



4th Free Geomatics Conference  
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General San Martín Cultural Centre  
Buenos Aires City, Argentina

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# About the conference

## What is FOSS4G?

FOSS4G means 'Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial'. It is the annual global event of the OSGeo Foundation (Open Source for Geospatial). Although it is widely recognized as the technical conference for open source software for geomatics, it is more than a conference, because the attendees exchange knowledge, practices, and get trained in new technologies and can access to the world of open source.

## History

The first local FOSS4G was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2013 at the National Geographic Institute (IGN), where more than 200 people attended workshops, presentations, projects and exhibitions of use cases about free tools applied to Geomatics. It was organized by a OSGeo's informal local chapter "Geoinquiet@s Buenos Aires" which was later renamed "Geoinquiet@s Argentina".

The conference consisted of a first day of workshops, two days of presentations and a final day dedicated to OpenStreetMap, this was the first local edition of an State of the Map (SOTM) event.

The workshops included topics such as the cartography management with gvSIG, geospatial databases implementation and advanced programming with Map Script. The conference focused on shared experiences, projects and ideas around free geomatics.

The event welcomed professors and students from many universities, government employees, members of IDERA (Spatial Data Infrastructure of Argentina), decision makers in government agencies and the general public. Students from more than 10 countries from Latin America, Europe and the United States attended the conference.

The next year, part of the team that had organized the FOSS4G in 2013 made the first "State of the Map" conference in the southern hemisphere in Buenos Aires with more than 170 attendees, the event was successful as the first OSM's Latin American communities event.

In 2016 Geoinquiet@s Argentina made a new FOSS4G conference, this time more focused in workshops and discussion activities, including a full day dedicated to communities and organizations related to the use and creation of open geospatial data.



In 2017, Geoinquiet@s Argentina and members of the OpenStreetMap community joined forces to put together the two events and hold FOSS4G + SOTM Argentina. It was the longest event so far, with one day of activities for universities, two days of workshops, two days of lectures and talks; ending in a hackathon/mapathon.

## Target audience

The aim of the event is to bring together members of the free software and open data communities related to the geomatics from Argentina and other Latin American countries. It is estimated that the amount of attendees will exceed two hundred people, including IT, geography, geodesy, photogrammetry, cartography and topography professionals and technicians; NGOs, collaborative communities, national and local governments representatives, teachers of different educational levels and amateurs.

## Venue

The General San Martín Cultural Center is a cultural center in the city of Buenos Aires, administered by the Government of that city for the realization of various cultural and artistic events.

It is one of the spaces in the city that is characterized by hosting events of these characteristics, defining itself as a "hub of emerging communities of the intersection between the arts, technology and contemporary debates."



# Programme

## Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10 - Workshops

Two days of workshops with different topics and levels of complexity that will be selected through an open call.

## Thursday 11 and Friday 12 - Conference

During these two days there will be presentations with the typical format of conference talks and different exhibitions related to free and open software for geomatics also selected in an open Call for Papers

There also will be international keynote speakers and a special discussion panel about gender and communities.



## Niveles de auspicio

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
u\$s	3000	2000	1000
Silent presentations in breaks	5 slides	3	no
Banners on conference area	yes	yes	no
Free tickets	8	6	4
Naming rights in social events (as coffee breaks)	auditorium	room	-
Infomercial	yes	yes	no
Product exhibition (1)	yes	yes	no
Bag gifts / leaflets (1)	yes	yes	yes
Available places	1	3	unlimited

(1) Availability of optional items depends on the sponsor.

(2) Depends on the availability of rooms for workshops and presentations.

## Other sponsorship options

In case you don't have the opportunity to support the conference financially you can support the event by making presentations, covering the cost that could imply such representation to your organization and / or the communication of the event through your communication media.



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