

**Dear FOSS4G selection committee,**

3sNew and OSGeo China are pleased to submit to hold FOSS4G in Beijing, China in 2012. Beijing is the capital of PRC, which is the center of National politics, culture, transport, tourism and international exchanges. Beijing is located on north latitude 39°56', east 116°20'. The whole city makes up of 11 zones and 7 counties. Beijing is rich in cultural heritage with many historical sites and tourist attractions. As the capital of the People's Republic of China, Beijing hosted the 29th Olympic Games in summer 2008. Beijing is an international metropolis in northern China, and warmly welcomes its friends from around the world.

The modern Beijing has experienced about ten generation of operation, which had numerous illustrious Emperor City's sight and rich handsome cultural background, the world's largest imperial Palace and our Chinese largest temple of heaven, which is rarely seen in the Summer Palace of Royal garden, Great Wall, one of the world's eight major miracle, the largest tomb group -thirteen mausoleum had been listed by UNESCO as world cultural heritage.

### **3sNews, Conference Organizer**

3sNews ([www.3snews.net](http://www.3snews.net)) is the first global Chinese portal in 3s Industry, and daily average PV reaches 500,000, which is ranked first in industrial media. 21% of the users are industrial experts and decision makers, and 45% of the users are researchers. 3sNews owns the power of discourse in the geospatial information industry. 3sNews has very rich experiences in organizing the conferences and events, including Annual Conference of GIS Association, Digital City Development Form (DCDF), Annual Awards Ceremony of GIS Industry and so on. 3sNews keeps good relationship with Chinese GIS, LBS and remote sensing companies and organizations, and keeps a close relationship with Chinese government and agency. It is also possible for us to get the official support and media support during the conference.

### **About Liu Yuzhang, Conference Chair**

Liu Yuzhang, Founder and President of 3sNews, Publisher of "3SNews Weekly" Magazine, Former Executive Editor of "GIS developer", Former Planning Manager of ESRI China (Beijing) Co., Ltd., engage in GIS Industry in ten years with concern areas of geographic information, navigation, remote sensing, Internet maps, vehicles and other networking and LBS direction.

### **Supporting Local Organizations**

3sNews has the support of many local organizations, including OSGeo China, Institute of Geography, Chinese Academy of Science, China Association for Geographic Information System, Chinese Society for Surveying and Mapping, National Geospatial Information Coordination Committee, State Key Lab of Resources and Environmental Information System, local GIS Company (SuperMap, Mapbar, MapGIS, ESRI China, AutoDesk China, Google China, etc.), and students from Chinese Academy of Science and so on.

More and more open source communities from China pay lots of attention on GIS development. FOSS4G in China will also get support from local open source communities.

### Local Organizing Committee

The China Chapter of OSGeo is formed by Chinese Active Users of Open Source Geospatial Software, hosted by National Remote Sensing Center of China and Chinese Academy of Science, co-sponsored by Autodesk Software (China) Co. Ltd. China. OSGeo China will strive to serve anyone interested in Open Source GIS and related issues, and to cover all the activities associated with Open Source GIS in China.

Website: <http://www.osgeo.org.cn/>

We have an outstanding local organizing committee with very strong capabilities in geospatial technologies, open source and conference organizing:

- Guo Huadong, Secretary-General of the International Academic Society for Digital Earth
- TONG Qingxi, Digital China Research Institute of Peking University
- CHEN Rongguo, Doctor of Geodesy, Professor of State key laboratory of resource and environmental information system (LREIS)
- ZHOU Chenghu, Doctor of Geography, Professor, Vice director of Institute of Natural Resources and Geographic Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- SONG Xianfeng, Doctor of Geography, Associate Professor of the College of Resource and Environmental Sciences, Graduate University of Chinese Academy of Sciences
- RAGHAVAN Venkatesh, Doctor of Science, Professor of Media Center, Osaka City University, Japan. Former OSGeo Board of Directors
- Gao Ang, Ph.D., Manager of the daily affairs of OSGeo China

### Venue Information

FOSS4G conference venue will take use of the facilities located at Beijing International Convention Center (BICC), which is the second largest convention facility in Beijing, specializing in hosting national and international conferences, exhibitions and other large events.

- It has simultaneous interpretation systems, television projection receivers, film and slide projectors, stereophonic sound systems and stage lighting. It comprises more than 60 conference halls and meeting rooms as well as dozens of offices to serve a wide variety of purposes: plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, round-table talks, and small-group meetings.
- Indoor exhibition halls of BICC and other exhibition spaces can accommodate 300 international standard exhibition booths, and will be used for poster sessions and exhibition of books. Its spacious registration hall, public and VIP lounges and bar located on each floor are all designed to ensure an enjoyable stay for congress participants.

- BICC set inside the Olympic park and provide smooth, easy and rewarding conference planning process from start to finish. It is complemented by a wide range of service facilities within a walking distance. A shopping center, a post office, a recreational club with bowling, swimming pool and billiards, and restaurants and fast-food outlets and stores are just close by.

### Accommodation Information

3sNews will negotiate with a number of hotels near the conference venue to provide an acceptable price for FOSS4G 2012. These hotels are listed as follows.

Hotel Name	Category	Distance to BICC (Venue of FOSS4G)	Price (per room, per night)		Deposit
			Standard Single Room	Standard Twin Room	
Crowne Plaza Park View Wuzhou Beijing	☆☆☆☆☆	100m	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 180
Celebrity International Grand Hotel	☆☆☆☆☆	800m	\$ 170	\$ 170	\$ 150
Beijing Continental Grand Hotel	☆☆☆☆	50m	\$ 130	\$ 130	\$ 100

### Beijing: The Most Compelling Northern China Location for FOSS4G 2012

Autumn is the best season of Beijing. It will be the best choice in September 2012 to hold the conference. The temperature at that time is fit for the outdoor activities. Beijing holds a leading post in GIS Industry, and is a rendezvous for numerous well-know GIS Companies, besides, GIS Industry is on the priority list of national supporting industries. We believe that, with the support from the Chinese government, local organizations, companies, and active users of open source geospatial software, 3sNews is fully capable of making the FOSS4G 2012 of one of the most successful events in the history of OSGeo.

We are looking forward to meeting you at FOSS4G conference in Beijing.

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