



FOSS4G Buenos Aires 2013

Free Geomatics Conference

24th - 26th April

Instituto Geográfico Nacional

(National Geographic Institute)

Buenos Aires, Argentina

<http://www.foss4g.org.ar>

<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 in 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 in: USA, Eastern Europe, Spain, Japan, India among others.

Starting on 2013, FOSS4G Buenos Aires intends to gather the members of the geomatics community from Argentina and the rest of the 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 tools applied to geomatics. It is also an event promoting 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 software and geospatial technology.

During the conference time we will be looking for:

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

The conference is aimed at:

- **Decision makers** from different government organisms
- State employees 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 successfull and productive for everyone.

¡See you soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'M' and 'R'.

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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 honour to count with their facilities to accomplish this event in search of strenghtening the community sourrounding 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 neighbourhood and it's easily reached through public transportation.



Program

Wednesday

- Half-day workshops where participants, along with the instructors, will work with different free geospatial tools
- Multiple levels workshops
- Participants must bring their laptops

Thursday and Friday

- 50-60 minute plenary talks from our key speakers
- 20-30 minute presentations about foss4g products and free geospatial software use cases
- 60-90 minute tutorials
- Saturday (special events)
- State Of The Map Argentina - OpenStreetMap
- Mapping Party - OpenStreetMap
- Hackaton

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 licence 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 as sponsor only companies and public organizations that openly and publicly support the usage, development and promotion of free software.
- In case of not fulfilling the previous point, the sponsorship application will be subject to discussion.
- Prices are defined in Argentine Pesos

Levels of sponsorship

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

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