

Dr. Lilian Pintea of the Jane Goodall Institute to Deliver Keynote at Geo Week 2026 "Mapping Technologies Accelerating Conservation" Spotlights How Geospatial Tools Drive Real-World Impact

Denver, CO – December 11, 2025 — Geo Week announced that Dr. Lilian Pintea, Vice President of Conservation Science at the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI), will deliver a visionary keynote presentation at Geo Week 2026, taking place February 16–18 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver. His keynote, *Mapping Technologies Accelerating*Conservation, will explore how cutting-edge mapping and remote sensing technologies are transforming conservation on a global scale.

For more than 25 years, Dr. Pintea has been at the forefront of applying satellite imagery, GIS, lidar, AI, and community-centered mapping to protect chimpanzees and their habitats across Africa. Working closely with Dr. Jane Goodall—whose legacy of visionary wild chimpanzee research transformed our understanding of the animal kingdom and redefined modern conservation—Dr. Pintea has helped lead a technological revolution that continues to shape how governments, researchers, and local communities approach environmental stewardship.

"Dr. Pintea's work exemplifies the extraordinary real-world impact geospatial technologies can have when paired with human-centered conservation," said Carla Lauter, Senior Content Manager at Geo Week. "His keynote will resonate deeply with geospatial

professionals who understand that accurate data, advanced tools, and thoughtful implementation can change lives, policies, and ecosystems."

"I am very excited about this opportunity to share Jane Goodall's vision and our work, including exciting new developments around GeoAI in supporting collaborative research and conservation, with the local communities that live alongside wildlife habitat," said Dr. Pintea.

Dr. Pintea will also highlight JGI's cutting-edge use of lidar, drone-based mapping, and Aldriven data integration, techniques that allow researchers to quantify forest structure, map chimpanzee habitats in 3D, and connect acoustic, behavioral, and environmental datasets in entirely new ways. These innovations are helping accelerate restoration efforts, improve habitat modeling, and build resilience in regions facing mounting pressure from climate change.

While the Jane Goodall Institute is known globally for its conservation and youth engagement initiatives and scientific research, Dr. Pintea's work underscores an equally important value: that technology must serve people as well as ecosystems. His keynote will explore how geospatial tools can help bridge the gap between global conservation goals and local realities—ensuring communities have the information, agency, and resources to make sustainable decisions.

At Geo Week 2026, Dr. Pintea will discuss how the geospatial industry can help carry Dr. Goodall's legacy forward by building tools that are transparent, equitable, and capable of empowering the communities most affected by environmental change.

As the geospatial industry continues to push the boundaries of Earth observation, AI, and spatial analysis, Dr. Pintea's keynote will offer a powerful reminder of what this technology can achieve: actionable insight, global collaboration, and measurable change on the ground.

View the <u>keynote session</u>, <u>full conference program</u>, and <u>speaker list</u> for more information. Visit <u>www.geo-week.com</u> for more information on attending or exhibiting. <u>Register now</u> to secure Super Saver Rates.

About Jane Goodall Institute

The Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) is a global, community-led conservation organization founded in 1977 that advances the vision and work of Dr. Jane Goodall in 26 chapters around the world. We aim to understand and protect chimpanzees, other apes and their habitats, and empower people to be compassionate citizens in order to inspire conservation of the natural world we all share. JGI uses research, community-led conservation, best-in-class animal welfare standards, and the innovative use of science

and technology to inspire hope and transform it into action for the common good. Through our Roots & Shoots program for young people of all ages, now active in 75 countries around the world and counting, JGI is creating a movement of compassionate people who will help to create a better world for people, other animals, and our shared environment.

About Geo Week

Geo Week brings together geospatial and mapping professionals to explore how data, maps, and advanced technologies can deepen understanding of the world and inform solutions to complex challenges. The conference program and tradeshow provide expert insights, real-world case studies, exposure to cutting-edge tools, and peer-to-peer networking. Geo Week 2026 takes place **February 16–18, 2026**, at the **Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO**. More information is available at www.geo-week.com.

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