America and the Caribbean**

**May 2020**

4. 24-27 May: 17th International Conference on Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management (ISCRAM 2020)  
   Venue: Blacksburg, Virginia, USA (*Postponed until May 2021*)

**August 2020**

5. 24-29 August: FOSS4G.  
   Venue: Calgary Telus Convention Centre, Calgary, Canada (*Canceled. FOSS4G 2021 to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina*)

**October 2020**

6. 5-9 October: III International Convention “Geography, Environment and Land Management”  
   Venue: University of Havana, Convention Centre, Havana, Cuba
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5. Webinars

- The recording of the webinar “Unlocking the potential of open data to promote Agribusiness for Youths in Africa” is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHxJ5MyjCW4. All recordings of previous webinars of the Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN) and the Data Rights and Responsible Data Working Group are made available at the CTA YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLv8yRTnf9h7j-5SoKR6lEsdl1EyZM8Cc


- GODAN in partnership with Plan4All and the UN FAO and in the context of the ongoing Kampala and Dubrovnik Inspire Hackathons offer all webinars at https://www.plan4all.eu/updates/kampala-inspire-hackathon-2020-webinars/. Their last webinar was on April 23, where participants could learn about the tools available through the SmartAfriHub platform, new mapping tools using QGIS, as well as a range of other tools useful in data mapping and related activities.

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

12. Articles

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
AM/FM: Automated Mapping/Facilities Management
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
BIM: Building Information Modelling
CAADP: Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme
CAD: Computer Aided Design
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/](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/](https://www.osgeo.org/resources/) to get a guidance on how to use open source projects and tools.

Submission deadline: 30 June 2020.

Data from geospatial applications, such as social media, location-based service (LBS), and volunteered geographic information (VGI) platforms, have become a prominent source for modeling human behavior and for better understanding complex social dynamics in geographic spaces. The massive amount of multi-dimensional data (spatial, temporal, semantic) from these sources is typically unstructured and thus calls for an advance in data representation, modeling, analysis, and visualization for the successful transition from data to information. This Special Issue is inviting contributions that demonstrate integrated analysis of spatial, temporal, and semantic data from social networks, including their content, linkage, and structure, towards a better understanding of social behavior, human interaction patterns, and the dynamic characteristics of real-world phenomena and events. This involves novel use of machine learning approaches, analysis frameworks, data mining, and (geo-)statistical methods to exploit unstructured content of social network data. This Special Issue also encourages the demonstration of new analytical tools; discussion of current data privacy and licensing issues; the exploration of data from lesser known social media, LBS, and VGI platforms; and the application of fusion methods of data across multiple platforms.


This Special Issue intends to synergize insight about the state of knowledge of open systems scoping, design, implementation, deployment, use, and sustainability for geo-information (geospatial) applications. Manuscripts that broaden and/or deepen insight into these topics are candidates for the Special Issue.

Scope: Open systems provide free access to geo-data and geo-information in a variety of geospatial domains, such as environmental science and management, human dynamics, transportation planning and management, geo-information crowdsourcing, community organizing, and geosciences, among others. Open systems enable access for almost everyone, barring any illegal activity. Open systems might or might not use open source software as part of the development efforts. Open knowledge systems now in development for various applications promise to transform how people make use of data, information, evidence, and knowledge. The Special Issue explores the past, present, and future of open systems environments addressing data, information, and knowledge for geospatial applications. Any aspect of open geospatial data, information, knowledge, and software systems is a relevant topic as long as the topic is well reasoned and developed in a thorough manner in line with IJGI guidelines. Prospects for development and use of geospatial open source software are relevant for consideration. Software applications addressing these topics are also part of the scope, but the issue is not limited to these topics.

Deadline for manuscript submissions: 31 October 2020.

4. The Center for Fisheries Research (CIP) belonging to the Ministry of Food Industry, together with other national institutions, is pleased to inform you that from May 18 to 22, 2020, the IV International Workshop on FISHING, POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENT will be held, which summons scientists and other professionals linked to the sector, as well as businessmen, and policy makers, with the objective of contributing to the scientific exchange on important and current issues in fisheries, industrial processing, aquaculture, aquaculture health, safety, pollution aquatic, taking into account the challenges that fish production faces on a global scale. The Workshop will promote a framework of reciprocity, the exchange of experience in view of the commitments to achieve Food Security, based on the sustainable use of fishery resources and the sustainability of aquaculture, as well as the increase in the added value of the products of the sea.

Those interested in obtaining information about the Workshop, send email to merisla@cip.alinet.cu and mrubio@cip.alinet.cu
5. The Faculty of Geography of the University of Havana and the co-sponsoring institutions convene the III International Convention "Geography, Environment and Land Management" under the slogan "For inclusive and sustainable territorial governance and management".

The event will be held from October 5 to 9, 2020, at the Convention Center of the University of Havana.

General objective of the Event:
Contribute to the analysis and dissemination of research carried out in the country and in other regions of the planet, mainly in Latin America, in the thematic areas of this III Convention, as well as the promotion of the scientific debate on the vital problems that currently exist in the geographical space and their transformation in view of the progress of the globalization and the dominant neoliberal orientation, which require a geographical education that contributes to the construction of a new culture of inclusive, participatory planning, governance and territorial management, and the evaluation of experiences accumulated in overcoming the pressing problems derived from climate change.

For more information: Dra. C. Nancy Pérez Rodríguez (nan@geo.uh.cu)

6. The largest annual European Geoscience conference (European Geoscience Union: EGU, usually about 16.000 attendees) took place as a virtual event on May 4-8.

Online attendance was free of charge (gratis) and no registration was required. This was a unique opportunity due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will not be available in the coming years.

Details here:
https://www.egu2020.eu
https://egu2020.eu/sharing_geoscience_online/sharing_geoscience_online.html
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Video-Streams:
- Great Debates:
- Union Symposia:


If this topic is of interest, you are warmly invited to submit a manuscript now or up until the deadline (1 December 2020). Submitted papers should not be under consideration for publication elsewhere. Authors are encouraged to send a short abstract or tentative title in advance.