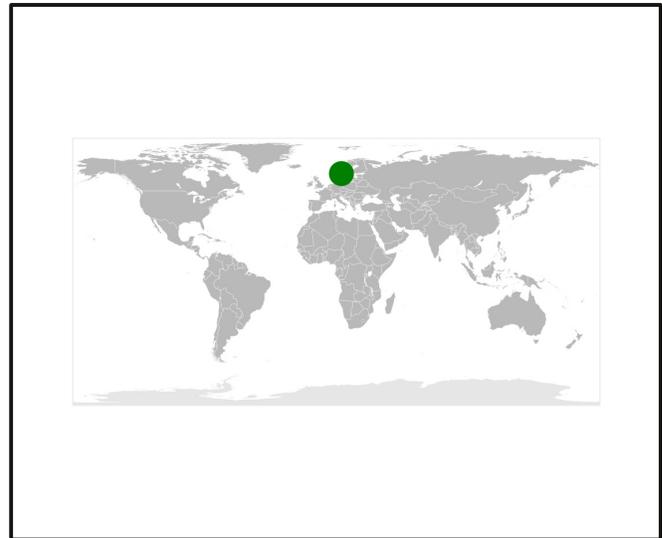


Dutch Chapter Annual Report

About the Chapter

The OSGeo Dutch Language Chapter maintains an OSGeo presence within Dutch-speaking countries/areas. Currently it is active within The Netherlands and the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium (Flandres), but has contacts within the Dutch Antilles as well. It organizes at least one annual meeting, the OSGeo.nl Day (see below), plus several other localized events. The Chapter also maintains close ties with the Dutch OpenStreetMap community, organizing joint events such as the annual New Year Party and OSM-tracks on the OSGeo.nl Day. Official OSGeo Local Chapter status was acquired in April 2012. OSGeo.nl (with .nl being the ISO-code for Dutch Language) as the Chapter is known locally, operates from a legal foundation, the OSGeo.nl Foundation, whose mission is to promote the adoption and use of Open Geo-ICT in general.

Key Accomplishments



The Dutch Language Chapter became an official OSGeo Chapter in 2012. The chapter formed a legal foundation and is preparing to elect a governing board. This process should be completed in 2013. The chapter now has a web site and a wiki. There is also a flickr feed for Chapter photos.

The chapter has been working on Dutch translations for GeoServer and QGIS plug-ins. They've also made contributions to OpenLayers.

The chapter has participated in a number of projects, including the Dutch National SDI (which was built on OSGeo software), NLEExtract, and a GeoExt based web mapping client.

The chapter also made several presentations at local events.

Events

January 1, 2012: The chapter hosted an New Year's Party with the OpenStreetMap NL community. About 50 people attended.

April 25, 2012: The chapter organized the Open Source Seminar at the Geospatial World Forum in Amsterdam. The keynote speaker was Arnulf Christl.

June 30, 2012: The chapter hosted the first annual OSGeo Dutch Language conference. The keynote speaker was Just van den Broecke. The event was very successful with over 160 participants.

Areas for Improvement

The chapter would like to motivate participation from more of its members.

Opportunities to Help

The chapter is always looking for financial support. It can also use practical help with organizing chapter events and managing the chapter web site.

Outlook for 2013

The chapter hopes to become a legal entity in 2013, which will allow it to attract sponsors and organize more events. The chapter would like to begin more outreach in Dutch language countries like Belgium and Antilles. The chapter would also like to organize more small city events.