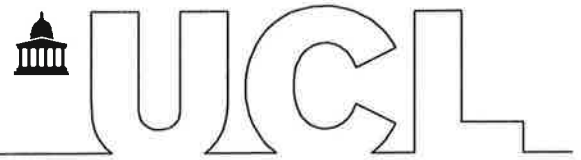

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Dear FOSS4G 2013 Committee,

On behalf of University College London (UCL) I am very pleased to support the United Kingdom Organizing Committee's bid to host the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference in 2013, in Nottingham.

UCL is one of the world's leading universities, with a student cohort of around 25,000. My own department, Geomatic Engineering department was originally established in 1947, when the first professor of surveying was appointed, and we have been running an MSc in Geographical Information Science since 1990. We use FOSS tools such as Quantum GIS more and more in our teaching activities, and these are popular with the students. Additionally, many colleagues outside Geomatic Engineering (e.g. anthropology, geography, archaeology, architecture) are also users of GIS and Open Source GIS software is rapidly finding its place in interdisciplinary projects due to the ease of use and access to these tools. Holding FOSS4G in the UK will give both those of us who are specifically interested in GIS and Open Source research as well as those who are end users of the resulting tools the opportunity to engage with the FOSS4G community, in turn offering them the opportunity to engage with end users from outside the Geospatial discipline.

We look forward to actively participating in the FOSS4G Conference and meeting members of the Open Source geospatial community in Nottingham for FOSS4G 2013.

Yours sincerely

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