With the strong support of the OSGeo Spanish Language Chapter (OSGeo-es), the Local Organizing Committee will be constituted by:

Lorenzo Becchi (president)

With a background managing Humanitarian Projects and consulting for UN FAO, Lorenzo is a component of the OSGeo-es Board and a Charter Member of OSGeo since year 2007. As developer of FOSS4G he has contributed mainly to ka-Map!, a modern web mapping interface for UMN Mapserver. His experience with OSGeo Local communities pass through Italy, Spain and Portugal.

Jordi Guimet

Dr. Industrial Engineer, he has worked as civil servant in the Public Administration as Deputy General Director for Information Technologies in the General Direction of the Cadastre Organization (Madrid, 1987-1991), being in charge of the technical modernization of the Cadastre.

Currently in charge of the development and management of the Catalan SDI Center of Support, from 2002 Associated Professor of the Technological University of Catalonia. He founded the Spanish Association of GIS (1990) and has been its president until the year 2000. Current president of the Catalan chapter of this association.

Irene Compte and Lluís Vicens

Irene Compte and Lluís Vicens (Charter Member of OSGeo Spanish Local Chapter) work in the Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing Service (SIGTE) of the University of Girona. SIGTE is a technical research and training service specializing in the field of management and treatment of geographical information. As a high profile university service, we can count on the experience and knowledge acquired during more than 10 years of carrying out projects which integrate professional, training and research activities based on Open Source Software for Geomatics.

SIGTE has also a good experience organizing National and International meetings such as Eugises in 2002, AGILE in 2008, or the FOSS for GIS Meeting in Girona (Jornadas de SIG Libre in 2006, 2007 2008) for Spanish speaking community, that was the starting point to the creation of the OSGeo Spanish Local Chapter.

Carol Puig

Lecture of Geomatics at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC). Carol has a wide experience on FOSS GIS applied to Humanitarian Projects. Her field of investigation is multispectral image analysis with neural networks, and radiometric corrections.

The OSGeo Spanish Local Chapter has been recently approved as official OSGeo Chapter for Spanish speaking areas of all continents.

The wide area covered by such a Language Chapter includes many users, institutions, universities and companies that are involved with the use and spread of FOSS4G technologies.
The community started in 2007, and it has been supporting the creation of a similar OSGeo infrastructure with the aim of spreading and supporting the OSGeo goals. So far, it has established a Members List and elected its Board of Directors:
    * Jorge L. Batista
    * Lorenzo Becchi
    * Pedro-Juan Ferrer Matoses
    * Víctor Olaya
    * Jorge Gaspar Sanz

Key activities include work on the Free GIS Book, Spanish Localization of softwares and documentations and supporting events as Jornadas de SIG Libre (Girona, Spain), Jornadas gvSIG (Valencia, Spain) or Informatica 2009 (La Habana, Cuba).

The Spanish National Government and the different Autonomous Governments are actively supporting Open Source software use inside the Public Administration, Primary and Secondary Schools ansd so on. In conjunction with this active support, the debate about opening some parts of the National Geodata elaborated by public institutions such as regional governments and cartographic institutes is very active at present time.

Several projects like gvSIG, Sextante or Kosmo has evolved in Spain and now they are becoming FOSS4G realities worldwide.

The year 2009 is an important milestone for the INSPIRE Initiative (Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe) and the attention shall be focused to the most important International Event (FOSS4G) related to Open Technologies for Geomatics, showing and pointing out some interesting technologies for the building of a real Open Source SDI.