



# GeoForAll

Monthly Newsletter



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## 4. Conferences

### Europe

#### June 2025

1. 4-5: [GEO Business 2025](#)  
 Venue: ExCeL London, United Kingdom

### Oceania

#### October 2025

2. 13-16: [International Data Week's SciDataCon 2025](#)  
 Venue: Brisbane, Australia

### North America

#### April 2025

3. 7-10: [2025 GIS-T Symposium](#)  
 Venue: Portland, Oregon, USA
4. 16-18: [2025 PA GIS Conference](#)  
 Venue: The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College, Pennsylvania, USA
5. April 30 - May 2: [CNG Conference 2025](#)  
 Venue: Snowbird, Utah, USA

### North America

#### May 2025

6. 20-22: [2025 Indiana GIS Conference](#)  
 Venue: Crowne Plaza at Union Station, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA



#### June 2025

7. 16-19: [Hexagon LIVE 2025](#)  
 Venue: Las Vegas, USA

## 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/>





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Theme under revision

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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
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Sep 2015, Vol.1 no.2	FOSS4G Lab, University of Colorado Denver (USA)
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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
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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



## 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](#)
- [Copernicus MOOC](#)  
Ongoing MOOCs in English.  
The course addresses three key topics
  - Chapter 1 – Understanding Copernicus data and services – what they are, and how they can be accessed and used
  - Chapter 2 – Learning from success stories – understanding how existing Copernicus-enabled services and applications have been developed and deployed
  - Chapter 3 – Doing it yourself – acquiring the key skills and knowledge to develop and deploy Copernicus-enabled products and services and to navigate the Copernicus ecosystem.
- In view of enhancing computation skills in the geographic domain, Spatial Ecology is organising:  
A Fall 2025 training Course: [Geocomputation and Machine Learning for Environmental Applications \(intermediate level\)](#).  
The course will be offered online with a supplementary 5-day in-person segment at the University of Basilicata, in the magnificent town of Matera, Italy. This is a wonderful opportunity for PhD students, Post-Docs and professionals to acquire advanced computational skills with a Linux computer.  
  
Geocomputation and Machine Learning for Environmental Applications (intermediate level; September, October, November, 2025)  
<https://spatial-ecology.net/course-geocomputation-machine-learning-for-environmental-applications-intermediate-level-2025/>  
In this course, students will be introduced to an array of powerful open-source geocomputation

tools and machine learning methodologies in the Linux environment. Students who have never been exposed to programming in Linux will acquire confidence in using advanced open source data processing routines. Those with a programming background will find the course beneficial in improving their programming and modelling skills. We aim to equip attendees with powerful programming tools, as well as hone their abilities for independent development. This will be valuable not only for GIS related applications but also for general data processing and applied statistical computing in a number of fields. We strive to provide the best grounding for career development as a geographic data scientist.

More information and registration: [www.spatial-ecology.net](http://www.spatial-ecology.net)

(Apply before 30 of May 2025 for an early bird discount)

- “Laser Altimetry Applications for a Changing World: Working with ICESat-2 Bathymetry Data”  
Webinar POC: Jennifer Brennan, NASA Earthdata Webinar Host, Task Lead, NASA ESDIS User and Mission Support Office (EUMSO)  
Contractor: ADNET Systems Inc.  
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Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 2 PM EDT (-04:00 UTC).  
For more information and to register: <https://go.nasa.gov/4hJIBYt>

## 11. Free books, educational materials, etc.

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- Visit the YouTube QGIS channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGS162t4hkOA0b35ucf1yng/videos> to get videos of QGIS applications, representations and ideas.



## 12. Article

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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

AI: Artificial Intelligence

AM/FM: Automated Mapping/Facilities Management

AOSP: African Open Space Platform

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

CHIRPS - Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Precipitation with Station data

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

FDO: FAIR (Find, Access, Interoperate, and Reuse) Digital Objects

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
- ICIMOD – International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
- ICSU-WDS: International Council for Science – World Data System
- IDE: Spatial Data Infrastructure
- IFAD – International Fund for Agricultural Development
- INSPIRE: Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe
- IPCC – Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- 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
- NARSS: National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences of Egypt
- NCSA: National Center for Supercomputing Applications
- NDVI - Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
- NDWI - Normalized Difference Water Index
- NED: National Elevation Dataset
- NEPAD: NEw Partnership for African Development
- NGA: National Geospatial Intelligence Agency
- NHD: National Hydrologic Dataset
- NIR - Near-Infrared
- 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 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 eEducation 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

## 13. Scholarships for students and staff

University of Exeter, UK, is happy to announce the launch of their new Exeter Excellence Scholarships!

They are offering a groundbreaking initiative of over £5 million in funding to outstanding students worldwide. Designed to foster a global academic community, these scholarships reflect an unwavering commitment to nurturing talent, diversity, and innovation.

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These awards recognise outstanding academic achievement and support students from around the world to take their place in their vibrant, global University community.

Details at

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/funding/international/>







## 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.

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CARLOS LÓPEZ-VÁZQUEZ, Head of the Academic Liaison Committee Cartography Commission, Pan American Institute of Geography and History is pleased to announce the Call for Applications to the eleventh 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 2025 and will close 30th June 2025. In a few words, Master's level students graduated between 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2024 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 justify an early announcement well before June.

The announcement can be downloaded from [https://comisiones.ipgh.org/CARTOGRAFIA/Prmio/Tesis\\_MSc\\_2025/Poster\\_Premio\\_Cartografia\\_MSc\\_2025\\_EN.pdf](https://comisiones.ipgh.org/CARTOGRAFIA/Prmio/Tesis_MSc_2025/Poster_Premio_Cartografia_MSc_2025_EN.pdf)

Updates will be available soon at [https://comisiones.ipgh.org/CARTOGRAFIA/PrmioMSc\\_EN.html](https://comisiones.ipgh.org/CARTOGRAFIA/PrmioMSc_EN.html)

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3. By Maria Antonia Brovelli, Professor, Head GEOLab, Politecnico di Milano, Italy.

Unlock the Future of Climate Adaptation with CADEO's Cutting-Edge Geospatial Courses CADEO Courses: Pioneering the Future of European Education in Vietnam

In a world struggling with the escalating impacts of climate change, geospatial technologies are emerging as vital tools to understand, adapt to, and mitigate these challenges. The CADEO project—Climate Change Adaptation through Geospatial Technologies—is leading the charge by offering four innovative courses designed to empower students and professionals with the skills needed for a sustainable tomorrow. Hosted on <https://cadeo-eu.edu.vn/>, these programs blend cutting-edge theory with practical applications, making them a gateway to impactful careers in geospatial science.

### Explore the Four CADEO Courses

- **Geospatial Intelligence (10 ECTS):** Dive into the realm of artificial intelligence and machine learning, mastering techniques like neural networks and deep learning. This course equips you to analyze geospatial data for critical tasks such as land cover classification and hazard prediction, with hands-on training using QGIS and Python to tackle real-world challenges like landslide mapping.
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- **Digital Twins Earth:** Discover the transformative power of digital twins—virtual replicas of physical environments. Through practical examples from Europe and Vietnam, this course teaches you to leverage these models for environmental analysis



and decision-making, offering skills vital for climate adaptation strategies.

- **Earth Observation:** Unlock the potential of remote sensing and big data analysis. Focusing on the European Copernicus Programme, you'll learn to interpret satellite, UAV, and sensor data using AI, integrating diverse datasets to gain comprehensive insights into climate and environmental phenomena.

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### Join the Movement

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**EuthMappers** is the ERASMUS+ project enhancing STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) via the environmental civic engagement of pupils by introducing open and collaborative mapping in Secondary Schools across the EU. Last year, five schools within the project built up their own mapping projects and accomplished them with the pupils' participation. The project summary presented by the students can be found [here](#). This year marks the fourth phase of the project, in which there are sets of activities in the introduction of humanitarian mapping (HM) with engaged organizations namely UNMappers and framework as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), training mapping using OpenStreetMap Sandbox and in the next few months,

the pupils are going to participate the actual humanitarian mapping project organized by UNMappers. On [the official YouTube channel](#) of EuthMappers, have uploaded all trainings and work plans for this year's activities.

Further information on the projects and partners can be found on:

Project website: <https://euthmappers.com/about/>

Social media channels:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/euthmappers/>,  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089986542311>,

<https://www.instagram.com/euthmappers>,

<https://www.youtube.com/@Euthmappers>,

<https://x.com/EUthMappers>.

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**Copernicus4schools** is the project inspiring pupils and teachers to use and better understand the Copernicus program and the possibilities of Earth Observation. Taking an important role in distributing knowledge of satellite imageries for crisis response at the secondary school level, GIS-GEOLab at Politecnico di Milano has released documentation for foundational insight in this field. In this document, learners and teachers are guided through a total of eight sections with eight obliging themes, including basic information about the Geographic Information System (GIS), tools for GIS analysis, getting data from the Copernicus EMS platform, understanding after and before imagery of the Sentinel 2, obtaining data of land cover data and human settlement from proper portals and estimating the area and population affected by flooding. Further information can be found here: <https://cop4schools.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

