

Sixth Regional Convention on Free Software: Call for Charlas^(*)

LUGMen¹, the Free Software User Group of Mendoza, calls for the presentation of proposed talks for the *Sixth Regional Convention on Free Software*.

This year, extending its itinerant character, we'll carry out the Regional Convention on Free Software in the **City of Mendoza** during the **13th, 14th and 15th of October, 2006**.

The event is focused toward the following broad topics:

- Technical Talks:
Addressed to the developers community, OS/network/security administrators, etc.
- Free software advocacy talks on society, the State and the education:
Addressed to the general and interested public.

Proposed talks

The proposed talks should be sent by *e-mail* in plain text with an attached file in some open format (e.g: ODF, PDF, HTML, plain text) to jornadas-2006@lugmen.org.ar, with the subject: "[CFC] Title of the talk".

Proposals have to include the following information:

1. Title.
2. Author(s): name(s), LUG/organization they belong to, place of residence and **brief** CV in no more than 200 words.
3. Author's/Authors' contact phone and electronic mail address.
4. Description of the talk: e.g. an outline of its contents, a preliminary version of the slides to be used, etc. permitting an evaluation of the quality and point of view of the talk.
5. Estimated duration (a shedule of 1-hour modules is expected).
6. Level/recipients of the lecture:
 - 6.1. Technical talk: intermediate/advanced/expert.
 - 6.2. Advocacy talk: society/State/education/other (specify).
7. Topic:
 - 7.1. Technical talk: e.g. programming, security, networking, multimedia, GUI, etc.
 - 7.2. Advocacy talk: e.g. deployment, training, software patents, etc.
8. Required knowledge of the audience.
9. License: it must allow redistribution of the talk from the event's web site, on a CD for attendants, etc; e.g: *Creative Commons by-nc-sa/2.5/ar*².

Proposals should be filed **before September the 15th, 2006** for its evaluation by the Convention's Academic Comitee, which will pronounce on its acceptance, observations about it, or its refusal as soon as posible.

* Thanks CaFeLUG for the term *CFCh*, very aproprate ;-)

1 <http://www.lugmen.org.ar>

2 <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/2.5/ar/>

About the Sixth Regional Convention on Free Software

The Regional Convention on Free Software is an international meeting gathering enthusiasts and supporters of free software in Latin America, with the participation of panelists and lecturers of outstanding international trajectory.

History of the Convention

The *Primeras Jornadas Regionales de Software Libre* were carried out on August the 4th, 5th and 6th, 2000 in the city of Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina. They were organized by LUGRo (GNU/Linux User Group Rosario³) and the Asociación de Nuevas Tecnologías⁴.

In this event the prestigious visit of Richard M. Stallman, founder of the *Free Software Foundation*⁵ and of the *GNU Project*⁶, was counted on for the first time in Latin America.

This convention is remembered as one of the best in its type in the South Cone, for its variety of talks (30 in 3 days), because it was one of the first events in which not only was GNU/Linux but directly Free Software characterized as the most representative subject, and because the variety of user groups that attended from Venezuela, Uruguay, Peru, Brazil and Argentina.

The *Segundas Jornadas Regionales de Software Libre* were carried out on June the 28th, 29th and 30th, 2001 in the Intendencia Municipal of Montevideo, Montevideo, Uruguay. They were organized by the Uruguay Linux Users Group⁷.

The *Terceras Jornadas Regionales sobre Software Libre* took place on October the 17th, 18th and 19th, 2002 in the facilities of the Facultad de Ciencias of the Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay and were organized again by the UyLUG.

John Hall, president of Linux International and Larry Wall, creator of the Perl programming language lectured, besides many other illustrious expounders who also shared with the attendants the experiences derived from their developments, research, or simply use of free software.

The *Cuartas Jornadas Regionales de Software Libre* were organized again in Uruguay by UyLUG, on November the 6th, 7th and 8th, 2003 in the Radisson Victoria Plaza Hotel, Montevideo, Uruguay.

The *Quintas Jornadas Regionales de Software Libre* were organized again in Argentina, on November the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 2005 in the facilities of Patio de la Madera, Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina. For the second time LUGRo and ANT were the organizers. Expounders from Argentina, Germany, Austria, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Spain, the United States, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela were counted on. 119 talks were held, and 3000 people attended.

3 <http://www.lugro.org.ar/>

4 <http://www.ant.org.ar/>

5 <http://www.fsf.org/>

6 <http://www.gnu.org/>

7 <http://www.linux.net.uy/>