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Monthly Newsletter



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3. Events

- From GIS4Schools Newsletter #10, October 2022: The New Frontiers of GIS and Earth Observation held on September 28th, the webinar aimed at presenting the pupils GIS technology and their concrete applications in different areas. The event provided input to pupils and teachers on GIS careers and educational paths. The recording and presentations are available here: <https://bit.ly/3MsokHu>

- OpenGeoHub Summer School 2022 lecture recordings are available at <https://opengeohub.org/summer-school/siegburg-2022/>

All materials to follow the training sessions are freely accessible on GitHub

https://github.com/Nowosad/OGH_summer_school_2022

OpenGeoHub Foundation is a GeoForAll Lab <https://www.osgeo.org/geo-for-all-labs/opengeohub/>

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/>

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](#)



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GeoForAll Themes

▪ OpenCity Smart

Theme under revision

▪ Teacher Training & School Education

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Aug 2016, Vol.2, no.8	Prof. Silvana Philippi Camboim, Federal University of Paraná, Brazil
Sep 2016, Vol.2, no.9	Nimalika Fernando, Sri Lanka
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
Jan 2017, Vol.3 no.1	Dr. Mark Ware, University of South Wakes, UK
Feb 2017, Vol.3, no. 2	Dr. Rafael Moreno Sanchez, Department of Geography and Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado Denver, USA
March 2017, Vol.3 no.3	Dr. Tuong Thuy Vu, School of Environmental and Geographical Sciences, University of Nottingham, Malaysia campus
April 2017, Vol.3 no.4	Michael P. Finn, U.S. Geological Survey
May 2017, Vol.3 no.5	Dr. Peter Mooney, Maynooth University, NASA
June 2017, Vol.3 no.6	Patrick Hogan, NASA
July 2017, Vol.3 no.7	Prof. Dr. Josef Strobl, Salzburg
September 2017, Vol.3 no.9	Bridget Fleming, South Africa
October 2017, Vol.3 no.10	Sven Schade, Joint Research Centre, Italy
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December 2017, Vol.3 no.12	Charlie Schweik, Univ. of Massachussets, USA
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February 2018, Vol.4 no.2	Barend Köbben, Department of Geo-Information Processing University of Twente
March 2018, Vol.4 no.3	Kurt Menke, Birds Eye View
April 2018, Vol.4 no.4	Dr. Clous Rinner, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada
June 2018, Vol.4, no.6	Martin Landa, Department of Geomatics, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Czech Technical University (CTU) in Prague

Lab of the Month, Content table

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Sep 2015, Vol.1 no.2	FOSS4G Lab, University of Colorado Denver (USA)
Oct 2015, Vol.1, no.3	Open Source Geospatial Lab, University of Southampton, UK (Europe)
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



8. Key Research Publications

- “Global Community Guidelines for Documenting, Sharing, and Reusing Quality Information of Individual Digital Datasets” available at <https://datascience.codata.org/articles/10.5334/dsj-2022-008/>

11. Free books, educational materials, etc.

- Visit the YouTube QGIS channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGS162t4hkOA0b35ucf1yng/videos> to get videos of QGIS applications, representations and ideas.
- GIS4SCHOOLS- PAVING THE WAY FOR THE SCHOOL OF TOMORROW: LEVERAGING ON SPACE TECHNOLOGY TO STIMULATE STEAM LEARNING AND TEACHING. Free article presented at the 73rd International Astronautical Congress (IAC), held in Paris, on September 18-22, 2022. You can download the article from <https://bit.ly/3RJ6mSg>



12. Article

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

AI: Artificial Intelligence

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

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

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

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

FOSS: Free and Open Source Software

FOSS4G: Free and Open Source Software For Geospatial

GCP: Ground Control Point

GDAL: Geospatial Data Abstraction Library

GEO: Group on Earth Observations

GEO: Geosynchronous Earth Orbits

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

GRACE: Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (satellite program)

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

ISRO: Indian Space Research Organization

JAXA: Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

KML: Keyhole Markup Language

LBS: Location-Based Service

LEO: Low Earth Orbits

LiDAR: Light Detection and Ranging

LOC: Local Organizing Committee

LOD: Level Of Detail



MEO: Medium Earth Orbits	RUFORUM: Regional Universities Forum for capacity building in agriculture
MIL: Media and Information Literacy	SaaS: Software as a Service
MoU: Memorandum of Understanding	SAR: Synthetic Aperture Radar
MSS: Multispectral Scanner	SDG: Sustainable Development Goal
NAD: North American Datum	SDI: Spatial Data Infrastructure
NCSA: National Center for Supercomputing Applications	SIG: Geographic Information System
NED: National Elevation Dataset	SIGTE: The GIS and Remote Sensing Service of the University of Girona, Spain
NEPAD: NEw Partnership for African Development	SPIDER: open SPatial data Infrastructure eDucation nEtwoRk
NGA: National Geospatial Intelligence Agency	SQL: Structured Query Language
NHD: National Hydrologic Dataset	STISA 2024: Science Technology Innovation Strategy for Africa
NLCD: National Land Cover Dataset	STSM: Short Term Scientific Missions
NOOSA: United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs	SWIR: Short Wave Infrared
NRSA: Indian National Remote Sensing Agency	TIN: Triangulated Irregular Network
NSDI: National Spatial Data Infrastructure	UAV: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
NSF: National Science Foundation	UML: Unified Modeling Language
OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development	UN-GGIM: United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management
OER: Open Educational Resources	USGS: U.S. Geological Survey
OGC: Open Geospatial Consortium	USGIF: United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation
OHI: International Hydrographic Office	VGI: Volunteered Geographic Information
OSGeo: Open Source Geospatial Foundation	VNIR: Visible Near Infrared
OSM: OpenStreetMap	XSEDE: Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment
OTB: Orfeo Tool Box	WCS: Web Coverage Service
PPGIS: Public Participation in Geographic Information Systems	WFS: Web Feature Service
PPSR: Public Participation in Scientific Research	WGCapD: Working Group on Capacity Building and Data Democracy
RBV: Return Beam Vidicon	WGS: World Geodetic System
RCMRD: Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development	WISERD: Wales Institute of Social & Economic Research, Data & Methods
RDA: Research Data Alliance	WMO: World Meteorological Organization
ROSCOSMOS: Russian Federal Space Agency	WMS: Web Map Service
ROSHYDROMET: Russian Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring	



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. Call for article submission

[The International Journal for Participatory Mapping](#) (IJPM) Editorial Board (journal@pmappingsociety.org) has identified special themes for the first four issues which will cover the first two years of the publication. Papers can be submitted for peer review anytime before the deadlines outlined in the theme calls. You need to indicate your intent to submit a paper by email to the guest editor of a special issue with the title of the paper, authors, and abstract. The full manuscript, as a word document, will be uploaded to [IJPM Dashboard](#).

Issue 1 - Unravelling the history, theory, scope, and politics of participatory mapping (submit by June 1st, 2022)

Issue 2 - Methods and Practice of Participatory Mapping (submit by December 1st, 2022)

Issue 3-Indigenous and Rural Community Mapping (submit by April 2023)

Issue 4 - The Impact of Participatory Mapping on Urban Planning and Development (submit by August 2023)

If you're unsure if your topic fits within the scope of the journal, please email journal@pmappingsociety.org.

3. The International Geoethics Day will be held every year during the Earth Science Week. The aim of the International Geoethics Day is to raise the awareness of the geoscience community and society as a whole about the importance of ethical, social, and cultural aspects of geoscience knowledge, research, practice, education, and communication.

International Association for Promoting Geoethics (IAPG) is a multidisciplinary, scientific community and aims at creating awareness about application of ethical principles to theoretical and practical aspects of Geosciences. IAPG works for a respectful stewardship of the Earth: our way to take care of future generations. Details at <https://www.geoethics.org>

The "Geoethical Promise" is at <https://www.geoethics.org/geopromise>

International Association for Promoting Geoethics considers publications as an indispensable requisite to strengthen Geoethics from a scientific point of view. IAPG members are involved in the publication of articles and editing of books on Geoethics with a peer-review process. The IAPG supports two editorial initiatives: the Journal of Geoethics and Social Geosciences, and the SpringerBriefs in Geoethics. More details at <https://www.geoethics.org/publications>

Please share the information on International Geoethics Day with your networks and organisations and raise awareness of GeoEthics.

<https://www.geoethics.org/geoethics-day>

4. The Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo), represented by Celia Virginia Vergara Castillo, vice-president of OSGeo, and Smart Geo Expo (<http://www.smartgeoexpo.kr>), represented by Secretary General Mee-Jeong Kim, have signed a



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a collaborative relationship between the Smart Geo Expo and OSGeo communities. The aim of this agreement is to cooperate and reach a mutual framework of activities for open source geospatial technologies.



5. From Carlos López-Vázquez, Head of the Academic Liason Committee, Cartography Commission, Pan American Institute of Geography and History

"I am pleased to contact you to announce the Call for Applications to the ninth edition of the "Prize for the Outstanding Master's thesis in Cartography, Geodesy and/or Geographic Information" organized by the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH). The call will open 1st June 2023 and will close 30th June 2023. In a few words, Master's level students graduated between 1st-January 2018 and 31th, December 2022 can apply. In addition, they should satisfy one of two conditions: a) be a citizen of any PAIGH member state, irrespective of the granting university, or b) have a degree granted by an accredited university in any PAIGH member state, irrespective of the student's citizenship. The candidates must write a scientific paper summarizing their work, a fact that justifies an early announcement well before June.

The announcement can be downloaded from https://comisiones.ipgh.org/CARTOGRAFIA/Premio/Tesis_MSc_2023/Poster_Premio_Cartografia_MSc_20

23_EN.pdf Updates will be available soon at https://comisiones.ipgh.org/CARTOGRAFIA/PremioMSc_EN.html

We succeeded in contacting a group of nearly 750 reviewers, a fact that assures an ample diffusion in the academic community, both from the Americas as well as outside. To date, member states of PAIGH are Argentina, Belice, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, United States of America, Guatemala, Haití, Honduras, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, and Venezuela".

