



Conferencia Internacional de
Software Libre
Open Source World Conference **Málaga 2008**

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OPEN SOURCE WORLD CONFERENCE

Malaga, 20th-22nd October 2008

The International Conference, Open Source World Conference, is without question the most important event in Spain and Europe where free and open source software and technologies are concerned.

After five editions, the Conference has become an essential rendezvous for those people and companies involved in the world of free and open source software: An event that is beginning to be considered as a must within the sector and which provides a key meeting point for that community.

The aim of the Conference is to demonstrate that free and open source software is a consolidated reality worth investing in, and not just a powerful, solid and safe solution. Throughout the years, the Conference has taken a multidisciplinary approach open to all players and issues, which has translated into a tremendous success.

Previous editions

All previous editions were organised by the Junta de Andalucía (the Andalusia Regional Government) in cooperation with the Junta de Extremadura (Extremadura Regional Government), alongside with the most important companies in this sector and have always met the needs and interests of the attendees.

The first edition of the Conference (Malaga, 18th, 19th and 20th February 2004) exceeded all expectations gathering over 4,500 people. It was inaugurated by Prince Felipe and the President of the Junta de Andalucía and benefited from

the interventions of important personalities from the political world, the world of telecommunications, business, government and academia up to over 180 speakers and moderators, among them: Carl Mitcham (University of Colorado), Fernando Vallespín (Director of CIS), Felipe González (ex-Prime Minister of Spain), Marco Cappato (Euro MP), Miguel de Icaza (Novell), Efrain Rovira (HP), M. Pérez Cuso (UN-UNCTAD), Jesús Villasante (European Commission), S. Forge (SCF Associates?), B. Marx (IBM), E. Gordon-Werner (NSW-DC, Australia), M. Michmayr (Debian Leader, UK), Rishab Ghosh (I. Infonomics Maastricht, NL), Janina Sajka (American Blind Foundation, USA), etc, etc. Over 60 references in the Press and numerous interviews and presentations in audiovisual media, including National TV networks, turned it into the event of the year for free and open source software. The novelty that year was that the sessions could be followed live by video-streaming and all attendees were provided with free high speed wi-fi connection throughout the venue.

The second edition, under the motto **“Freedom and Innovation”**, consisted of two events; the International Meeting on Free Knowledge Merida 2005 which took place in Merida (Extremadura, Spain) on 25th and 26th October 2005, and the Open Source World Conference 2006 organised again in Malaga (Andalusia, Spain) at the Trade Fair and Congress Centre on 15th, 16th and 17th February 2006. The number of attendees reached 6,500 and saw the active involvement of university students from all the Andalusian universities. The exhibition area doubled that of 2004 and totalled 4,000 m².

The Conference tackled, among many others, Technical issues such as operating systems, applications, data bases, methodologies and quality; Sectorial Applications such as public administration and citizens, services, banking, telecommunications, health, e-government, disabilities; Business, Strategies and Policies, including the legal framework, rules and regulations development, licences, and business models. All of which caught the interest of the numerous participants.

The Conference was structured into strategic seminars and tutorials, plenary sessions, parallel thematic sessions, round tables, workshops and an exhibition area. More than 200 speakers and participants from 57 countries took part, as well as institutions such as the European Commission, UNCTAD, CERN, and over 50 sponsors and collaborating entities.

Málaga 2008

The Open Source World Conference is renowned by its balance without any overpowering presence of a particular sector or player. It provides an appropriate mixture of audience/groups interested in free and open source software; a mix organisation including the public and the private sector with a well-balanced content within the Conference programme as well as an important international presence on a global scale.

The main areas upon which the programme has been elaborated for the 2008 edition are linked with the in-depth analysis of certain technical issues. Those topics are always necessary in technical aspects such as distributions or development of languages and open standards. Institutional initiatives to encourage the use of free and open source software will be re-examined. Of especial interest will be the presentations and workshops related to business aspects and to the new business ecosystems that are emerging. Also socio-cultural subjects concerning accessibility and digital inclusion will be dealt with.

In coherence with the spirit of the concept of free and open source software, the Malaga International Conference 2008 will enable participation throughout the entire preparatory work of its different sessions by opening a call for proposals through the web <http://www.opensourceworldconference.com/>, to those potential attendees who wish to present communications and posters, workshop proposals, specific tutorials and seminars as well as other activities.

Key-note speeches, plenary sessions and round tables by the most prestigious speakers and players from the sector will be complemented by an exhibition area where real experiences can be followed. Also the latest products and projects launched by companies and other institutions will be shown.

The estimated total participation will go beyond 6,000 attendees. Its sponsors will come from the most important companies within the sector. It will also have the active involvement of multilateral, European, national and regional institutions along with a range of worldwide open source and free software communities. The exhibition and complementary activities area will surpass 6,500m² at this event.

The traditional debating sessions will deal with, among others, subjects such as:

“Is the free software/OSS versus proprietary software argument still in force?: from clashing to coexistence”; *“Is free and open source software generating new ethical codes within the Knowledge and Information Society?”;* *“Free software and globalisation”;* *“Is it advisable to provide (public) support to the citizen user of free and open source software?”;* *“Free Software Foundation initiatives: 3rd generation GPL”;* *“The role of EUPL, European Public Licence”;* *“DRM: Is it already an old debate?”*

Sponsorship:

The most prestigious companies and organisations from the open source and free software world are already beginning to join the OSWC08. Many of them have previously partnered with us. Throughout the various editions in Andalusia and Extremadura we have benefit from the collaboration of the following companies, entities and media, among others:

Gold Sponsors:

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Collaborating entities:



The reputation of the companies and entities that have joined forces with the Conference says it all. The prestige of the OSWC and the high standards of the organisation behind it, make this event the perfect scenario for achieving recognition and relevance within the sector.

Key players, decision makers and opinion leaders will attend this year Conference which will make it the ideal venue for establishing contacts, finding partners, discovering business opportunities, showing your achievements and communicating your message to the best possible audience.

Further information can be found on the Web:

<http://www.opensourceworldconference.com/>

We'll see you in Malaga from 20th to 22nd October 2008!

Preliminary Programme

Monday 20th October 2008

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