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# Australian Citizen Science Association

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## Hi ACSA Community!

What an exciting month we've had, with the launch of ACSA Membership, the opening of registration for #CitSciOz18 and our Chair Erin Roger in Nairobi, Kenya, for the UN Environment Assembly!

This is also the last ACSA newsletter of the year, so we'd like to take the opportunity to wish you all the very best for a safe and happy festive season, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in February for #CitSciOz18!

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## Thanks for joining ACSA!

We are absolutely thrilled with your response to ACSA Membership. Thank you to those who have joined us as Foundation Members, and a big shout out to Melinda Hale of Singleton Council, NSW, who was our very first official member!

It's been great to see the activity in the [Members Portal](#), with 'friends' being made and special interest groups being created. Jump on in and update your Member Profile, upload a photo and tell us a bit about yourself!

We've also been busy designing the first ever ACSA t-shirt, which comes free to all members. We think you'll love the design and it'll be ready just in time for CitSciOz18! Stay tuned for more details on sizing etc.

board [here](#), and don't forget, ACSA Membership gives you discounted registration fees for #CitSciOz18. But hurry...early bird registration closes on December 15th so make sure you don't miss out!

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## #CitSciOz18 - Conference Update

**Registration:** It's great to see the registrations flowing in for the conference. Have you registered yet? Early bird registrations close next Friday 15 December, so if you want to enjoy a discounted price make sure you complete your registration online by this date. Further conference discounts apply for ACSA Members, so be sure to [sign up](#) as a member first.

### [Conference Registration Site](#)

**Workshops:** We now have five pre-conference workshops scheduled for the Wednesday morning, as well as two on the Wednesday afternoon. Registrations for the workshops are essential, and can be completed during the conference registration process. To help you decide which one/s to attend, please have a look at the abstracts via our [online agenda](#).

**Public Lecture:** Registrations are now open for the free public lecture, to be given by two of our keynotes Amy Sterling and Caren Cooper, on Thursday 8th Feb. This is a \*free\* event and everyone is invited to attend! Please feel free to distribute the following link to your friends, colleagues and networks, and encourage them to register:

<https://pecbookings.eventsair.com/citscioz18/publiclecture>

**Social Activities:** Plan ahead for your #CitSciOz18 socializing! We've got a live episode of "[The Wholesome Show](#)" at Adelaide's oldest licenced pub, a screening of "The Crowd & The Cloud", the opening and closing receptions of course and some fantastic weekend trips to Adelaide's famous wine regions. Check out our website for more details on the [evening events](#) and [weekend tours](#).

**Don't forget to Offset!:** Buy carbon offsets when booking your travel and go in the draw to win a fantastic prize! More details coming soon...

**Sponsor Thank you:** ACSA would like to thank all of the generous sponsors who are supporting #CitSciOz18. We'd like to extend particular thanks to our wonderful Local Partner and Gold and Silver sponsors:



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## Erin and ACSA @ UNEP!

Our Chair Erin has just had the amazing opportunity to attend the third meeting of the UN Environment Assembly, held from 4-6 December in Nairobi, Kenya!

UNEP have been increasingly excited about citizen science, and in an effort to become more involved they invited a global citizen science delegation (including representatives from CSA, ECSA, ACSA and CitSciAsia) to attend the new Science-Policy Business Forum for the Environment.



UNEP Executive Director Erik Solheim highlighting citizen science at the end of his Science-Policy Business plenary speech.

association and also included the launch of the new Global Citizen Science Consortium!

This new Consortium will seek to network and build capacity for organisations that support citizen science around the world. As a 'network-of-networks', the Consortium will advance citizen science as a global practice by working with emerging networks to expand citizen science to new geographies, as well as identifying new research and application areas.

If anyone is keen to learn more about this initiative, you are welcome to contact Anne Bowser of The Wilson Center, [anne.bowser@wilsoncenter.org](mailto:anne.bowser@wilsoncenter.org).



Meeting at the United States International University, Nairobi, Kenya, with the Vice Chancellor, Chancellor, faculty staff, students and representatives from ECSA, CSA, ACSA and other interested parties from around the world.

**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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