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## 4. Conferences

### Europe

#### September 2020

1. 15-18 September: [GIScience](#)

Venue: Poznań, Poland

#### November 2020

2. 4-6 November: [16th International gvSIG Conference](#)

Venue: Virtual Conference

Communication proposals submission at: [conference-contact@gvsig.com](mailto:conference-contact@gvsig.com)

The information indicated at [Communications section](#) of the event website

All the information related to the conference, including workshops information, will be published at [gvSIG Blog](#)



### North and Central America and the Caribbean

#### October 2020

3. 5-9 October: III International Convention "Geography, Environment and Land Management"

Venue: University of Havana, Convention Centre, Havana, Cuba.

## 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/> and [https://www.gislounge.com/self-guided-qgis-courses/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=GISNL-Aug-27-2020&utm\\_source=YMLP](https://www.gislounge.com/self-guided-qgis-courses/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=GISNL-Aug-27-2020&utm_source=YMLP)



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### ▪ OpenCity Smart

Theme under revision

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## 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](#)
- International Summer School on Applications with the Newest Multi-Spectral Environmental Satellites.

When: October, 5-9. Venue: Bracciano, Italy.  
 Organizer: EUMETSAT, Format/Training type: Classroom. Language: English. Contact email: [training@eumetsat.int](mailto:training@eumetsat.int)

This course addresses experienced professionals working with remotely sensed data (forecasters, researchers, post-graduate students etc.) interested in updating their knowledge and skills on the newest developments in remote sensing data. The applicants must have an academic degree either in Meteorology, Physics, Environmental Sciences, or Environmental Engineering. Applicants should be proficient in the English language to attend the course. The course is intended primarily for the European audience, with preference for the member states. Depending on availability, additional applicants might be accepted. Candidates will be selected on the basis of their proven experiences in environmental remote sensing.

## 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

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

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

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

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

FOSS: Free and Open Source Software

FOSS4G: Free and Open Source Software For Geospatial

GCP: Ground Control Point

GEO: Group on Earth Observations

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

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

ICSU-WDS: International Council for Science – World Data System

IDE: Spatial Data Infrastructure

INSPIRE: Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe

IPGH: Pan American Institute of Geography and History

ISO: International Organization for Standardization

ISPRS: International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

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JAXA: Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

KML: Keyhole Markup Language

LBS: Location-Based Service

LiDAR: Light Detection and Ranging

LOC: Local Organizing Committee

LOD: Level Of Detail

MIL: Media and Information Literacy

MoU: Memorandum of Understanding

NAD: North American Datum

NCSA: National Center for Supercomputing Applications

NED: National Elevation Dataset

NEPAD: NEw Partnership for African Development

NGA: National Geospatial Intelligence Agency

NHD: National Hydrologic Dataset

NLCD: National Land Cover Dataset

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

RCMRD: Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development

RDA: Research Data Alliance



**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

**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

**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. Special Issue “Geospatial Open Systems” ISPRS. International Journal of Geo-Information.

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.

**3.** 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](mailto:nan@geo.uh.cu))

**4.** Special Issue entitled "Applications of Remote Sensing and Geospatial Technologies to Earth Observations" in the online journal, Applied Sciences (ISSN 2076-3417,

<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/applsci>).

For further reading, please follow the link to the Special Issue:

[https://www.mdpi.com/journal/applsci/special\\_issue/s/Geospatial\\_RS](https://www.mdpi.com/journal/applsci/special_issue/s/Geospatial_RS)

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.

**5.** The draft of Third Edition of Future Trends in geospatial information management: the five to ten

year vision is now available for global consultation and review by the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management. Details at [https://ggim.un.org/documents/DRAFT\\_Future\\_Trends\\_report\\_3rd\\_edition.pdf](https://ggim.un.org/documents/DRAFT_Future_Trends_report_3rd_edition.pdf)

**6.** The open access journal *Data* is pleased to announce a new Special Issue titled "A European Approach to the Establishment of Data Spaces". Marco Minghini ([marco.minghini86@gmail.com](mailto:marco.minghini86@gmail.com)) is serving as Guest Editor for this Special Issue together with his colleagues at the European Commission - Joint Research Centre (JRC) Alexander Kotsev, Massimo Craglia, and Stefano Nativi.

Papers should address any of the cross-cutting issues emerging from the recently launched [European Data Strategy](#), e.g. the definition of sustainable governance models for data, appropriate socio-economic incentives, choice of standards and technologies ensuring interoperability, the establishment of reference architectures and licensing frameworks, and multi-source data quality assessment frameworks. Within this context, multidisciplinary and multi-domain submissions are welcome that would contribute to shaping the research agenda, and providing best practices for data-driven innovation that are in line with European values.

The submission deadline is January 31, 2021. The full Call for Papers is available at [https://www.mdpi.com/journal/data/special\\_issue/s/EU\\_DataSpaces](https://www.mdpi.com/journal/data/special_issue/s/EU_DataSpaces).

