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Mr Jeff McKenna
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Dear Mr. McKenna,

It is with great pleasure that I present a letter in support of Barcellona's bid to host the FOSS4G conference in Barcellona for 2010, on behalf of Laboratorio di Geomatica – Politecnico di Milano – Italy.

Laboratorio di Geomatica is a Lab of the Politecnico di Milano, one of the most important technical university in Italy.

The laboratory carries out researches both on statistical methods of data processing and interpretation, GIS and Internet GIS and in different geodesy sectors.

Laboratorio di Geomatica contributes to the education of engineers giving them the necessary knowledge in acquiring, managing, exploiting and distributing environmental and territorial information as well as establishing information technologies.

Laboratorio di Geomatica has promoted and supported the geographic open source and free software for many years.

The first Italian FOSS4G conference – called the “first GRASS users conference” – was organized by Laboratorio di Geomatica in 2000.

The commitment of Laboratorio di Geomatica with respect to the free and open source software in the past years has been continuous.

Many students have continued the propagation of free software in other Italian universities and agencies.

FOSS4G will be a fantastic opportunity to seed the FOSS4G ideas in the Mediterranean area, searching to be inclusive with respect to countries, as for example the Northern Africa countries, that at the moment have shown little interest with respect to free and open source GIS contributions.

I hope you are able to see the benefits in making Barcellona the home for FOSS4G in 2010.

Your sincerely

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