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## **The team of the Citizen Science Center Zurich wishes you a belated Happy 2019!**

2018 was an exciting year for the Center, with most of the activities focused on building it up from the ground.

The team was hired between April and September, and an initial version of our crowdsourcing platform was released in mid-September, hosting a pilot Citizen Science project on linguistics. In the meanwhile, we interacted with more than 30 research groups both at UZH and ETH and discussed potential applications of the methodology to help scientists produce excellent participatory science. We extended the official Center's membership and reached out to local and Swiss citizens organization to plant the seeds for our Citizen Scientists community.

We are confident that 2019 will be even more busy and exciting, so keep up with reading our newsletter to stay updated on our ongoing and upcoming activities!

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## INTERNAL NEWS

### **Second meeting of the General Assembly**

The second meeting of the Center's General Assembly happened on 29 November 2018. The General Assembly is the central cog of the Center, and its responsibilities include approval of strategy, budget, membership, and more. It is composed of the Center's full members (including professors and researchers at UZH or ETH) and meets once a year to deliberate on current issues.

This year's deliberations included, among other, approval of the 2019 financial budget, elections of new members of the [Board of Directors](#), and acceptance of the applications for new full members. Our current members represent a community of more than 300 researchers at UZH and ETHZ.

At the governance level, the exciting news concerns the composition of the Board of Directors, which has been increased from two to three representatives for each of the two founding institutions. The current composition includes:

For the University of Zurich:

[Abraham Bernstein](#) (Department of Informatics)

[Mike Martin](#) (Department of Psychology)

[Claudia Witt](#) (Faculty of Medicine)

For ETH Zurich:

[Ernst Hafen](#) (Department of Biology)

[Michael Ristow](#) (Department of Health Sciences and Technology)

[Effy Vayena](#) (Department of Health Sciences and Technology)



A warm welcome to Effy Vayena (left), Claudia Witt (middle) and Ernst Hafen (right) as new members of the Board of Directors!

### Become a Full Member!

The Centre provides its members with the resources, expertise, and technical know-how to develop, set up, and run participatory citizen science projects, while maintaining the highest standards of scientific excellence. Resources include theoretical and practical guidelines for the design of Citizen Science projects, tools for the planning, implementation and evaluation, and connection with a growing community of local and international citizen scientists.

Membership is open to all interested researchers, including professors, Post-Docs and PhD students.

**For more details on membership or to become a member, please contact [maria.mondardini@uzh.ch](mailto:maria.mondardini@uzh.ch).**

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## PARTICIPATORY SCIENCE ACADEMY

### Ceremonial Opening of the Participatory Science Academy

The [Participatory Science Academy](#), was officially opened on November 18, 2018. We would like to thank everybody who joined us for the celebration and are looking forward to staying in touch. Please visit our [website](#) for a few pictures of the event.

### Workshop zu Partizipativen Ansätzen in der Demenzforschung

Die Partizipative Wissenschaftsakademie (Susanne Tönsmann) nimmt an der [5. Ethiktagung des Deutschen Zentrums für Neurodegenerative Erkrankungen](#) teil, die am 28. März 2019 in Greifswald stattfindet. In einem Workshop werden Partizipative Ansätze in der Demenzforschung vorgestellt und diskutiert.

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## EVENTS

### CC-CS Brown Bag Lunches 2019:

#### Exploring Citizen Science – Methods, Projects, People

After a successful series of lunch presentations last year, where we focused on developing a road map for the Center together with you, we will continue our tradition



of [Brown Bag Lunches](#) in the coming spring term. Now we want to open up the perspective and explore the world of Citizen Science out there, by looking at exiting best practice examples. We invited five experts to present and discuss their work in the field of Citizen Science. Check out the [dates and speakers](#) - we hope you like the selection of topics covered. Please register beforehand via E-Mail to: [info@citizenscience.ch](mailto:info@citizenscience.ch).

### Upcoming lunches - Save the Date!

**Feb 20, 2019, 12:15 [Brown Bag Lunch](#):** Dana Mahr, University of Geneva: Rethinking Science and Public Participation (working title)

**Mar 20, 2019, 12:15 [Brown Bag Lunch](#):** Claudia Müller-Birn, Freie Universität Berlin: Taking the Best of Both Worlds - the Concept of Human-Machine Collaboration for Designing an effective Partnership



### CitSci 2019 - Growing our Family Tree

13-15 March 2019, Raleigh, North Carolina

The upcoming [CitSci2019 Conference](#) is organized by the Citizen Science Association.

The conference will feature five days of workshops, field trips, symposia, and talks where you can network with some of the most important voices in the citizen science community. Early bird [registration](#) until January 31st. There is also still time to [submit a late-breaking poster](#) to share your own work.

The CC-CS will also be around: Chris Gwilliams, the back-end developer at the Citizen Science Center Zurich will offer a workshop at CitSci 2019. Have you organized or taken part in a Citizen Science project? What tools did you use? Do you want to contribute to open source? Come and talk to Chris about it at his workshop about ["Designing Open Data Standards for Citizen Science Projects"](#).

### 5. Österreichische Citizen Science Konferenz - Grenzen und Übergänge

26.-28. Juni, Obergurgl, Tirol

Die Universität Innsbruck und das Citizen Science Network Austria laden zu ihrer [Konferenz](#) ins alpine Obergurgl, wo sich die Citizen Science Community unter dem Motto "Grenzen und Übergänge" auf über 2000m versammelt.

Die [Partizipative Wissenschaftsakademie](#) (Susanne Tönsmann) und das [Citizen Science Zentrum](#) (Fanny Jones) bieten im Rahmen der Konferenz einen Workshop mit dem Titel [«Partizipative Forschung und Citizen Science – zwei Seiten einer Medaille?» \(WS07\)](#) an. Wir möchten die Bedeutung des Begriffes Partizipation mit den Teilnehmenden diskutieren. Interessierte sind herzlich eingeladen – [hier](#) kann man sich zur Teilnahme an der Konferenz anmelden.




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### CALL FOR PAPERS

### Special issue on "Citizen Science and the Role in Sustainable Development" in the journal "Sustainability"



This [Special Issue](#) aims to discuss the role citizen science can play in monitoring and implementing the United Nations [Sustainable Development Goals](#). Please submit your paper by **30 July 2020**.

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## OPEN ONLINE COURSE

### Introduction to Citizen Science and Scientific Crowdsourcing

There is a new open and free online course about [Introduction to Citizen Science and Scientific Crowdsourcing](#). The course is run by the Extreme Citizen Science ([ExCiteS](#)) research group at University College London.

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