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Editorial



Nikos Lambrinos Chief Editor Dept. of Primary Education Aristotle Univ. of Thessaloniki Greece

Dear Members of GeoForAll,

We are proud to announce that our Newsletter has become bilingual from this issue. That was a target we had from the first time we established the English version of the Newsletter. The new version is in Spanish and became a reality thanks to a lot of Spanish speaking people. I would like to thank Sergio Acosta Y Lara and the newly established Iberoamerica Group for their initiative to make this happen: Paulo Cesar Coronado from Universidad Francisco José de Caldas, Colombia; and our colleagues from OSGeoLab UD

(http://comunidad.udistrital.edu.co/os geolabud/) who are pleased to collaborate with the translation to Spanish of our newsletter. Also I would like to thank Nikos Voudrislis, our Production Designer, for sharing his job with our colleagues from OSGeoLab UD. The templates he has formed will be the guide for the production of the Spanish edition which will be identical to the English version. This is because we don't want to have a new Newsletter but an "extension" in Spanish of the existing.

The Spanish version will be uploaded onto the GeoForAll site in pdf and HTML format and you may read or download whichever you want.

I can say that this a kind of test. We are going to test if we will be able to publish both editions in the same time and with the same quality. If we succeed (it will take time and few issues to find out) then I hope that we may have it in another language as well. As long as we have more volunteers we can produce more.

Finally, there is no "Lab of the Month" article in this issue not because there are no Labs left to introduce, but because it was difficult to have an article in August. Fortunately, there are many Labs which are doing an excellent job for G4A and OSGeo, and we will start introducing them in the next issue.

Have a nice reading, Nikos Lambrinos





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1. Activities of the Network

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- 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/).
- Dr. Bastian Drees (The German National Library of Science and Technology (TIB), Communication and Marketing/Competence Center for non-textual Materials, Department for Research and Development) informed our community that they added the videos from FOSS4G 2014 and 2015 to their collection of FOSS4G videos in the AV-Portal. All videos can be found via these links:

2014:<u>https://av.tib.eu/series/336/foss4g+2014+po</u> rtland

2015:<u>https://av.tib.eu/series/169/foss4g+seoul+20</u> 15

This increases the total number of FOSS4G videos to 658 videos from the years 2013 to 2016 with the videos of 2017 coming soon. Moreover there are 45 "historical" videos from the 2002 FOSS4G predecessor Open Source GIS – GRASS user conference in Trento, Italy, that can be found at: 2002:<u>https://av.tib.eu/series/291/open+source+gis</u>+grass+user+conference+2002

All videos are assigned a digital object identifier (DOI) and a media fragment identifier. This allows viewers to cite videos as a whole or single segments separately.

The videos of all FOSS4G Conferences in the AV-Portal are available here:

https://av.tib.eu/search?f=publisher%3Bhttp://av.ti b.eu/resource/FOSS4G

 The Annual General Meeting slides from FOSS4G Boston are available here: <u>http://osgeo.getinteractive.nl/resources/osgeo-agm-2017/</u>

2. B) GeoAmbassador of the Month

Bridget Fleming



By Suchith Anand Nottingham Geospatial

Institute, University of Nottingham, UK

Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to introduce Bridget Fleming from South Africa as our GeoAmbassador of the Month. Bridget Fleming is the regional chair of GeoForAll Africa and has been actively expanding geoeducation opportunities for all. Bridget is a passionate advocate for using Geotechnologies in the classroom. She is the IEB (Independent Examination Board) geography national moderator and has authored a number of textbooks and digital classroom resources. She has recently returned to the classroom after a few years of running a start-up GIS company where she was involved in Geospatial education and training. She is on the National GISSA council (Education portfolio) and is the Chair of the Southern African Geography Teachers' Association (SAGTA). She is presently HOD Geography at St John's College in South Africa.

Bridget is also one of the key organizers behind the success of the recent SAGTA+FOSS4G Africa conference hosted by St John's College in Houghton, Johannesburg. Bridget kindly sent the summary and photos which are included below to give the bigger idea of the amazing work that she and colleagues are doing.

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From 26-30 June 2017 for the SAGTA, OSGeo Africa and the QGIS South Africa User Group held the FOSS4G Africa 2017 conference at the school, hosted by the geography department. GIS is a burgeoning industry and is part of the school curriculum in South Africa. However, many schools do not have the facilities to teach it, and most teachers don't have the training. The first two days of the conference saw over forty geography teachers and academics gather to address these issues, share their insights, and get some hands-on training. GIS is a small component of the curriculum, yet its greatest impact is through using it to teach geography and other subjects. It can play a major role in improving spatial literacy in learners.



Highlights included talks and a workshop by Malcolm McInerney, the Australian keynote speaker; demonstrations of the tangible landscape in Mrs Jones' geography classroom; and hands-on QGIS workshops.



On the Tuesday, SASDI (South African Spatial Data Infrastructure) held a successful workshop for fifty GIS professionals, academics and government officials in the Jeffrey auditorium.







On the Wednesday, another thirty members of the GIS industry arrived for their three-day technical conference, along with seventy members of GIS Society of South Africa (GISSA) for their quarterly general meeting. This was the big day of the conference, intended as an overlap between education and industry. Among several excellent education-related and technical GIS presentations were two panel discussions. In one, educators discussed their requirements and how industry could help. In the other, industry discussed career paths and the skills required from the education system.

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The Thursday and Friday saw some technical presentations and six four-hour hands-on workshops. Some adventurous teachers from Mthatha stayed on for this part of the conference! The guest speaker was Stephen Mather from Cleveland, Ohio, who started the OpenDroneMap (ODM) project. Besides the keynote, he presented a workshop on ODM where the class learned how to process images from drones.



Some of the geekier delegates moved off-campus on the Saturday for a GIS software code-sprint at the Johannesburg Centre for Software Engineering in Braamfontein, a great new IT innovation hub opened recently by Wits. More details at <u>https://foss4gafrica.org/en/home/</u>

I am sure Bridget and colleagues will expand these ideas for the future. We are looking forward to building strong research and teaching collaborations worldwide in Open Geospatial Science. We are proud to honour Bridget as our GeoAmbassador, and we are extremely grateful for her contributions to GeoForAll.

Best wishes Suchith Anand

4. Conferences

<u>Asia</u>

September 2017

1. 18-22 September: <u>WebMGS 2017</u> (during the ISPRS Geospatial Week).

Venue: Wuhan, China.

December 2017

2. 9 December: <u>SIGOPEN 2017</u> Developmental Workshop for Research on Open Phenomena, collocated with ICIS 2017
Venue: Seoul, South Korea
Submission Date: October 4th
Notification of Acceptance to the Workshop: October 20th

Europe

September 2017

3. 6-8 September: <u>INSPIRE Conference 2017</u> Venue: Strasbourg, France

4. 7-8 September: 2nd Geoprogress Global Forum. International Conference on Sustainability and Energy Issues





Venue: Brussels For more information write to: info@geoprogress.eu

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5. 16 September: <u>GeoCamp</u> Venue: Almeria, Spain

6. 25-28 September: <u>Third Earth Observation Open</u>
 <u>Science</u> community consultation
 Venue: ESRIN (Frascati, Rome, Italy)

October 2017

7. 2-3 October: <u>2nd International Conference on GIS</u> <u>and Remote Sensing</u> Theme: Mapping the Future with GIS & Advancement in Remote Sensing Venue: Vienna, Austria

8. 18-20 October: <u>gvSIG International Conference</u> Venue: Valencia, Spain. Inscription are open

November 2017

9. 20-22 November: 7th National Meeting of Open GIS of Portugal (in Portuguese)
Venue: Porto.
Contact person: Dr. Jorge Gustavo Rocha (jgr@di.uminho.pt)

10. 28-30 November. <u>BiDS'17</u>

Venue: Centre de Congrès Pierre Baudis, Toulouse, France

<u>June 2018</u>

11. 13-15 June: <u>21st International AGILE Conference,</u> <u>AGILE 2018</u> "Geospatial Technologies for All". Venue: Lund, Sweden



October 2018 12. 1-5 October: ISPRS Com IV Symposium Venue: Delft, The Netherlands

North and Central America and the Caribbean

September 2017

13. 14-15 September: HOT HumanitarianOpenStreetMap Team Summit 2017Venue: Ottawa ON, Canada.More details soon.

14. 19-21 September: Research Data Alliance (RDA) <u>10th RDA Plenary meeting</u>

Venue: Montreal, Canada. **15.** 20-22 September: <u>AGIC Education and Training</u> <u>Symposium</u> Venue: Prescot, Arizona, USA

16. 26-30 September: VIII Surveying Convention "<u>AGRIMENSURA 2017</u>" Venue: Havana Libre Tryp Hotel, Havana. Cuba.

October 2017

17. 4-6 October: <u>2nd International Conference on</u> <u>Smart Data and Smart Cities</u>Venue: Puebla, Mexico.

For a pdf in English please write to Sergio Acosta Y Lara (<u>sergio.acostaylara@mtop.gub.uy</u>)

March 2018

18. 19-23 March: 10th International Congress of Geomatics <u>GEOMÁTICA 2018</u>
Venue: Havana, Cuba
Convention Website:
http://www.informaticahabana.cu/es

South America

October 2017

19. 4-6 October: <u>gvSIG days</u> in Latin America Venue: Santa María (Rio Grande do Sul – Brasil) Inscription at <u>http://www.gvsig.com/es/eventos/jornadas-</u>

lac/2017/inscripcion



6. Courses

- ECOAQUA 3rd Summer School 2017 in Marine Spatial Planning (Funchal, Madeira Island, Portugal - 4 to 8 September 2017) http://ecoaqua.ulpgc.es/Summer2016
- Learn GIS for free: The complete course

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 A beginner level free GIS course is available at the following link: <u>https://blog.gvsig.org/2017/08/01/learn-gis-for-free-the-complete-course/</u>. This course uses gvSIG 2.1 to explore GIS tools, concepts, terminology, how to analyze and symbolize data, make your own maps, working with projections, etc.

7. Training programs

• GeoForAll educational inventory system, a place to search and share educational materials

8. Key Research Publications

From Dr. Suchith Anand, Nottingham Geospatial Institute, University of Nottingham, UK

Dear Colleagues

I would like to invite you to join the GeoForAll AgriGIS thematic that is lead by Dr. Didier Leibovici and Dr. Nobusuke Iwasaki (National Institute for Agro-Environmental Sciences, Japan) and contribute your expertise to globally advance Agriculture knowledge sharing.

Building upon the research that my colleagues and I did for "Geospatial binding for transdisciplinary research in crop science: the GRASPgfs initiative" <u>http://rdcu.be/uYi6 [1]</u>, I would like to invite all interested to join us for expanding AgriGIS research based on open philosophy. Geospatial genetic-trait variations and associations with environmental forecasting were the main focus of the GRASPgfs. Designing the platform achieving this objective generated a transdisciplinary vision of modeling and forecasting for sustainable agriculture. Based on interoperability principles, seamless access, as well as sharing for data, metadata, and processing models, the design is described in this paper. This geospatial binding facilitates and supports new types of hypotheses and analyses, as illustrated in the paper, with a landscape genetic case study (bambara groundnut) and a crop disease model (eyespot disease). The approach and the eGRASP platform are generic enough to accommodate further complexity into the integrated modeling that this geospatial binding enables.

You can get some overview of GRASP from AgriGIS workshop that we held at Nottingham <u>https://rd-alliance.org/sites/default/files/AgriGIS2014.pdf</u>

We are also contributing to RDA's Agriculture Data IG, and I have presented our work at the RDA Agriculture IG sessions looking into Geospatial interoperability in Agriculture research.

https://rd-

alliance.org/sites/default/files/GRASP_GFS_for_RDA_ Dublin2014.pdf

Geospatial interoperability and open source standards-based GIS and open data will help deliver holistic solutions in geospatial technologies in AgriGIS by enabling the ready integration of separate location-relevant technologies and lowering costs. The expanding range of open source GIS tools and open data will greatly enhance the use of geospatial technologies in agriculture and facilitates the sharing of information across various stakeholders and collaborative work.

BBSRC Funded GRASP is a good example of open philosophy (open source, open standards, open data, open access) in AgriGIS research, and now with over 100 dedicated Open Source Geospatial Labs already established in universities and research organisations around the world as part of the "Geo for All" initiative, we are now expanding research in AgriGIS through our global research labs for this. Please join



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agrigis and let us work together to support open principles in agriculture research to deal with the urgent challenge of ensuring world food security.

[1] Leibovici D , Anand S, Santos R, et al. "Geospatial binding for transdisciplinary research in crop science: the GRASPgfs initiative," Open Geospatial Data, Software and Standards (2017) 2:20

DOI 10.1186/s40965-017-0034-3 ; Full paper downed at http://rdcu.be/uYi6

9. Funding opportunities

 The call for the third competition of free sig projects is open. There are three categories: for doctoral thesis, final degree projects, and even secondary school projects. More details at: http://gvsig.edu.umh.es/concurso-catedra-gvsig/

10. New free and open software, open data, etc.

 The Open Source Geospatial Foundation is pleased to announce that Orfeo ToolBox (OTB) has graduated from incubation and is now a full fledged OSGeo project. OTB is an open-source project for state-of-the-art remote sensing. It can process high resolution optical, multispectral, and radar images at the terabyte scale. All of OTB's algorithms are accessible as QGIS plugins or the Monteverdi visualization tool - or for developers Python, command line, or C++. More information at the following links:

http://www.osgeo.org/news/otb-graduation https://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/OTB_Project_Incubati on_Status

https://www.loomio.org/d/1Wu7I5Fh/orfeotoolbox-graduation

- Free GIS tool, which can detect and define the unknown projection of a ESRI shapefile. This tool was published last year at FOSS4G 2016 in Bonn. You can find it and test it for free at: <u>https://www.egger-gis.at/automatic-projectiondetection/shapefile-projectionfinder/</u>. The owner (Manfred Egger from Austria) asks for feedback. You can contact him at manfred@egger-gis.at
- Version 11.0 of the OSGeo-Live GIS software collection (http://live.osgeo.org) has been released. This release has been a major reboot, with a refocus on leading applications and emphasis on quality over quantity. Less mature parts of the projects have been dropped with a targeted focus placed on upgrading and improving documentation. More information on the release be found can at http://www.osgeo.org/node/1809. Download the OSGeo-Live 11.0 image at http://live.osgeo.org/en/download.html
- The GeoMoose team is proud to announce the official 3.0.0 release! <u>Try the Demo</u> and read the <u>Quickstarts!</u>. The full 3.0.0 documentation can be <u>found here!</u>

11. Free Books, educational materials, etc.

- Free book available: "Learning GIS with Game of Thrones" <u>https://blog.gvsig.org/2017/07/12/learning-gis-</u> with-game-of-thrones-free-book/
- Number 22 of Spanish journal of science and technology of geographic information. "Revista Internacional de Ciencia y Tecnología de la Información Geográfica" is published in open:





http://www.geofocus.org/index.php/geofocus/iss ue/view/22

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Free GeoSUR Newsletter Volume 4, No. 5-6-7, 2017 is now available for download in English and Spanish version. GeoSUR Newsletter seeks to disseminate GeoSUR Program's achievements and characteristics as well as events, projects, and best practices for the application of GI in sustainable development and decision making in the region, as part of the Geospatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas.



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 (<u>labrinos@eled.auth.gr</u>).

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

BIM: Building Information Modelling

CAADP: Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme

CAD: Computer Aided Design

CaGIS: Cartograhy 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 isprs





FOSS4G: Free and Open Source Software For Geospatial **GCP: Ground Control Point GloFAS: Global Flood Awareness System GNSS: Global Navigational Satellite System GPS: Global Positioning System GPX: GPS Exchange Format** 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 Hydrometeorologyand Enviromental Monitoring RUFORUM: Regional Universities Forum for capacity building in agriculture SaaS: Software as a Service 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 WPS: Web Processing Service





17. Ideas / Information

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1. There is a new YouTube channel where we will be posting the Geo4All webinar recordings and other related videos. Subscribe to it (click on red button on right hand side).

Check it out:

YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL1E2akvCNWP nC0p5CpB8g



2. To post your FOSS4G educational information go to <u>http://www.osgeo.org/education</u>. There you can find more educational activities posted by members of our community.

3. ISPRS Commission IV

(http://www.commission4.isprs.org) is starting the organization of the ISPRS Com IV Symposium, that will take place in Delft, The Netherlands, on October 1-5 2018. It will be jointly organized with 3D Geoinfo (http://3dgeoinfo2017.com), 3D Cadastres (http://www.gdmc.nl/3dcadastres), and UDMS-SCSD (http://www.udms.net).

All the ISPRS Working Groups under Commission IV will meet on that occasion, including our WG IV/4 "Collaborative Crowdsourced Cloud Mapping (C³M)" chaired by Prof. Maria Antonia Brovelli (see the ToR at http://www2.isprs.org/commissions/comm4/wg4.ht ml).

As WG IV/4, we are going to organize a one-day event at the Symposium with academic sessions related to the WG topics, and to collect papers (to be published on ISPRS Annals/Archives) accordingly. Optionally, we are also going to organize a workshop with students or professionals. Despite the meeting happening in more than one year from today, we would like to let you know about it and invite you all to attend. Participation is open to everyone, you don't need to be a member of an ISPRS Commission. Feel free to contact Marco Minghini (marco.minghini@polimi.it) if you need more information.

4. There is an <u>article on the 2017 FOSS4G Conference</u> in the Directions Magazine where you can find information about the Conference in Boston.

5. We would like to welcome our colleagues from

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who have joined our GeoForAll Labs community recently as the 118th, 119th, and 120th members, respectively.

