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   Venue: Taipei, Taiwan

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   Venue: Tel-Aviv, Israel

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June 2023

7. 13-14*:* EXPANDEO - the European Association of Remote Sensing Companies Annual Conference

Venue: Brussels, Belgium

8. 14-15: Jornada SIG Libre (GIS Conference)

Venue: University of Girona, Girona, Spain

9. 26/6 – 02/7*:* Academic Track of FOSS4G (Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial) 2023

Venue: Prizren, Kosovo

July 2023

10. 4-6*:* GI_Salzburg23

Venue: Salzburg, Austria

11. 11-14*:*13th International Symposium on Digital Earth

Venue: Athens, Greece

Africa

September 2023

12. 2-7*:* ISPRS Geospatial Week 2023

Venue: Cairo, Egypt

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/

- **"The use of GIS and Remote Sensing in forest management: innovation and opportunities"**

By Felipe Sodre Barros

As part of the Master's Degree in Forest Sciences at the Faculty of Forest Sciences of the National University of Misiones (Argentina), Dr. Natalie Aubet from the Land Monitoring Technological Unit at the Technological University of Uruguay presented the webinar: "The use of GIS and Remote Sensing in forest management: innovation and opportunities" (in Spanish). The webinar can be viewed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WY5LPc_hEno

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

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.

- **Community Use of Light Drones for the Management, Conservation, and Defense of the Territory**

We are delighted to share the book "Uso comunitario de drones ligeros para la gestión, conservación y defensa del territorio" (in Spanish) "Community Use of Light Drones for the Management, Conservation, and Defense of the Territory," a document dreamt of and written by Nicolás Vargas-Ramírez, Jaime Paneque-Gálvez, and the Jardines de la Mintsita Ecological Community within the framework of work led by the Research Group on Science and Community Territorial Knowledge (GICOTE).

Our main objective with this book is to provide enough information on the necessary elements for community use of light drones in their different phases (equipment selection, flight types, capture, storage, processing, analysis and use of information, applicable regulatory aspects, and best practices for their use). This book is available for free download on ResearchGate under the international Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 license: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/370100253_Uso_comunitario_de_drones_ligeros_para_la_gestion_conservacion_y_defensa_del_territorio

We hope that this book, available only in digital version, will take flight through cyberspace and land in those communities, collectives, and organizations interested in exploring or consolidating the use of drones as a tool to manage, conserve, and defend their territories.

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: Cartograhy 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

MIL: Media and Information Literacy

MoU: Memorandum of Understanding

MSS: Multispectral Scanner

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

NOOSA: United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs

NRSA: Indian National Remote Sensing Agency

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

RBV: Return Beam Vidicon

RCMRD: Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development

RDA: Research Data Alliance

ROSCOSMOS: Russian Federal Space Agency

ROSHYDROMET: Russian Federal Service for Hydrometeorologyand Enviromental 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

SWIR: Short Wave Infrared

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

VNIR: Visible Near Infrared

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. 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. From Suchith Anand (Suchith.Anand@nottingham.ac.uk)
Senior Adviser to Governments and International Organisations | Scientist | Board member | Governance | Policy | Consultant in Data Science and Data Ethics | Global Citizen | SDG Volunteer and Advocate

Data drives problem solving and better decision making. While the digital revolution has transformed the way we live, solving many issues; it has also given rise to numerous questions and challenges which affect everyone. What governance policies and frameworks are needed to make sure digital technologies and opportunities are available for everyone and there are no monopolies created? How do we make sure there are proper governance mechanisms in place to embed values in all data ecosystems?

The Ethical Data Initiative provides a neutral space to bring together diverse actors and stakeholders, shaping the future of data governance. In doing so, we aim to increase equality and inclusivity in the data space; building data confidence and empowering the digital citizens of tomorrow.

We are looking into key research questions on

- Do questions of data ethics and data privacy affect all of us?
- Who owns the data? Who benefits from my data?
- With data capitalism becoming an increasingly recognised concept, how do we avoid the pitfalls of feudalism and colonialism in this new landscape?
- How can we protect human rights in the digital platform economy?
- With the increase in data intensive research, and focus on data law and ethics in general, do you think it is time that data ethics should become an integral part of the education curriculum in schools and universities? Why?
- How can we build capacity for Data Ethics in universities and industry?

The Ethical Data Initiative and the African Institute of Capacity Development (AICAD), hosted a Webinar exploring The Importance of Data Ethics in Research and Education. Details at https://ethicaldatainitiative.org/2023/02/27/the-importance-of-data-ethics-in-research-and-education/

This is now available to watch online at https://ethicaldatainitiative.org/2023/03/30/the-importance-of-data-ethics-in-research-and-education-2/

If you are interested in building knowledge and capacity in data ethics or discussing potential areas for collaboration, please email Suchith Anand.

4. From Suchith Anand

The Cowrie Scholarship Foundation wants to fund 100 disadvantaged Black British students through UK universities in the next decade. Details at https://www.cowriescholarshipfoundation.org/

Please contact Dr Melrose Stewart MBE who is Ambassador Cowrie Scholarship Foundation. Mel will be happy to provide any information needed.

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5. XIII Remote Sensing Education Conference

By Tatiana Pará <tatianamdefreitas@gmail.com>

The Latin American Association of Remote Sensing Specialists (SELPER Brazil), the StateUniversity of Feira de Santana (UEFS), the Federal University of Amazonas (UFAM), the State University of Amazonas (UEA), the Postgraduate Program in Water Resources Management and Regulation (ProfÁgua), and the Geography Course at UEA wish to invite the entire technical-scientific community involved in Education, Remote Sensing, Geotechnologies, and related fields to participate in the XIII Remote Sensing Education Conference within the framework of Mercosur with the theme: "For a better-known planet: consolidating Geotechnologies in Education." Submission of papers: Full papers should be submitted from April 1 to July 31, 2023. The best papers will be published in a journal. Information: 13jesram@gmail.com.

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