

**1. Who is your conference chair?**

As in previous years, we are going to follow the co-chair formula:

- **Malena Libman**, President of OSGeo Argentina Local Chapter's NGO Geolibres, Chair of FOSS4G + SOTM 2017 Argentina, SDI specialist involved in the National SDI working towards building better FLOSS solutions.
- **María Arias de Reyna**, (Still) President of OSGeo, active member of our community, open source advocator and with plenty of experience organizing events of all sizes.

2. Who else is on your local organizing committee (LOC)?

Among others, our LOC is composed of the following members (no order in particular):

Name	Short bio, remarks referring geospatial FLOSS and open data
Guido Stein	Chair of FOSS4G Boston
Astrid Emde	Sol Katz Award, Astrid is involved in several OSGeo projects and in the organization of FOSSGIS.
Matt Hansen	FLOSS developer and advocator. Regular FOSS4G and FOSS4G-NA speaker and attendee.
Carlos Jiménez	Associate in Computer Science at Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento
Ariel Anthieni	Founder of Geoinquietos Argentina, Coordinator of the Argentina SDI Metadata Team. Chair of FOSS4G-AR 2016 and part of the organization SOTM LATAM 2018. Member of Geoinquiet@s Argentina and Geolibres.
Andrea Trovant	GIS Technician. Member of Geoinquiet@s Argentina and Geolibres ONG. FOSS4G-ARG 2017, FOSS4G-ARG 2019. Work at Buenos Aires City Government.
Horacio Castellaro	Geographer. Member of Geoinquiet@s Argentina, OSM Argentina and GeoLibres. Work at Buenos Aires City Government.
Felipe Sodré Mendes Barros	Geographer focused in spatial analysis for biodiversity with open source tools.
Priscilla Gail Minotti	Ecologist and Geographer, interested in Machine Learning and Geo Big Data, Associate Professor at UNSAM University. Member of Geolibres, R-Ladies Buenos Aires, Landscape Ecology Association-Argentina.
Carmen Díez SanMartín	Civil Engineer and Master Environmental Engineering. Member of Geoinquietos Madrid, GeochicasOSM and QGIS Spain Association. Work at Regional Government of Environment and Spatial Planning in Madrid (Spain).
Manuel Retamozo	GIS Developer. System Analysis. Founder member of Geoinquiet@s Argentina and GeoLibres and OSM Argentina. Work at the National Institute of Statistics and Census. Organization Member FOSS4G-Ar 2013/19.
Veronica Andreo	Researcher for the National Council of Science working at the Argentinian Space Agency. Member of the GRASS GIS Development Team. Mentor for OSGeo in Google Code-In 2017 and 2018.
Carlos Rodolfo Martinez	Professor and Researcher for the General Sarmiento National University and Buenos Aires University, Member of GeoLibres. Specialist in public sector and budgeting.
Gonzalo Varela	GIS Developer. Member of Geoinquiet@s Argentina and Geolibres.
Ana P. Mittendorfer	Ceremonial technician with experience in events organization and NGO administration.
Sofia Nilo	Geographer, GIS senior consultant. In charge of the national coordination of SDI Chile, for nine years.
Noelia Junco	Geographer, GIS Developer and Professor at Buenos Aires City Government. Member of GeoLibres.
Gonzalo Pérez	GIS Developer at National Geographic Institute. Member of Geoinquiet@s Argentina, OSM and GeoLibres.
Gabriel Candaosa	GIS expert working at the National Geological Agency. Member of the Argentine Center of Cartography
Selene Yang	Researcher and PhD candidate in Social Communications. Cofounder and coordinator of the international initiative of Geochicas in OpenStreetMap. Researcher and Open Knowledge Foundation fellow.

3. What is the experience of your committee members with similar events?

The Argentina Chapter of OSGeo (made official this year, also known as Geoinquiet@s Argentina or GeoLibres), has led the geographic FLOSS and open data movements in South America for almost a decade.

In 2013, we organized the first local version of FOSS4G in Argentina. This event was held at the National Geographic Institute, gathering more than 200 people in workshops, presentations, projects and showcases of FLOSS usage applied to geomatics; including



a day dedicated to OpenStreetMap. Since then, both OSM and OSGeo in Argentina have been in continuous collaboration and the two communities highly overlap. The following year, we hosted the first *State of the Map* (SOTM) conference in Latin America, which was a success for the region. We joined forces between South American countries to create a regional conference called *State of the Map Latam*, which was held for the first time in Chile in 2015 (Latam is the short name for Latin-America).

In 2016 Geoinquietos Argentina held the regional FOSS4G again with a greater focus on hands-on activities, including a full day for communities. The following year, we hosted FOSS4G + SOTM Argentina together with members of OSM. It was the longest event so far: one day for academia, days of workshops, two days of talks and a hackathon/mapathon day. In 2018, we organized the SOTM Latam, the third SOTM in Argentina. Along with the activities for the IODC18.

This year 2019, we organized again FOSS4G Argentina, with the support of the City's government, which has already become a South-American FOSS4G (although the name still says Argentina) attracting participants of all Latin America and beyond. Our next logical step would be to host the main FOSS4G event and extend outreach beyond Latin America.

Besides, all our international members have experience organizing events of similar size. In addition to that, we have Guido to guide us through FOSS4G international specifics.

4. What is your proposed venue? (include access to Internet, room sizes, maximum attendees)

We are going to use two nearby buildings, Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA) School of Law¹ building and the CEC of Buenos Aires². Both locations have open WiFi. The main room can be extended up to 4000 attendees if needed, although we don't plan to use it fully. There will be at least 9 rooms for workshops and 14 rooms for the main conference days, plus a foyer for the sponsors booths and a dedicated space for Code Sprint activities.

5. What are your provisional dates for the conference?

Monday, September 27th to Saturday, October 2nd, 2021

6. Early thoughts on prices of conference attendance? (indicative estimates)

The final price for the ticket will be below USD 400, with up to 50% discounts for local, Latin American and African countries.

7. What are the price range and general location of your proposed accommodations? (hotels)

Buenos Aires is a big city with good public transport, which allows attendees to select from a wide range of accommodations less than 30 minutes of travel from the venue:

	Hotels	Youth Hostels	Touristic Apartment
Price Range (USD)	30 - 100	10 - 20	50 - 60

8. Are you partnering with other local organizations?

Geolibres is the legal umbrella under which OSGeo Argentina (Geoinquiet@s Argentina), OSM Argentina and GeochicasOSM gather. Other partners from both technical and geospatial fields will be disclosed on the full proposal, both national and international, covering public, private and not for profit sectors.

9. What makes FOSS4G in your proposed location and with your team compelling?

Within this region, Buenos Aires is the place where most of the events around geospatial, open data and open source happen in Latin America. Also, we have the most consolidated community, very active, and with the most experienced organizing events. That includes 12 OSGeo charter members.

Buenos Aires City (capital of República Argentina) has been declared World Capital of the Book by UNESCO in 2011 and Latin-American Cultural Capital by the World Association of the Major Metropolis in 2014. Given its character as a cultural reference in the region, it's an ideal place for the approach of the free software communities of Latin America.

Buenos Aires, which has successfully hosted major international events and is a destination of 10 million tourists a year, is a city easy to travel to, open to all proposals for cultural, scientific and technological exchange, characterized by the diversity of its inhabitants and has a benign climate all year with a varied and wide range of cuisine and cultural and social activities.

Members and partners of our LoC have extensive experience organizing events around geospatial, open data and open source. We consider FLOSS dissemination not only a passion but also a key necessity for Argentina and the whole Latin America region development process.

But most importantly: **South America is the missing continent.** FOSS4G has been hosted everywhere, except in Latin America.

¹ University of Buenos Aires <https://www.openstreetmap.org/way/23633747>

² Buenos Aires's Conference Center (CEC) <https://www.openstreetmap.org/way/678948286>