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Dear Citizen Science Zurich Community

welcome to the autumn newsletter. As days are getting cooler and shorter, we are happy to provide some interesting links for you to read and watch in your quiet indoor time!

With our warmest regards
The Citizen Science Zurich Team

NEWS FROM THE CENTER



Weasel Wanted

"[Weasel wanted](#)" is a conservation project of the non-profit [SWILD](#) in cooperation with the Citizen Science Center Zurich. The goal is to better understand where weasels and their prey have their habitats in Switzerland and how to better protect them in the future. Participants are asked to look at short clips and identify animals visiting camera traps placed in the Zurich region.

The project was launched during this year's Zurich Science Festival [Scientifica](#) with a [Weasel Challenge](#) that people could join both at the exhibition stand and online: How many animals could a participant identify? Correctly identified weasels gave extra points! 70 persons joined the challenge, providing 6000 identifications, of which 57 were weasels. The winner, Helena Greter from Zurich, is a passionate biologist by profession and in her free time. She told us a little bit about herself, here's her [interview](#).

Do you like weasels? Join the running project: weasel-gesucht.citizenscience.ch

Do You Know These Snakes?



The Citizen Science Center continues the collaboration with WHO to tackle venomous snake bites. Amateur herpetologists and professional experts will be invited to join the second “Snake ID challenge”, and they will be asked to identify thousands of photos of snakes collected on Twitter, and posted from everywhere in the world. The goal is to study the ability of volunteers to correctly identify snakes at the species, genus, or family level, and evaluate how this could be used to help solving a problem that touches more than 5 million people worldwide.

When & where? November 18 to 28, [take part here](#)

Recent Blog Entries

[Citizen Science & the Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#)

The potential contribution of Citizen Science to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in particular to the 17 SDGs, is a hot topic (see *Nature* paper below!). In this series of blogs, Rosy Mondardini shares her view, including some of the reflexions happening in global Citizen Science community.



The Blog

Citizen Science Center Zurich

[Behind the Platform](#)

Chris Gwilliams is the Center’s back-end developer, the geeky soul behind the [citizenscience.ch](#) platform. We convinced him to sit down and explain in layman’s terms our tech services and tools ... here is what we got!

PARTICIPATORY SCIENCE ACADEMY



Project Studio

On November 18, 2019, the PWA will hold its second project studio. This is your chance to meet

the project teams of the Seed Grant projects that the PWA funds. We are also interested in hearing more ideas. Do you have an idea for a Citizen Science project? The project studio is your chance to present your project and discuss it with other people. Get in touch with us if you want to be a part of the event. We are looking forward to hearing your ideas! [More information here.](#)

When: 18.11.2019, 17:30

Where: University of Zurich, Rämistrasse 71, Foyer West (KOL-D-43a)

Please register via e-mail to petra.biberhofer@uzh.ch

Lecture Series: Citizen Science – Potential for Transformative Science

Do you want to get an overview of the debates in Citizen Science? Come to the talks of the lecture series jointly organized by the Academy and Citizen Science Center! We invited experts who present their ideas on many facets of Citizen Science. Every Wednesday, 18.15 to 19.45 at Rämistrasse 74. Have a look at the [full program](#) or at the [video recordings](#) of the sessions that have already taken place.



Advanced Citizen Science Course: Designing and Facilitating Participatory Research Processes

In December, the PWA offers an advanced course on Citizen Science for doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers from UZH and ETH Zurich at UZH's Graduate Campus. The interactive two-day workshops will tackle the challenges and principles of how citizens can be involved in research projects. The focus will be on gathering experiences for the planning and implementation of participative design principles for one's own research practice, and the application of adequate methods and tools. The courses will be held in German.

[More information and registration.](#)

NEXT EVENTS

Brown Bag Lunches

27 November 2019

Martin Brocklehurst ([ECSA](#)):

[Citizen Science and the SDGs – Introduction of global project examples](#)

11 December 2019

[Open Community session](#)

Inputs welcome! Get in touch by Email to fanny.gutsche-jones@uzh.ch if you are active in Citizen Science and would like to share your experiences or discuss a topic.



University Public Lecture Series: Potentials for Transformative Science

13 November 2019

[Transdisziplinäre Forschung und Citizen Science: Gemeinsamkeiten und Unterschiede der Wissens-Ko-Produktion](#) (German)

Dr. Christian Pohl, ETH Zürich & Dr. Ueli Nagel, Verbund Lebensraum Zürich

20 November 2019

[Beteiligung von Patientinnen und Patienten in der Entwicklung von Studien und Behandlungskonzepten in der Medizin](#) (German)

Prof. Dr. med. Claudia Witt, Universität Zürich & Prof. Dr. Gabriela Senti, UniversitätsSpital Zürich

27 November 2019

[Citizen Science and the UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) (English)

Martin Brocklehurst, European Citizen Science Association & Rosy Mondardini, Universität und ETH Zürich, Citizen Science Center Zürich

[Further sessions](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Citizen Science and the SDGs

Traditional data sources are not sufficient for measuring the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. New and non-traditional sources of data are required.

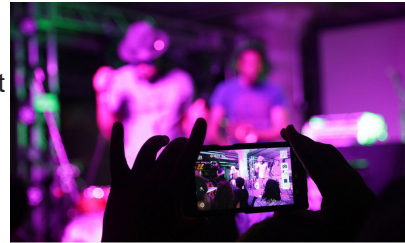
A new paper in the *Nature Sustainability* journal (co-authored by the Citizen Science Center) presents a roadmap that outlines how Citizen Science can be integrated into the formal Sustainable Development Goals reporting mechanisms.

[Full paper](#)



The Emotional Entanglements of Smartphones

Research from the University of Zurich Geography Department shows that Smartphones as data collection instruments cause emotions. The effect of such emotions calls for a renewed scrutiny of research ethics, particularly as smartphones increasingly become part of research designs, also in many Citizen Science projects. [Summary of the paper](#)



WORKSHOPS, COURSES & CONFERENCES

Online Course “[Citizen Science Projects: How to make a difference](#)”

[WeObserve](#), in partnership with FutureLearn initiated this course. It starts on 18 November 2019 and will run for four-weeks. It is open to anyone and is free to participate. The course is now open for registration on the FutureLearn platform [here](#).



6-8 May 2020

Austrian Citizen Science Conference

Vienna, Austria

[Call for Proposals](#) open until 7 February 2020



24-26 May 2020

ECSA Conference (European Citizen Science Association)

Trieste, Italy

Call for Proposals ended, check [ecsa-conference.eu](#) for updates

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