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Australian Citizen Science Association

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Hi ACSA Community!

We hope you've all been busy preparing and submitting your abstracts for CitSciOz18? Read on, because we've also secured another exciting (and prize-winning) keynote speaker for February's conference! This month Erin and Paul had a ring-side seat to The Future at ABC's Q&A, and if you've ever wondered how to promote your citizen science event through ACSA, our simple 'how to' guide below is a must. Happy reading!

CitSciOz18 - Abstracts & our Newest Keynote

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR ABSTRACT IN? A quick reminder that abstracts are due by **10 October 2017** - that's 6 days away! We've had a great response rate so far, so make sure you don't miss out by jumping on over to our [Abstract Submission Portal](#) and getting yours in asap. Check out the [abstracts page](#) on the conference [website](#) for all the details.

EUREKA...WE'VE GOT EMILIE ENS! Hot on the heels of her Eureka Prize win for Innovation in Citizen Science, we are absolutely thrilled to announce that Dr. Emilie Ens will be joining us in February as our newest keynote speaker!

Dr. Ens is a cross-cultural ecologist in the Department of Environmental Sciences at Macquarie University, and leads the prize-winning Ngukurr



in SE Arnhem Land.

We look forward to her presentation in February, in the mean time you

can follow Emilie on

Twitter [@EmilieEns](https://twitter.com/EmilieEns)

KEEN TO SPONSOR?

CitSciOz18 offers a range of partnership opportunities and we'd love you to come on board as a sponsor. Support for this conference provides a platform to reach a diverse, energetic, national audience working in many aspects of science, research, policy making and the community. Our [Sponsorship Prospectus](#) provides an overview of sponsorship packages and benefits, and we are also willing to discuss a tailored package to best meet your advertising means. [Please contact us for more details.](#)

WEDNESDAY MORNING OPTIONS

With the conference not officially starting until 1pm on Wednesday 7th Feb, it's a great opportunity for groups, networks or committees to hold their own regional meetings or workshops on the Wednesday morning. Waterwatch Australia have already taken up this opportunity, and ACSA is very happy to support this by offering meeting space at the conference venue. If you would like to reserve a room for your group meeting, please contact [Amy Slocombe](#) with your requirements.

Regional Chapter Applications - get yours in!

With the momentum building towards the conference, now is the ideal time to formalise the first regional Chapters of ACSA. So if you're part of a local group of like-minded citizen science enthusiasts, seeking to foster an inclusive, inspiring and collaborative citizen science community, we'd love you to join ACSA as an official Chapter! Our recently updated [Chapter Protocols](#) contain all the important info, and we've also put together a simple, downloadable application form on our website [here](#). So if you're keen to formalise your group as an official Chapter of ACSA we'd love to receive your application!

Annual General Meeting - November 14th

ACSA's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th November at the Australian Museum, from 10:30 - 11:30 AEDT. This is not an election year, but you all are welcome to attend or dial in to the meeting where we will be reading the Chair's Report and presenting ACSA's financials. You can register your attendance at the AGM via Eventbrite [here](#). More details coming soon.

ACSA @ ABC's Q&A

Paul Flemons and Erin Roger were invited audience members for Q&A's show 'Drones, Robots and The Future' on October 2nd. The five panellists: Craig Laundry, Ed Husic, Catherine Ball, Sandra Peter and Adam Spencer joined host Tony Jones to discuss the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI), drones and self-driving cars in shaping the future. For a full transcript of the broadcast, click [here](#).



Erin and Paul representing ACSA at the ABC's Q&A innovation special

Four Free Tickets to AI Workshop

On October 31st 2017 the Australian Museum is hosting a workshop on "Citizen Science and Biodiversity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence". This invitation-only workshop has a very limited number of participants, however ACSA is offering the opportunity for 4 members to take part on a "first come first served" basis. If

Event promotion via ACSA social media

Keen for ACSA social media to promote your event? Make it graphic! Posts with images perform well and make it easier to share information across social media. The information is ingrained in the image, so there is less onus to get the accompanying text correct!

You can make great graphics for free through the website www.canva.com.

When making a graphic, be sure to include:

- Name of event, e.g. ACSA Conference
- Date and time, e.g. 7-9 Feb, 2018
- Any social media tags or accounts, e.g. #CitSciOz18 @CitSciOZ
- Website or contact info, e.g. www.citizenscience.org.au



Simply send your graphic or event details to [Michelle Neil](#), ACSA's social media moderator, and she will post and tweet away!

Meet your ACSA team

Paul Flemons is the Manager of Citizen Science and Expeditions at the Australian Museum and is the Host Representative on the ACSA Management Committee. As head of the Australian Museum Centre for Citizen Science his role is to coordinate and develop citizen science projects and activities.

He has been working in citizen science for around 6 years and is the creator and manager of the DigiVol (www.digivol.org) crowdsourcing website for digitising collections and

Expeditions has seen him lead the recent extreme citizen science expedition to Balls Pyramid in search of the rare and threatened Lord Howe Island Phasmid. He has a background in botany, biodiversity informatics and GIS.



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:

info.acsa01@gmail.com or via our [website](#).

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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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