



# GeoForAll

Monthly Newsletter



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## Be part of "Geo for All"

### 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. (<http://www.meetup.com/OttawaOSGeo/>)
- [Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition](#) (GODAN) is an initiative that seeks to support global efforts to make agricultural and nutritionally relevant data available, accessible, and usable for unrestricted use worldwide. During the [14th International gvSIG Conference](#) there will be a GODAN AgriGIS session with presentations in Agriculture theme. For more information go to <https://blog.gvsig.org/2018/08/03/godan-agrigis-session-at-14th-international-gvsig-conference-presentations-in-agriculture-theme/>

- In June of 2018, OGC held a Technical Committee Meeting in Fort Collins, CO, USA. The consolidated slides from the Closing Plenary have been posted here: [https://portal.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact\\_id=80238](https://portal.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact_id=80238) (direct download link).

### 3. Events

- From OSGeo-Google Summer of Code (GSoC) Administrators

Dear OSGeo community,

It is our pleasure to announce that 10 GSoC (Google Summer of Code) students have successfully completed the program this year through OSGeo! You can find out more about the completed projects at:

<https://summerofcode.withgoogle.com/organizations/5051492877205504/#projects>

A total of 1,072 students from 59 countries completed the 2018 GSoC program; see the final announcement at <https://opensource.googleblog.com/2018/08/thats-a-wrap-gsoc-2018.html>

We would like to wholeheartedly thank all the OSGeo mentors who dedicated their invaluable time and experience to this program, you are the core of GSoC! Thanks also to our students; we are sure you learned a lot and also had some fun, and we hope you decide to remain in the OSGeo community becoming active developers and the future generation of GSoC mentors!



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## 4. Conferences

### Europe

#### September 2018

1. 12-14 September: [EuroGEOSS Workshop 2018](#)

Venue: the University of Geneva and the Museum of Ethnography,

Geneve, Switzerland

2. 12-14 September: 6th Conference on the [Use of R in Official Statistics](#)

Venue: Dutch Office for National Statistics (CBS), Hague, The Netherlands.

3. 18-21 September: [INSPIRE Conference](#) “Make it work together” and INSPIRE Hackathon

Venue: Antwerp, Belgium

#### October 2018

4. 1-5 October: [ISPRS Com IV Symposium](#)

Venue: Delft, The Netherlands

5. 9-11 October: [5th Open Source Geospatial Research and Education Symposium](#)

Venue: University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI)

6. 24-26 October: [14<sup>th</sup> gvSIG International Conference](#)

Venue: Nexus Building and the Higher Technical School of Geodetic, Cartographic and Topographic Engineering (Universitat Politècnica de València), Valencia, Spain.

### North and Central America and the Caribbean

#### November 2018

7. 6-9 November: XVIII International Symposium of the Latin American Society of Remote Perception and Systems of Space Information.

Venue: Havana, Cuba

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8. 9-10 November: [Seattle GNU/Linux Conference](#)

Venue: Seattle, Washington, USA.

#### February 2019

9. 27 February-1 March: North Carolina GIS Conference (NCGIS)

Venue: Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA.

#### April 2019

10. 2-4 April: [RDA 13th \(P13\) Plenary Meeting](#)

Venue: Loews Hotel - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

### South America

#### September 2018

11. 26-28 September: [SciELO](#) ((Scientific Electronic Library Online in full alignment with the advances of open science).

Venue: Tivoli Mofarrej São Paulo Hotel, São Paulo, Brazil.

#### October 2018

12. 18-19 October: [5th gvSIG Uruguay Conference: Geographic Information in an open field](#)

Venue: Montevideo, Uruguay

#### July 2019

13. 1-5 July: XVII Biennial [The International Association for the Study of the Commons](#) (IASC)

Conference

Venue: Lima, Peru.

### Africa

#### September 2018

14. 1-2 September: FOSS4G 2018: Code Sprints and Community Events

Venue: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

#### November 2018

15. 5-8 November: [SciData Con-IDW 2018](#)

International Data Week

Session Title: Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Data at the Subnational Level

Venue: Gaborone, Botswana



## Asia

### December 2018

16. 2-5 December: [FOSS4G: ASIA](#) "Open Source for Sustainable Development"

Venue: University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka.

## Oceania

### November 2018

17. 20-23 November: [FOSS4G – SotM Oceania](#)

Venue: University of Melbourne, in the Old Arts Building, Melbourne, Australia

## 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](#)

## 9. Funding opportunities, bids, etc.

### Call for Proposals

#### ISPRS Scientific Initiatives 2019

In accordance with the statutory mission and activities of ISPRS, the Society shall provide funds to support scientific and other initiatives, which will further improve its international status in the field of the photogrammetry, remote sensing, and spatial information sciences, and will therefore benefit all ISPRS members. For 2019, the ISPRS Council is making up to SFr. 60,000 available to support new scientific initiatives. The maximum funding assigned to any one scientific project shall be SFr. 10,000 per annum. Projects should commence on January 1, 2019, and typically last up to 12 months. In exceptional cases, applications for projects lasting up to 24 months will be considered. Projects of greater than one-year duration will be subject to annual review before subsequent funding will be released.

ISPRS Working Group Officers are invited to submit applications to their respective Technical Commission President by the deadline below, using the template provided (download the template here as MS-Word / PDF). The submission must be compiled in one PDF document. Further details, including information on the topics and the application process, are available in Appendix 9 of the Orange Book at:

<http://www.isprs.org/documents/orangebook/app9.aspx>

All applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Topic and objectives
- Scientific method and/or contribution
- Value to ISPRS (e.g., enhancing ISPRS reputation or promoting ISPRS)
- Quality of proposal
- Budget

Any queries should be addressed to the ISPRS Treasurer, Songnian Li, at [isprs-tr@isprs.org](mailto:isprs-tr@isprs.org).

### Timescale

Announcement of Scientific Initiatives: June 18, 2018.

Deadline for submission of proposals from WG Officers to TCPs: November 1, 2018.

Deadline for submission of recommendation from TCPs to ISPRS Treasurer: November 19, 2018.

Announcement of successful awards by Council: December 15, 2018.

Funding available from: January 1, 2019.

## 12. Articles

### Abbreviations

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

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

3DEP: 3-D Elevation Program

AAG: Association of American Geographers

AGS: American Geographical Society



AM/FM: Automated Mapping/Facilities Management

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

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

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

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

HOT: Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team

HPC: high-performance computing

ICA: International Cartographic Association

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

INSPIRE: Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe

ISPRS: International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

JAXA: Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

KML: Keyhole Markup Language

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  
 OER: Open Educational Resources  
 OGC: Open Geospatial Consortium  
 OSGeo: Open Source Geospatial Foundation  
 OSM: OpenStreetMap  
 OTB: Orfeo Tool Box  
 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  
 SDI: Spatial Data Infrastructure  
 SIGTE: The GIS and Remote Sensing Service of the University of Girona, Spain  
 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  
 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

## 13. Scholarships for students and staff

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### **Postdoctoral Researcher Position within the CyberGIS Center for Advanced Digital and Spatial Studies (CyberGIS Center)**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, full-time, 100%

(1-year duration, with possibility of extension, contingent upon funding)

#### **Responsibilities:**

The successful candidate will play key roles in research and education activities of multiple projects related to geographic information science (GIS), big data science, cyberGIS, dataintensive geospatial applications, and geospatial artificial intelligence. Specific responsibilities include: preparing peer-reviewed publications and education materials, participating in grant proposal writing, giving



presentations at professional meetings, and providing consulting assistance for researchers and educators from various domains to conduct advanced digital and spatial studies.

More information about CyberGIS Center can be found at: <http://cybergis.illinois.edu/>.

**Qualifications:** Applicants should have received a recent Ph.D. in GIS, computer science, geography, or a related field. Research experience in the areas of big data analytics, cyberGIS, and machine learning is desirable. Candidates will be considered if graduation with Ph.D. is expected by the target start date.

The appointment will initially last for one year and may be renewed beyond that contingent upon availability of funding and performance.

Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience and relevant research.

**Start Date:** As soon as possible after the closing date: September 15, 2018.

**Application Process:** To ensure full consideration, qualified candidates must send a cover letter, CV, and contact information of three references via e-mail to Dr. Shaowen Wang

([shaowen@illinois.edu](mailto:shaowen@illinois.edu)) by closing date of September 15, 2018. All requested information must be submitted for your application to be considered. Incomplete information will not be reviewed.

Applications may be reviewed prior to the closing date while the search may continue until the position will be filled.

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## 15. Awards

By Suchith Anand

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce OSGeo student award for the best student presentation at FOSS4G 2018 (250 USD) to Stephen Oloo for his work on "Mapping livestock keepers and their herds across Africa based on households' survey". Stephen Oloo is a part time student at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, undertaking a masters degree in Geographic Information System. He also works at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) as a Spatial Data Analyst where he is involved in developing GIS and remote sensing products used for modelling livestock distribution, forage monitoring, rangelands analysis, and mapping of livestock resources.

We are pleased to announce OSGeo student award for the best student poster presentation at FOSS4G 2018 (250 USD) to Samy Katumba for his poster titled "Spatial statistical analyses to assess the spatial extent and concentration of multidimensional poverty in Gauteng using the South African multidimensional poverty index". Samy Katumba is a researcher at the Gauteng City-Region Observatory (GCRO). He is also a PhD Geoinformatics student at the University of Pretoria (South Africa). Samy is currently working on how to use spatial statistical analysis, spatial econometrics methods and machine learning algorithms for analysing and visualising socio-economic data and phenomena such as poverty, inequality, racial and other forms of diversity or segregation within urban spaces. Samy's interests and areas of research include spatial statistics, spatial econometrics, Web GIS, mapping, geospatial data visualisation, spatial analysis, geospatial data mining, machine learning and online geo-information retrieval. He has a master of science degree with specialisation in Geoinformatics from the University of Pretoria (South Africa).

Congratulations to Stephen Oloo and Samy Katumba for winning the OSGeo Student Awards at FOSS4G 2018. We also thank all students who presented their





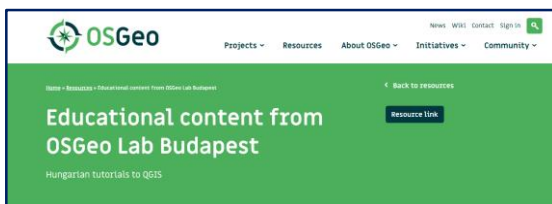
work at FOSS4G 2018. The jury members for the awards were Rafael Moreno, Serena Coetzee, Victoria Rautenbach, Franz-Josef Behr, Marco Minghini, Maria Brovelli and Suchith Anand.

Our thanks specifically to Maria Brovelli and Serena Coetzee for their work and efforts to make these students awards possible.

## 17. Ideas / Information

1. To post your FOSS4G educational information go to <http://www.osgeo.org/education>.

There you can find more educational activities posted by members of our community. FOSS4G is the annual global event of the Open Source Geospatial Foundation. It is the largest technical geospatial Open Source conference in the world. The FOSS4G conference focuses on Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial applications. In addition to high level technical talks four key domain are discussed every year to showcase the connection between free and open source software and communities from neighbouring domains. In 2018, the conference will take place in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on 29-30-31 August. The four thematic domains selected for this edition are: Urban; Coastal, Marine and the Environment; Widening Access and Humanitarian Mapping; Drones.



## 2. Open Geospatial Data, Software and Standards (ISSN: 2363-7501)

Special Issue: Open Source Geospatial Software

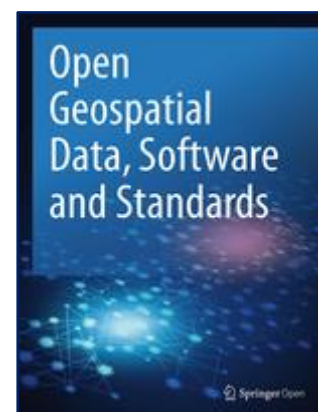
Special Issue of the Journal of Open Geospatial Data, Software and Standards invites original research contributions and/or software implementations on all aspects of open source geospatial software and its applications, and

particularly encourages submissions on the following themes:

- Open source/open data policies for SDI development and implementation
- Reproducibility of analyses and results in research and science
- Quality of open geospatial data
- Volunteered Geographic Information (VGI), Crowdsourcing and OpenStreetMap (OSM)
- Sensor Web and Internet of Things (IoT)
- Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
- Standardization and interoperability of open geo-data and services
- Big geo-data storage, visualization and processing
- Open source geospatial software in scientific research
- Open source geospatial software in education and business
- Management and sustainability of open source geospatial projects

Deadline for submission of articles: November 15th, 2018

The *Journal of Open Geospatial Data, Software and Standards* welcomes submissions of various types, including “Original article,” “Review” as well as “Database article.” Apart from these article types, the Journal has a special type of article called “Software article,” where you can publish a short article about services/software of broad utility that have been developed within your project/institute. For more information about the article types, please access the Journal’s online menu [Submission Guidelines](#) and [Preparing your manuscript](#).





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Please have in mind that the Guest Editors are able to provide some fee waivers to cover the Article Processing Charge of the journal. Since the journal also welcomes technical papers which describe open source software technology, they would like to extend this invitation to all the OSGeo projects.

If you need more information please contact one of the Guest Editors.

**3.** An announcement from GeoForAll IberoAmerica (from SERGIO ACOSTAYLARA <[sergio.acostaylara@mtop.gub.uy](mailto:sergio.acostaylara@mtop.gub.uy)>)

GeoForAll Iberoamérica (G4A-Ib) continues to grow:

- we have 15 members from 8 different countries right now in the wiki ([https://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/GeoForAll\\_Iberoam%C3%A9rica](https://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/GeoForAll_Iberoam%C3%A9rica)) and others to be added shortly (still information missing)
- we are arranging future collaborations with other initiatives (GBIF, EO4GEO)
- we welcome collaboration with other Regional/Thematic groups from GeoForAll
- we are organizing our first students' competition with OSGeo's support (see, in Spanish, <https://siglibreuruguay.wordpress.com/2018/06/14/premio-geoforall-iberoamerica-y-osgeo/>)
- we have done a series of webinars (for example: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtoCaX0XUK-7VmHiaVkBri480immm5jBS>) and we plan to do more in the future
- we are part of the Editorial Board of the GeoForAll newsletter making possible to have it translated to Spanish

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