



After almost one year of activities – and at a time when citizen science is increasingly valued and adopted in many fields of science and society – we are pleased to announce the launch of the **Citizen Science Center Zurich's email newsletter**. Our goal with this newsletter is to create a communication channel that is interesting, direct, and beneficial to our community of researchers and citizens. It will include updates on what we are researching, designing, and building, including projects and events that you may find interesting.

We chose to start with a quarterly schedule to ensure that the content delivered is relevant. Thanks to the Mailchimp tool, we will evaluate how you are engaging with our content and review strategy accordingly.

Soon we will complement the information sharing with a blog in our [platform](#), where we will tackle topics that are being debated within the Center or in the wider Citizen Science community.

We hope this is a welcome addition to your inbox and we welcome any feedback, insight and ideas to help us continually improve with each issue.

Participatory Science Academy

We are thrilled to report that Mike Martin and Kevin Schawinski have successfully applied for funds with the Mercator Foundation Switzerland to establish the Participatory Science Academy ("Partizipative Wissenschaftsakademie", PWA). The foundation has granted 2.58 million CHF over a period of four years. The Academy seeks to empower citizens and scientists to collaborate in all phases of the research process. To reach that goal, the Academy provides training and knowledge for citizen science for both citizen scientists as well as academic scientists.

Seed funding

In order to enable the joint development of promising ideas, the PWA awards seed grants to project teams. Up to 50'000 CHF for up to five project teams can be awarded every year. More information on the criteria and guidelines for the seed grants will be published very soon on www.pwa.uzh.ch.

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Save the date!

On **Wednesday, November 28, 17h00 - 18h30**, we will celebrate the opening of the Participatory Science Academy. You are cordially invited to learn more about the Academy through talks given by distinguished

experts. Amongst others, we have invited Bruno Strasser, University of Geneva, and Pasqualina Perrig-Chiello, University of Bern. A formal invitation will follow soon.



First Citizen Science project on our beta platform
Swiss German 1930 / 2020 - a glimpse into the linguistic past of Switzerland

By transcribing and translating Swiss sentences from the 1930s, citizens can help researchers to understand how Swiss German changed during the past 100 years. If you speak Swiss, [try out the beta release of the project!](#) While perfecting the interface before the official launch, we would like to [hear about your experience](#) in contributing.

PAST EVENTS

Citizen Science Festival

15 September 2018, Zurich

On a warm late summer afternoon we invited citizens and scientists in Zurich to join us at the Kunsthalle Art museum in Zurich for a Citizen Science Festival. The Festival was part of the "[100 ways of thinking](#)" event. More than 70 people joined us to learn about ongoing Citizen Science projects in the Zurich area, and got "hands on" experience with the [Wenker Project](#). The afternoon ended with a lively panel discussion on the interconnections between Citizen Science and direct democracy, featuring prominent guests and a very active audience.

We thank everybody who joined, and we are eager to continue the good conversations and exchanged of ideas that happened at the event. Please do not hesitate to [get in touch with us](#), or come visit us at the office at Hirschengraben 56!

Links to the presented Citizen Science projects:

[Wo Samen fallen](#) (German)

[CrowdWater](#)

[Schweizerdeutsch 1930 / 2020](#) (German)

[Climate City Olympics](#)

[Science crowdfunding: Science Booster](#)



Non-traditional Data Approaches and SDGs Workshop

Vienna, 3-5 October 2018, Laxenburg

An international group of Citizen Science experts from the US, Europe, Asia and Africa assembled at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis ([IIASA](#)) headquarter in Laxenburg (the summer retreat palace of the Habsburgs family!) to discuss the contribution that Citizen Science can make to monitor and implement the SDGs. The Citizen Science Center Zurich was represented by Rosy Mondardini.

Citizen Science can play an important role at multiple scales, supporting international agreements and local implementations of the SDGs. In particular, the group identified a range of Citizen Science initiatives that can already contribute to specific indicators and address data gaps.

The results of the workshop will be submitted as a perspective contribution to Nature Sustainability.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date!

Oct 29, 2018, 12:00 Brown Bag Lunch: Membership & Partnerships - Criteria and procedures

Nov 15, 2018, 12:00 Brown Bag Lunch: Ethics, data security and data privacy - a one-stop-shop CS

projects

Nov 28, 2018, 17:00 Opening event of the Participatory Science Academy

Nov 29, 2018, 16:00 General Assembly of the Competence Center Citizen Science (members only)

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