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Italian Chapter Report

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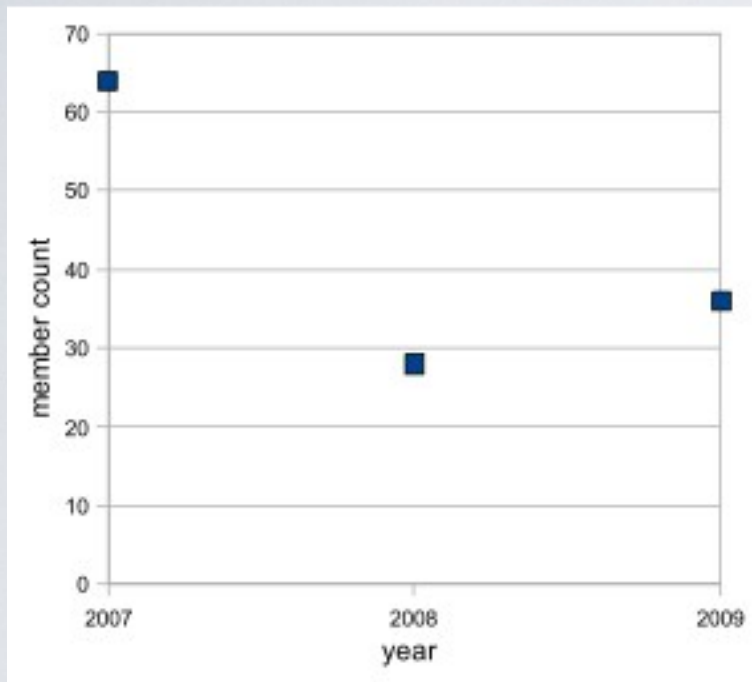


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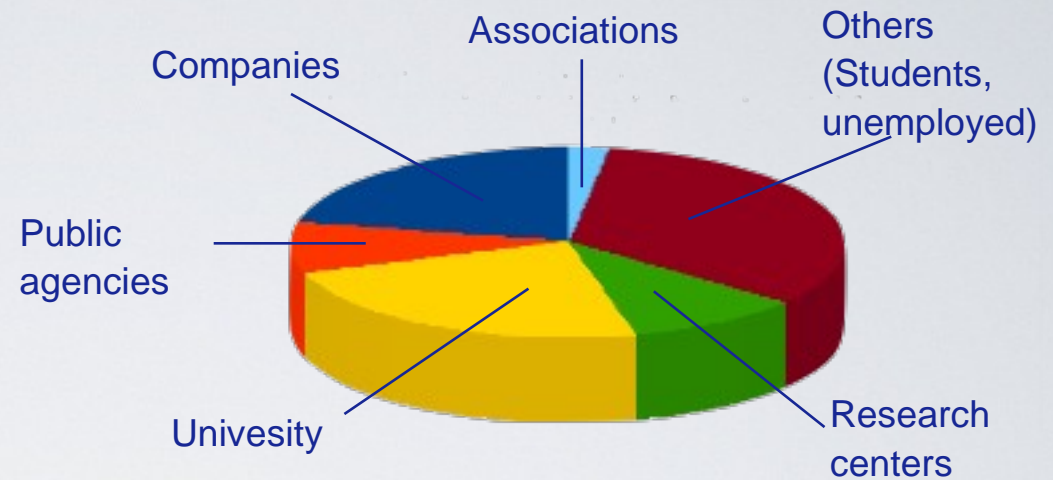
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- Members by occupation

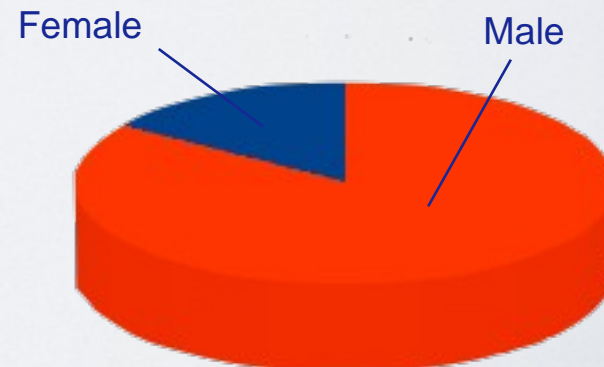
Evolution



Total members : 128



- Mean age: 38
- Members by gender

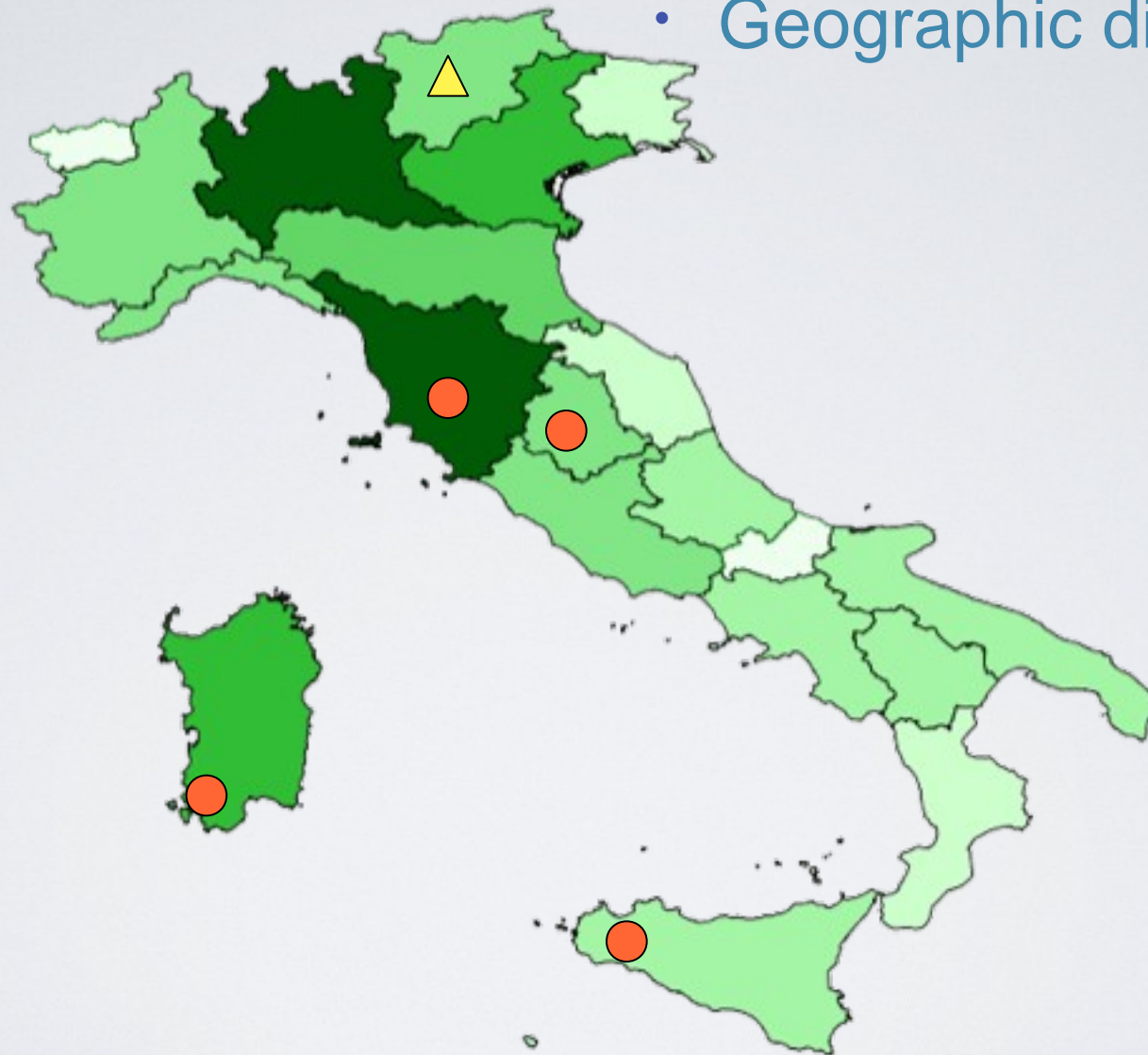




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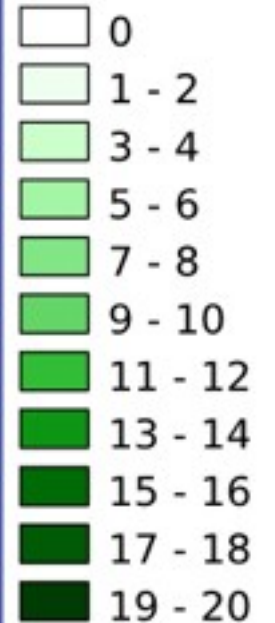
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- Geographic distribution



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● Gfoss Meeting

- Palermo
- Perugia
- Pontedera
- Cagliari



Activities Oct 2008-Oct 2009

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- Support/Partecipation at various events across Italy (> 1 x month)



- Presentation at various venues (approx 1 x month)



- Italian mailing list(s)





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Things we didn't do in the previous years

- 1st GFOSS Day

- Materacamp

- M(')appare Milano "long tail"

- Osm conference



- Legal Action towards ISTAT (with ASSOLI)



- New Server hosted by Regione Toscana



- GRASS & QGIS funding initiative





Challenges

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- Maintaining a not-for-profit status in Italy has heavy administrative requirements (compared to other countries).
- Consolidating the administrative structure.
- Confirming expectations of members on mission.
- Relationship to OpenStreetMap.
- Becoming more effective (could actually do less and with a higher return...but this is also the fun of a not-for-profit setting).
- Live-Dvd, tutorials , sample data “Localization”.



Upcoming events/Outlook

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- 1-2 Nov SIGABERTO – Evora (Portugal).
- 6-10 Nov QGIS Hack Meeting - Vienna (Austria).
- 11-12 Nov Second edition of the GFOSS day to be held in Bolzano, Italy (also of interest to Austrian/German communities).
- Feb 2010 - 11th GRASS and FOSS4G meeting in Lugano (Switzerland), hosting also annual chapter meeting. 2010 also has new elections for the board.
- Priority action in providing additional momentum in Italy, also in connection with other European chapters, towards FOSS4G 2010 (e.g. event was advertised during presentation at major infomobility event on Oct 15).
- Stay tuned for more updates.





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