



GeoNight

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Launched in 2017 by the French National Geographical Committee (CNFG) in France, and internationally from the following year in collaboration with EUGEO (Association of Geographical Societies in Europe), the GeoNight is **a night dedicated in promoting the geography discipline**. Over the years, more and more countries, towns and cities, and geography departments around the world have participated in the organised events, gathering several thousand people together. In the 2022 edition there were events on all continents. **The seventh edition will take place on Friday, April 14th 2023.**

Events can be organised “in presence” or in “online”, or in “mixed” mode (in presence and online). To facilitate the organisation of events and to make them visible everywhere, we have created a dedicated website: <https://www.geonight.net/>.

From now until 5 February 2023 it is possible to propose events with this form: <https://www.geonight.net/propose-an-event-for-the-2023-geonight-edition/>

General Goals of the GeoNight

This event aims to highlight geography and geographers, give the greater public a chance to familiarise themselves with geographic concepts and to make geographical research more accessible. The proposed events should, whenever possible, be **free and open to the public**.

Types of events

Whenever possible, **the events should take place in the evening and/or during the night**, so as **to welcome the general public, not only academics**. If for various reasons, the events cannot be held in the evening/night, events can also take place during the daytime. Organisers are invited to put forward unexpected and possibly playful aspects of geographical sciences. Organisers can, for instance, present their work and/or fieldworks, students’ activities tied to geography, jobs linked to geographical education, GIS software, new technologies used in research or teaching, original geographical projects, etc.

Events could be organised:

- **Indoor:** lecture rooms, public buildings (museums, bars and cafés, restaurants, etc.)
Suggestions of events: workshops, conferences, exhibitions, radio talk-shows, movie showings, buffets, multi-sensorial geographical drawing and mapping, games, performances, etc.
- **Outdoor:** small fieldtrips, urban walks, bike rides, tours, technology demonstrations, games, orienteering, etc.
- **Online:** lectures, podcasts, posters or photos competition, virtual urban walks (using available software), geography quizzes, etc.

General organisation

The spirit of the GeoNight relies in all events being organised in a decentralised manner, from logistic and financial standpoints. The goal is to accentuate the creativity of local initiatives and the variety of people, institutions, and associations concerned and who/which would like to participate. The size of the event has no boundaries and greatly depends on the resources available (time, people, finances, etc.). Local organisers can set up a small geographical café or a short thematic walk through the city, or put together a larger event involving many scientific facets. Over the past years, participating geography departments and cities have organised a vast array of events, either physically or virtually: from international to neighbourhood scales.

Involvement: No time? Don't worry!

Don't have time to be entirely involved in the organisation of a GeoNight event? Do not worry! Delegate the different tasks to colleagues and students at your university or school, local student associations, etc. In previous events, academics did not hesitate to entrust student associations with the organisation of the events. It is particularly important that you (or your local organising team/delegates) communicate about the organised event. In addition, it is important to pass the general information on to us via our website: <https://www.geonight.net/propose-an-event-for-the-2023-geonight-edition/>

Prior to the approval of your proposition as a GeoNight event, the organizing committee and/or your national coordinators will evaluate your proposition. This “light verification” allows us to ensure that the proposed event(s) fit with the GeoNight's main rules and that they are not commercial initiatives.

Costs of organising events

Since the spirit of GeoNight relies on openness and flexibility, if you need to use some budget, it can be maintained at a low level. Locations can be outside, in cultural or academic institutions,

or in cafés, online, and in places that organisers do not necessarily have to rent.

Ask your research labs, universities, associations, or sponsors if they can lend you technical materials. Students and associations can volunteer to help with logistics and assistance to the public. Communication via social media costs nothing; use them! However, the local organizers will pay possible costs such as security or sanitary matters, so we suggest you utilize research labs or local/national intuitions and contact possible sponsors, or ask for public subsidies, which would in turn give more visibility to your event.

It should be emphasised that these costs also accumulate strong benefits: people get to change their ideas on what geography is and what geographers do, more people can get involved (more students and more professional stakeholders, etc.), and let's not forget the pleasure we have in spending time together and living a diverse and amazing geography!

We are here to help!

You and your institution want to contribute to the international success of GeoNight but you don't know where to start or how to proceed? A small international organizing committee (<https://www.geonight.net/organizing-committee/>) is set up to coordinate some steps, give pieces of advice, and to communicate about the events; but mostly the job is done by local organisers, in order to keep things simple!

Contacts

For event organizers: please read carefully messages from geonight.net@gmail.com and use [this webform](#) for any question concerning practical and organizational aspects. The GeoNight crew (composed of geographers, not computer scientists, so please be patient ;) will contact you as soon as possible to solve the problem.

For general questions about GeoNight:

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Interested in glancing last years' events organised in many universities, geography departments and cities? Go to see the following website: <https://www.geonight.net/2022/>

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