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From the Editor...

Greetings! This Conference Proceedings is a collection of outstanding papers submitted to the Academic Program of the International Conference for Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G), 14^{th} to 19^{th} September 2015 in Seoul, South Korea.¹

This was the first time that the international FOSS4G conference took place in Asia. The Academic Track Committee, chaired by Venkatesh Raghavan, Osaka City University, Japan, and Kwang Woo Nam, Kunsan National University, South Korea, achieved - together with the authors - a remarkable contribution to the conference with more than 30 academic papers. Their efforts and results are highly appreciated. The acknowledgment and gratitude is also due to the Committee Members:

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We hope readers enjoy these proceedings, and are inspired to continue to build and grow the academic program generally, and work to develop standard academic sub-tracks - such as Geospatial Modeling, Spatial Database research, Geovisualization, and Environmental Science Applications in FOSS4G conferences in the future. We also hope that future editors of regional and global FOSS4G conferences will take advantage of the review and publishing system we have used². Future editors should contact editor-in-chief Charlie Schweik³ for instructions and access.

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Sincerely,

Venkatesh Raghavan, FOSS4G Academic Committee Chair

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