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Australian Citizen Science Association

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Hi ACSA Community!

We've got some exciting news this month with the announcement of the two international keynote speakers for the Australian Citizen Science Conference next February! Read on to find out who's coming downunder. We've also got the #CitSciOz18 conference webpage up and running so be sure to [check it out](#). We had a great meeting with two citizen science researchers from South Korea which we'll tell you about, as well as having a look at the 2017 Eureka Finalists for Innovation in Citizen Science. We hope you enjoy the read!

CitSciOz18 - International Keynotes & Conference Webpage!

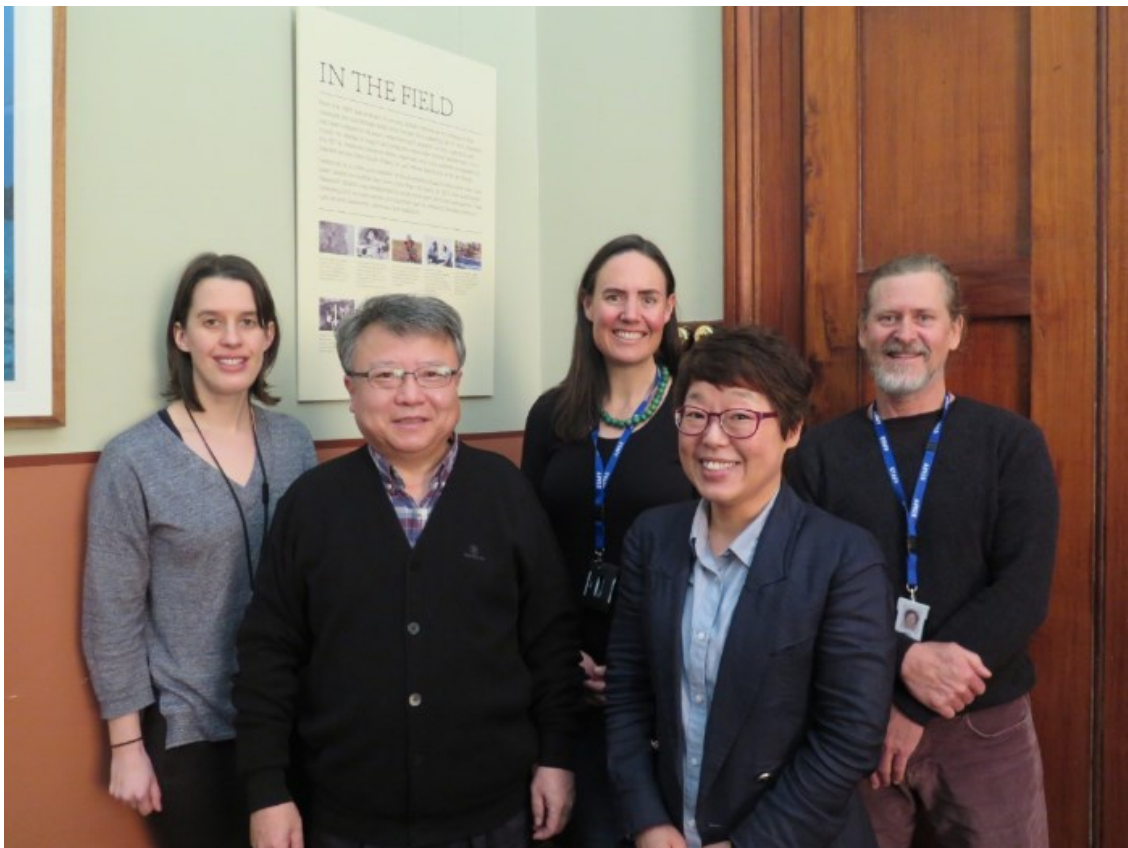
The conference organising committee has been working hard behind the scenes putting together what promises to be an exceptional event. **CitSciOz18** will be held from **February 7-9** in **Adelaide, South Australia**, and we are very excited to announce the first of our keynote speakers! [Caren Cooper](#) and [Amy Robinson Sterling](#) will be joining us from the United States; these two are exceptional public speakers with very impressive citizen science portfolios, and we are thrilled that they will be making the long trip to Australia to support CitSciOz18. Both Caren and Amy tweet regularly [@CoopSciScoop](#) and [@amyleesterling](#) so don't wait until next year - start following them now!

For more information on both Caren and Amy, as well as everything else CitSciOz18, you can have a look at our conference webpage which is now

too late to jump on board as a sponsor!) and much more. Please feel free to share this link with anyone who might be interested in attending. This site will be updated regularly so be sure to bookmark it and check in for the latest news and information.

Visit from South Korea

On August 17, ACSA representatives Erin, Amy and Michelle, along with Streamwatch coordinator Greg McDonald hosted a South Korean delegation at the Australian Museum in Sydney. Ms Park (Dongguk University) and Mr Kim (Korea University) were in Australia on a research trip to gather information for their new citizen science project "Building a Citizen Science Platform in South Korea". It was interesting to chat with people who are just starting to realise the potential of citizen science, and who are seeking to learn from countries who are ahead in this space. Ms Park and Mr Kim are aspiring to establish citizen science as a mainstream scientific strategy for their country, and it was rewarding to be able to share ACSA's story with them and a great opportunity for us to reflect on how far we've come in such a short period of time. We hope that Ms Park and Mr Kim will be able to join us at our conference next February.



From left to right: Erin Roger, Mr. Kim, Amy Slocombe, Ms Park and Greg McDonald.

Citizen Science Eureka Finalists

The finalists for the 2017 Australian Museum Eureka Prizes have been announced, and they include three excellent citizen science projects vying for the Innovation in Citizen Science prize.

- **The ECOCEAN Whale Shark Research, Education and Conservation Project**, ECOCEAN Inc.

This project enables citizen scientists to collect identification data on whale sharks, helping researchers better understand the movements and ecology of this endangered species. The ECOCEAN Whale Shark Research, Education and Conservation Project also delivers education outreach activities to engage school students and the community in marine conservation.

- **Ngukurr Wi Stadi bla Kantri (We Study the Country) Research Team**, Macquarie University; Yugul Mangi Rangers; and Ngukurr School

This project empowers remote-living Aboriginal people to protect their environment and maintain endangered cultural knowledge. The work of the Ngukurr Wi stadi bla Kantri (We Study the Country) Research Team has led to the discovery of a new species, found new populations of threatened species, and produced the community's first ever university Bachelor degree students.

- **Redmap Australia**, University of Tasmania

Range Extension Database and Mapping, or Redmap, invites community members to spot and log marine species uncommon to their local area. Thousands of sightings have been recorded, providing researchers with early indications of how marine species are responding to climate change

The winners will be announced on August 30th, details will be posted in the next newsletter!

ACSA at AUGEN

ACSA's Paul Flemons spoke last weekend at the Australian Geoscience Educators (AUGEN) conference in Sydney. It was wonderful opportunity to promote ACSA and citizen science to a relatively new audience, and the

Meet your ACSA team

Amy Slocombe joined ACSA in October 2016, in the newly created role of Support Officer. Amy is based at the Australian Museum in Sydney and assists with the day to day operations of the Association (5 days/fortnight). She has been very busy lately writing ACSA's new website and organising the next conference!

Amy has an environmental science and education background. She began her career with the Waterwatch program in South Australia, which gave her an excellent introduction to citizen science and the role that the community can play in the collection of scientific data. She also has 7 years experience as an Environmental Adviser within a large energy company, which required her to work in some of the most remote locations across south eastern Australia and reinforced her passion for environmental stewardship.



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

Thank you for your continued support and interest in ACSA.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us:

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