



# **FOSS4G Buenos Aires 2013**

**Free Geomatics Conference**

**24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**Instituto Geográfico Nacional**

**(National Geographic Institute)**

**Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**<http://www.foss4g-ba.org>**

## About the conference

The FOSS4G (Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial) are Free Geomatics conferences that are held every year at different places of the world. There is a global FOSS4G organized by [OSGeo](#) which will be celebrated in 2013 at Nottingham, United Kingdom. Besides the global FOSS4G there are other local ones held in: USA, Eastern Europe, Spain, Japan, India among others.

Starting on 2013, FOSS4G Buenos Aires intends to gather members of the geomatics community from Argentina and other latin american countries. As well as in the global conference, we expect to have a mix of workshops, projects presentations and expositions about use cases of free and open source tools applied to geomatics. Furthermore, it will promote the interaction between users of geomatics from different environments and places.

The conference is organized by **Geoinquietos Buenos Aires**, a group of people that shares knowledge, experience, insights, and doubts about geomatics, free and open source software and geospatial technology.

### During the conference time, we will be looking for:

- **Sharing** experiences, projects and ideas around free and open source geomatics
- **Consolidate the community** to work towards transparency, **collaboration** and **shared knowledge**

### The conference is aimed to:

- **Decision makers** coming from different government agencies
- Public Service officers related with GIS
- Members of [IDERA](#)
- **Universities:** professors and students
- General public

Hereby we invite you to participate into this unique event, as sponsors, expositing your projects o just attending.

Of course, we will be glad to receive any suggestion, opinion or proposition that may help us making this event even more successful and productive for everyone.

See you soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mauricio Miranda".

**Mauricio Miranda**

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## The Venue

The National Geographic Institute ([Instituto Geográfico Nacional](http://www.ign.gub.uy) - IGN) is a public organism which has as its main mission the representation of the national territory through the official cartography and watching over so that maps of the Argentine Republic which are made, that come in or that circulate inside the country are compliant with that official cartography.

Being such an important organism inside the geomatic world, it's a pleasure, a pride and an honor to count with their facilities to accomplish this event in search of strengthening the community surrounding geographical information systems and geospatial data.

The IGN counts with an auditorium for approximately 300 people and many smaller rooms for the workshops and expositions.

It is located on Cabildo street, in Palermo neighborhood and it's easily reached through public transportation.



## Program

The preliminary agenda includes:

- One day of workshops
- Two days of expositions
- One extra day for code sprints and community meetings

## Workshops

- Participative workshops covering free tools usage.
- Half day each.
- Aimed to different levels of expertise.

## Expositions

- Presentations of FOSS4G projects or use cases of FOSS4G or other FLOSS tools.
- Of 30 minutes each, except for the plenaries, which are 50 minutes long.
- Simultaneous tracks held so each attendee can pick up the one that fits him.
- Presentations of end products that were not available under a free license will not be accepted. In that case, just the use case will be tolerated: How the free tools were chosen, configuration, benefits, pitfalls, etc.

## Sponsors

- We invite to sponsor only companies and public organizations that open and publicly support the usage, development and promotion of free and open source software.
- In case of not fulfilling the previous point, the sponsorship application will be subjected to discussion.
- Prices listed above are only for both public and private organizations from Argentina. Foreign sponsorships are subject to negotiation.

## Levels of sponsorship

	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
Price <sup>1</sup>	\$1.000	\$5.000	\$10.000	\$20.000
Tickets included		1	2	4
Logo on the website	■	■	■	■
Logo on prints	■	■	■	■
Special mention during the opening and closing		■	■	■
Description on the website		■	■	■
Logo on t-shirts			■	■
30 minute exposition <sup>2</sup>			■	■
Goodies and print distribution <sup>3</sup>				■
Physical space for exhibition				■

<sup>1</sup> Prices are defined in Argentine Pesos

<sup>2</sup> Exposition must be approved by the committee

<sup>3</sup> Material must be provided by the sponsor and will be distributed within the welcome kit

## Exhibition spaces

- Only Public Entities or pro-FLOSS companies are granted an exhibition space.
- Prices listed above are only for both public and private organizations from Argentina. Foreign sponsorships are subject to negotiation.
- Exhibition spaces are differently priced for different kind of organizations:
  - Privately held companies: \$4.000
  - Government organization: \$3.000
  - NGOs and Universities: \$2.000