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It's summertime! Whether you're enjoying the warm weather at home or traveling to places near and far, we would like to update you with recent news and activities from the Citizen Science Center and the Participatory Science Academy. We also hope to see you soon after the summer break, please check out our presence at Scientifica and our planned events for the fall.

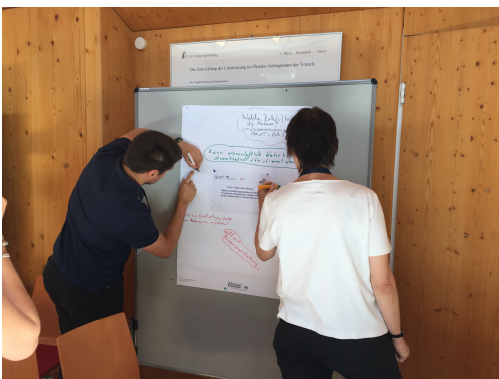
Wishing you an enjoyable summer break (... and if you like old handwritten documents and dialects, take part in the Wenker project on Swiss German, a perfect activity for a quiet summer evening! See [article below](#))

With our warmest regards
The Citizen Science Zurich Team

NEWS FROM THE CENTER

At the Austrian Citizen Science Conference

In June this year some of us travelled to the beautiful mountains of Tyrol, Austria to join the [5th Austrian Citizen Science Conference](#) in Obergurgl. The overall conference theme was "Grenzen and Übergänge", which translates to "Borders and transitions". The rich program included workshops, project sessions, and keynotes. Together with the PWA we offered an interactive workshop on "Citizen Science and Participatory research: two sides of the same medal?" and explored different understandings of the concept of participation with 30 other conference participants. Discussion topics included roles and power structures in Citizen Science projects (more reflection is desirable), co-determination (does not happen automatically but requires awareness and openness in the project design), and the desire for more interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary cooperation.



Several blog entries have been published on the overall conference, for example by the keynote speaker [Monica Peters](#) from New Zealand, by the german science communication platform [Wissenschaft im Dialog](#), and by the Austrian [Zentrum für Citizen Science](#).

Our new office

As of July, we have moved to a new office that provides more space for working, collaborating, and developing projects and ideas together. Thank you to all the friends and colleagues that joined us at the house warming party! You can find the Citizen Science Center Zurich and the Participatory Science Academy from now on at **Kurvenstrasse 17** in Zurich.



Researchers-in-residence: Lies and Cléa

We currently host two young researchers, Lies and Cléa, who stay with us this summer.



I'm Lies Jacobs, post-doctoral researcher at KU Leuven (division of Geography and tourism). From June to September 2019, I'm undertaking a research stay at the Citizen Science Center (Zurich) and the Citizen Cyberlab (Geneva), funded by the Fund for Scientific Research (FWO). My research focus during this stay will be on applications of in-field citizen science data collection in the Global South as well as exploring the potential of crowdsourcing for disaster mapping in sub-Saharan Africa, using the Crowd4EMS platform.



Hello, my name is Cléa Montanari, and after finishing a bachelors in Biology with a minor in Sustainability studies, I joined the SDG/CS Maximization Group from the Citizen Science Global Partnership in 2018. During my internship, I am undertaking two long term projects. One of the project is the translation of indicator methodologies outlined by the UN so there uptake is more accessible to citizen science. The second project is a study in collaboration with other researchers on how the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development overarching principle to 'Leave no-one behind' is found in different phases of citizen science projects.

PARTICIPATORY SCIENCE ACADEMY

Citizen Science Winter School: Transforming research through public participation

January 12-17, 2020

Along with the Graduate Campus at UZH, the Participatory Science Academy will host a Winter School on Citizen Science. What skills and competencies are useful to facilitate a citizen science project? What ethical aspects are to be considered when engaging in such projects? Can citizen science bridge scientific research and societal practices? How can citizen science transform practices and principles in research? Please find [further information and the application form](#) here.



Introductory and advanced Citizen Science course for doctoral and post-doctoral students of all faculties (UZH and ETH Zurich)

In the autumn semester 2019, the PWA offers an introductory and advanced course on Citizen Science for doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers 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, and when and why this can be good for your own research. 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.](#)

International Networking

This year, the PWA was co-organizer of the Austrian Citizen Science Conference. In addition to the workshop, in which we dealt with overlaps between participatory research and Citizen Science (see report above), we hosted a lecture session. Four interdisciplinary projects and studies were presented under the title "... And beyond". Here you find the [abstracts of the lectures.](#)



On the last conference day we met with the D-A-CH working group. D-A-CH stands for Germany, Austria and Switzerland. We would like to intensify networking and cooperate more with our colleagues in Austria and Germany. For this purpose, we have discussed different possibilities of cooperation. It is still too early to make announcements, but we are very confident that we will come to a fruitful exchange. In Münster, at the Forum Citizen Science, we continue our discussions. A first [description of the working group](#) in German is already available.

PROJECTS

Food for dialect lovers: the Wenker project update

The updated version of our project on Swiss German dialects called "Swiss German 1930 / 2020" is now up and running. Working closely together with the research group of Elvira Glaser (Professor for Linguistics at the Department of German at the University of Zurich), we have expanded and simplified the platform that allows passionate volunteers to transcribe and translate the 40 original Wenker phrases from the different regions of Switzerland.



In just a week after the launch, we got more than 900 users (988) and more than 1000 submissions (1300). Keen volunteers reached out on social media to know more about the story behind the project and linguistic structures, and teachers are trying it out in German classes!

Thank you for helping us to spread the word, and don't hesitate to send comments and suggestions. If you haven't tried yet, take part here: wenker.citizenscience.ch

EVENTS

Scientifica¹⁹
Zürcher Wissenschaftstage

30. August – 1. September 2019

**Science Fiction –
Science Facts**



ETH zürich  **Universität
Zürich**

Scientifica 2019: Science Fiction – Science Facts

From August 30 until September 1st you can explore the world of science at [Scientifica](#), a big fair created by the University of Zurich and ETH Zürich.

Citizen Science Center

We will have a stand in the big tent on Polyterasse where you can try out Citizen Science projects directly on site. In this occasion we are launching a new project about weasels in Switzerland. Developed in collaboration with passionate researchers at [SWILD](#), it engages citizens in an exploration of Swiss small mammals (mustelids), an entertaining activity perfect for adult and kids! Stop by for a chat, we are looking forward to meeting you. [More info on our stand](#) (in German)

Participatory Science Academy

At the Scientifica we would like to engage in a discussion in a Science Café entitled "Who speaks in dementia research? How participation of relatives of dementia patients and other citizens improves research", we discuss the potential of participatory research. The [Science Café](#) will take place in German on Saturday, August 31 at 6:00 pm in the UZH's Upper Mensa.

Lecture Series: Citizen Science - Potentials for transformative science

In the lecture series, we discuss what constitutes Citizen Science as part of transformative science. Speakers and discussants from different disciplines will tackle questions such as : How can citizen science contribute to societal relevant research? What potentials do participatory approaches have for strengthening the dialogue between society and research? What does excellent research mean for Citizen Science projects?

The lecture series is organised by the Participatory Science Academy together with the Citizen Science Center Zurich. It takes place weekly starting on the 9th of October every Wednesday from 18:15 - 19:45 in room RAI-H-041 in Rämistrasse 74.

[Program](#) (Please note that some sessions are in German, some in English.)

Brown Bag Lunches in autumn 2019

The Brown Bag Lunches will start again in the fall. The series has become a regular occasion to meet the research community, and a good setting to discuss and learn about the various approaches to Citizen Science and related projects and activities. Thanks to you and the feedback that you gave us, we designed an agenda that includes updates on the Center, presenters from the local Citizen Science community, and international guests.

The BB lunches always take place from 12:15 - 13:15. Updates on the location will follow soon on [citizenscience.ch](#).



Dates, speakers and *preliminary* titles:

11 September 2019

Team of the Citizen Science Centers Zürich:
News and updates about our activities

9 October 2019

Katrin Vohland (Bürger schaffen Wissen & Museum für Naturkunde Berlin):
Citizens Create Knowledge - insights into the German Citizen Science platform [buergerschaffenwissen.de](#)

30 October 2019

Eliane Escher, Prasenjit Saha (University of Zurich):
TreeSpotter, SpaghettiLens and their stakeholders - learnings from two Citizen Science projects

27 November 2019

Martin Brocklehurst (ECSA):

Citizen Science and the SDGs – Introduction of global project examples

11 December 2019

- Open session -

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES



19-20 September 2019

ScienceComm'19

Biel/Bienne

[Register here](#) until 1 September 2019

View the [agenda](#)

Fanny from the Citizen Science Center will give a speed talk on Community Building at the Center on Friday, 20.9.19.



26-27 September 2019

Forum Citizen Science 2019

Münster, Germany

[Register](#) until 13 September 2019

View the [agenda](#)

Petra & Fanny from Citizen Science Zürich will give a workshop on collaborative research on Friday, 27.9.19.



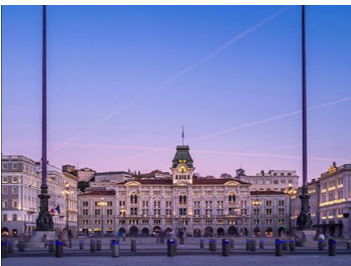
10-11 October 2019

Open Innovation in Life Sciences Conference (OILS)

University Hospital Zurich

This research conference for early career researchers from Switzerland and abroad aims to give you the opportunity to network, exchange ideas, and forge new collaborations across various research fields. It features keynote lectures, one-to-one meetings, poster sessions and workshops as well as panel discussions. Meet the team of the **Citizen Science Center** at the poster session!

[Information and registration](#) (first come, first serve)



24-26 May 2020

ECSA Conference

Trieste, Italy

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