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#### **NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE CENTER**

## New features in the Citizen Science Project Builder

Have you already checked out the <u>Project Builder</u>? It is a powerful tool that enables you to set up and run your own Citizen Science data analysis project. Our aim is to constantly evolve it together with our community of academic researchers and Citizen Scientists.

Two recent outcomes of this development we would like to share with you: one is the <u>forum</u>, with four threads that we just initiated and that is waiting for your ideas and comments - please join the <u>conversation!</u>

The other novelty is the "private" function, a new setting (in the project setting panel) that enables project owners to only share their project with chosen contributors by protecting it with a password.



# CitSci Helvetia 2021 – "Connecting Citizen Science in Switzerland" 14 - 15 January 2021 (online)

We got 65 submissions in reaction to the call for ideas of <a href="CitSciHelvetia21">CitSciHelvetia21</a>, the first Swiss Citizen Science Conference. A big thank you to everyone who sent in a proposal! Now our reviewers and Program Committee are busy evaluating the ideas and putting together a nice program for the virtual conference beginning of next year. Authors will be notified about the outcome of their submission in September, and soon after we will publish the conference program and open for registrations. Stay tuned: <a href="citscihelvetia.ch">citscihelvetia.ch</a>

## 2. Digital Health Lab Day on 1 October 2020

Digitization in the health care system is a great opportunity for a high-quality and cost-efficient health care system. Digital Health offers solutions that – in the face of this year's coronavirus pandemic – are more in demand than ever.



We look forward to exploring the multifaceted topic of Digital Citizen-based Medicine together with researchers and practitioners on the 2nd Digital Health Lab Day, where the CS Center Zurich will be running a <a href="workshop">workshop</a> to introduce digital health specialists to Citizen Science methodology and tools.

More information: www.lifeinnumbers.ch

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## Citizen Science Lunch Talks Autumn 2020

Thursday, September 24, 2020, 12:15-13:15
Team of the Citizen Science Centers Zürich:
News and updates about our activities in the upcoming year



Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 12:15-13:15

Anouk-Lisa Taucher, SWILD – Urban Ecology & Wildlife Research:
StadtWildTiere (Urban Wildlife) and Wilde Nachbarn (Wild Neighbors)

– Monitoring wildlife at the intersection of public awareness, research, and nature conservation

Thursday, November 26, 2020, 12:15-13:15

Beat Meier, Privatforscher/ Olten & Rouven Turck, UZH:

Bergbau goes public: Entdecken von alten Spuren mit neuen Mitteln –

Historischer Bergbau und moderne Fernerkundung

The upcoming lunch talks will still be done remotely via zoom. Please register via info@citizenscience.ch to receive the link.

Further details on all events

## NEWS FROM THE PARTICIPATORY SCIENCE ACADEMY

## Online Workshop: Museums and the public research together

In the workshop "Museums and the public research together", participants learn about the principles, process and independent planning of a Citizen Science project. Together with facilitators Pia Viviani (catta gmbh) and Dr. Peter Jann (Umwelt- und Gesundheitsschutz Stadt Winterthur, ZHAW; former museum director), participants acquire an in-depth overview of the most important Swiss actors in participatory research. The online course will take place in two parts on 18.9. from 9.00 - 12.00 and on 21.9. from 14.00 - 17.00. Course fee is 120 CHF, or 60 CHF for voluntarily managed museums. For further information and registration, visit our German page.

Citizen Science introduction and advanced courses for PhD candidates, postdocs and practitioners

In the 2020 autumn semester, the Participatory Science Academy offers two courses as part of the Graduate Campus program on transferable skills. The workshop "Citizen Science Introduction: First steps in a participatory research process" (29.10. & 5.11.2020, 9.00-17.30) offers an introduction to relevant questions and methods. The course "Citizen Science Advanced: Designing and facilitating participatory research processes competently" (25.11. & 2.12.2020, 9.00-17.30) is for researchers with initial experience in the field who want to learn more about the design of Citizen Science projects. The courses will be held in English.

More information and registration



## **GZ Schindlergut games festival on September 12**

We will participate again at this year's games festival of the community center GZ with a stand. It will take place on September 12, 2020 from 14.00 - 18.00 at the GZ Schindlergut, Kronenstrasse 12 in Zurich. Along with partners, we will offer projects for children and adults to discover Zurich, the world and themselves in a playful and participatory way. We are looking forward to working with many curious children and their parents again!

## **NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS**

Two new PhD students join CrowdWater



In September, Sara Blanco and Mirjam Scheller will join the <u>CrowdWater project</u>. We are looking forward to working with them and wish them all the best with their upcoming research!

#### Scientific news from CrowdWater

In the CrowdWater project, water level class observations are collected using the virtual staff gauge approach and a smartphone app. For a recently published study, the observations were compared to official measurements. The observations matched the

measured water level variations, and those from the app were even better than observations collected with forms. This demonstrates that the app can be used to collect useful data on stream level variations. The paper can be found here.

#### **NEXT CONFERENCES AND OTHER NEWS**



Austrian Citizen Science Conference 2020: Expectations and Meaning

14-16 September 2020, online Registration is now open & for free

## Survey about Citizen Science and the SDGs

Do you already support the SDGs with your citizen science project or do you see the potential to do so in the future? Please take part in the <u>survey of Museum für Naturkunde Berlin</u>. First findings will be presented and discussed at the <u>Citizen Science SDG-Conference</u> in October (Berlin and online).

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