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Australian Citizen Science Association

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Hi ACSA Community!

Time to give you all a little update on what we've been up and what is in the wings...

ACSA Update

It has been a busy couple of months here at ACSA HQ, with conference planning well under way (keep an eye on #CitSciOz18) and the team working hard on the structure and development of our new website. The website will be ready for launch in the next month so be sure to check it out! We've been able to include some fantastic images from members of our citizen science community, so a big thank you to those who sent in photos.

We've also finished our Communication Strategy (more on this further down) and have been working on a new membership structure, so we can formalise our membership base (stay tuned for details).

Our Chair, Erin Rogers, was recently on [radio](#)!

"Grab the labcoats and prep the clipboards because the Citizen Science movement needs you! Citizen Science is about getting public participation when it comes to data collection and investigation to help support scientific research and, according to Erin Roger, anybody can be involved."

Erin did a great job talking about why citizen science is important and how

You can listen to Erin's interview [here](#).

Coming Up...

Later this month ACSA MC members Erin, Ellie, Paul and Amy are meeting with Professor Jin Hee Park from Dongguk University in Seoul, South Korea. Professor Park is conducting a research project "Building a Citizen Science Platform in Korea" and he has reached out to ACSA to learn more about how we do citizen science here in Australia. It will be interesting to hear his insights on citizen science in Korea and how he will use this visit to assist him in his research. We will let you know how it goes!

ACSA has also been invited to present at the Australasian University Geoscience Educators Network (AUSGEN) conference in Sydney next month. Paul will be speaking on behalf of ACSA and will talk about who we are and what we do, and present his perspective on the role of citizen science within science and ACSA's role within citizen science in Australia. With an audience consisting of educators, students, post-doctoral fellows, professional society representatives, science teachers and geoscientists this will be a great platform to introduce and promote ACSA, and showcase citizen science to a broad cross-section of the community.

Calling all Communicators!

Do you have an interest in communications? Passionate about the field of citizen science? If so, we want YOU to join our newest working group!

Have a read of our recently finalised [Communication Strategy](#) and get involved in the roll out!

There are some key initiatives slated to be rolled out in the coming months and forward into 2018, and we are asking for volunteers to join a working group to help us achieve these goals so we can start improving communication about the work of ACSA and it's communities.

We are seeking expressions of interest from people who have an interest in communications, are passionate about the citizen science community and can provide experience across a variety of communication methods and channels.

If you'd like to help us implement the strategy and improve our support to the

Reflections on CitSci2017

By Jessie Cappadonna

Even weeks after the conference, I am still buzzing with excitement from the inspiring work I learned about being done in all corners of the Earth. The Citizen Science Association conference had an amazing [program](#) and you can check out a few of the highlights by scrolling through [#CitSci2017](#) via twitter. You can also read personal reflection blog posts by Professor [Muki Haklay](#), based on the presentations, workshops, and events he attended:

- [Citizen Science 2017 - workshops day and opening panel](#)
- [Citizen Science 2017 - Day 1 \(Morning\): Flint Water Study, EPA use of citizen science and engagement](#)
- [Citizen Science 2017 - Day 1 \(Afternoon\): Tools, overcoming barriers, and project slam](#)
- [Citizen Science 2017 - Day 2 \(Morning\): Biohacking, traditional ecological knowledge, and science communication](#)
- [Citizen Science 2017 - Day 2 \(Afternoon\): online projects insights and final reception with The Crowd and the Cloud](#)
- [Filling the 'ethics gaps' in Citizen Science research](#)

As for me, I (1) attended the tail end of the Citizen Science Association's board of directors meeting representing ACSA; (2) ran a symposium about [citizen science globally](#) with folks working in Europe, the US and China, and audience members contributing information from several other regions; (3) presented my citizen science design research investigating how to engage people with bioacoustics; (4) tweeted live for [the Cloud and the Crowd](#) during the live viewing of an episode with cast members; (5) met up with folks from around the world interested in creating a global mosquito monitoring program; (6) attended as many brilliant talks and events as I could to garner more information to bring back home; and (7) caught up with folks from around the globe! It was also wonderful to see an Oceania contingent representing the region in a wide variety of important ways and to have the opportunity to catch up with these more "local" colleagues!

If anyone is interested in knowing more about the conference please don't hesitate to contact me [@JessCappadonna](#)

Thank you Jessie for a great summary of your experience!

What were your thoughts on the conference?

How did you represent CitSciOz abroad?

ACSA would love to hear about your experiences and reflections, if you would like to share them please email Amy at info.acsa01@gmail.com.

ACSA Publications List - Issue #3

The June issue of the ACSA Publications Listing is now available on our [website](#) and features abstracts of recently published journal articles. Thanks to those who contributed!

Julie Banfield & Jessie Cappadonna

Meet your ACSA team

Kylie Andrews joined the ACSA Management team in the role of General Member in November 2016. Kylie is based in Sydney.

Kylie has created and produced large-scale citizen science projects for the ABC Science unit for many years, including Wildlife Spotter, Galaxy Explorer, Weather Detective and Seafloor Explorer. She is passionate about creating engaging citizen science projects that also hit scientific goals. She's also an award-winning producer, editor and science journalist; has a Bachelor of Science degree; has previously worked in natural hazard research and also co-developed the SBS reality TV series The Nest.



Please consider helping spread the word about ACSA by sharing this newsletter with people engaged in citizen science!

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Erin, Stephanie, Alexis, Ellie, Jessie, Kylie, Jenn, Paul and Amy



The Australian Citizen Science Association (ACSA) is a developing 'community of practice' which supports researchers, educators, businesses, science communicators, government, community groups and community volunteers in all aspects of citizen science. To learn more visit <http://citizenscience.org.au>.

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