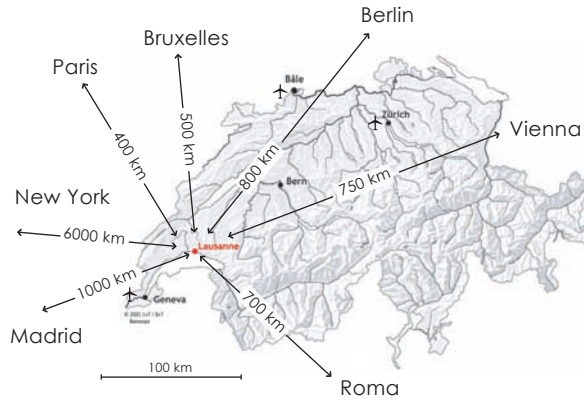


## VENUE

The conference will be held from September 12 to 15 2006, in Switzerland, centrally located in Europe. It will take place in Lausanne, on the campus of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL) and the University of Lausanne (UNIL).



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## ORGANIZATION

### LOCAL COMMITTEE

Campitocamp SA (C2C), Centre de Ressources Informatiques de Haute-Savoie (CRI74), State of Neuchâtel (SITN), State of Vaud department of infrastructures (DINF), Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland (HES-SO), University of Lausanne (UNIL).

### ORGANIZATION SUPPORT

Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo), Committee on Earth Observation Satellites - Working Group on Information Systems and Services (CEOS-WGISS), Earth Observation and Geospatial Information and Communication Technologies (EOGEO), Geographic Resources Analysis Support System (GRASS), Université Laval (ULaval), Université de Sherbrooke (UDES).

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## CONFERENCE GOALS

FOSS4G2006 is a four day conference, **bringing together** the Free and Open Source Software for Geoinformatics (FOSS4G) communities. The conference incorporates the **OSGIS** Conference, Mapserver User Meeting (**MUM**), **GRASS** Users Conference, **Java** oriented FOSS4G and **EOGEO** Workshops.

Lausanne, Switzerland will host the conference - **from September 12 to 15, 2006** - making it the first time many of these groups will meet in Europe. It builds on the the success of the Open Source Geospatial'05 conference held in Minneapolis, USA.

The conference focuses on an array of open source technologies and presents how they are being used around the world. **Seminars and workshops will share the theme of advancing open source GIS technology**, by covering management and technical aspects as well as the latest trends.

The event opens with one day dedicated to workshops, followed by a joint plenary session that will set the direction of the conference. **An exhibitor showcase** will run the duration of the conference. This showcase will provide government, academia, private organisations and associations with the opportunity to demonstrate their talents and educate participants about open source technologies. There will be an opportunity to mingle at evening events such as the "Meet & Greet Exhibitors" Reception and a Boat Cruise on Geneva Lake, with a dinner in the thousand year old Chillon Castle.

This conference is an **exciting opportunity for both users and managers to network, learn** about products and services, and develop both technical and management skills for adopting open source technologies. The event is expected to draw over 500 people from around the globe, representing the existing user and developer communities as well as those interested from government, non-government organisations, academia, and industry.

Finally, with the recent creation of the **Open Source Geospatial Foundation**, FOSS4G2006 will be an exciting opportunity to network with foundation members and projects.

## TOPICS

The conference will focus on various **free and open source technologies and their implementations** around the world. It will provide an introduction to open source technologies, covering in detail both management and technical aspects, and the latest trends.

### WORKSHOPS

CartoWeb, Chameleon, GeoNetwork, GeoServer, Google Maps, GRASS (beginners/advanced), GvSIG, iGeoPortal, Ka-Map, Mapbender, Mapbuilder, MapGuide Open Source (beginners/advanced), MapServer, OSSIM/osgPlanet, PostGIS, QGIS (beginners/advanced), and more coming...

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

As of March 30 2006 the event will feature the following keynotes:

- Jean-Philippe Amstein** : Director of Swisstopo
- Gary Lang** : Vice President, Engineering ISD Autodesk Inc
- François Marthaler** : Government Member State of Vaud
- Venkatesh Raghavan** : Osaka City University, Media Center
- Frank Warmerdam** : President of OSGEO Foundation
- Jim Westervelt** : GRASS first Technical Leader, research scientist ERDC

### CONFERENCES

Technical sessions and presentations will focus on current hot FOSS4G topics :

MapServer, MapGuide Open Source, and Web Tools, Libraries, Toolkits, Utilities and Components Integration, Geospatial Databases, 3D Visualization, Remote Sensing, Mapping and Image Processing, GRASS Project and other desktop tools, FOSS4G in government bodies, Geodata exchange and sharing, OGC Standards, FOSS4G implementations and use cases, On-demand Online Geoservices, Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGEO).

### AND MORE...

There will be several opportunities available for conference participants to interact through birds of a feather sessions (BOFs), demo fest, permanent exhibit, exciting evening and social events.

## F E E S

Through organizational commitment, reasonable fee will cover various items including lunch each days, hosted breaks, and a reception.

### Early registration (until June 30, 2006):

Full conference + workshop (4 days):	CHF 300
Conference only (3 days) :	CHF 250
Workshop only :	CHF 100

### Late registration (from July 1, 2006):

Full conference + workshop (4 days):	CHF 350
Conference only (3 days) :	CHF 300
Workshop only :	CHF 150

Castle Cruise Social Event :	CHF 40
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For information purpose only :	1 CHF ≈ 0.81 USD
	1 CHF ≈ 0.64 EUR



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- register early as the number of places is limited
- abstracts can be submitted online until June 30

Do not forget to book accomodation early, September is still high season for tourism in Switzerland!