**Citizen Science in the Classroom: A workshop for enhancing synergies between citizen science and formal education**

**Application deadline for full sponsorship:** 22 January 2018 **Workshop dates:** 15 March (evening) - 17 March (evening)

Join us for a 2.5-day workshop on using citizen science to inspire students and teachers in their school-based science education. The workshop is hosted at the Leysin American School in Switzerland and is brought to you by COST Action (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) and the European Citizen Science Association (ECSA). The dates are 15 March (evening) through 17 March (evening), with the option to stay and ski on Sunday the 18th.

Participants may receive full travel and conference funding from COST. To apply for these limited positions, contact Silvia Winter (silvia.winter@boku.ac.at) no later than 22 January. Include a short (less than 1 page) description of: yourself, your motivation to participate, your experience in linking Citizen Science and informal/formal education, and/or your experience on different training concepts for enhancing synergies between citizen science and learning.

**More details:**

The workshop is designed to favor inspiration and critical discussion between participants from different communities: educational researchers, scientists, science educators, and teachers. It is intended for people who wish to reflect collectively and creatively on synergiesbetween citizen science and education, especially in schools.

The workshop launches with a welcome dinner and roundtable discussion on Thursday evening, 15 March. On Friday the school presents its annual GLOBE Day science fair with [keynote speakers](http://alpineinstitute-las.org/science/globe-days-at-las/keynote-speakers-globe-day-2018/) Mary Ford from the National Geographic Society and Margaret Gold from the Natural History Museum in London. In addition to observing (and sometimes leading) in the student fair, COST workshop participants will have their own programs in the morning and later in the afternoon and evening. Saturday is devoted to developing practical solutions to constructing the future of citizen science in schools, with a focus on developing training tools including videos and MOOCs. Each day will include breaks for hiking in Leysin’s glorious mountain meadows and forests, and you are welcome to stay Sunday to ski (lift, tour, or XC).

To apply contact Laure Kloetzer (laure.kloetzer@unine.ch), John Harlin (jharlin@las.ch), and Silvia Winter (silvia.winter@boku.ac.at) no later than **22 January, 2018.**

**Links:**

COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology): <http://www.cost.eu/>

ECSA (European Citizen Science Association): <https://ecsa.citizen-science.net/>

Keynote speaker bios: <http://alpineinstitute-las.org/science/globe-days-at-las/keynote-speakers-globe-day-2018/>

**Place:** Leysin American School, Leysin, Switzerland