

OSC-W Newsletter September 2025



Hello Open Science Community,

We at the OSC-W hope you had a relaxing and refreshing summer break.

In this edition of the newsletter we have the last call for the 2025 WUR Open Science Grant, two Citizen Science events and some interesting news and papers on Open Science developments.

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at WUR

New WUR Open Science and Open Education Grants

FINAL CALL: New WUR grants for Open Science and Open Education

We are very happy to announce that the WUR Open Science & Education Programme is offering €50,000 of internal funding for pilot projects, activities, materials, or equipment that promote openness, transparency, and accessibility in science or education.

Researchers, teachers, and support staff can apply for up to **€10,000 per project**. This grant programme supports innovative projects that contribute to:

- Open Science, including Open Access publishing, FAIR data practices, Citizen Science, Open Hardware, Open Software;

And/or

- Open Education, including development of open educational resources (OER) such as open courses or Open Textbooks, and Open Pedagogy.

The deadline for applications is 12 September 2025.

More information about the grant and application process can be found on the WUR intranet, click the link below.

[More information](#)



Event: Citizen Science Expo 2025

When: **2 October 2025**

Where: Amsterdam Public Library

On Thursday, 2 October the Kennis Maken: Citizen Science Expo will fill the Amsterdam Public Library with an extensive programme on the state

of citizen science. How does citizen science find its place in scientific and political policy? What is needed to strengthen collaborations in citizen science? And how can different citizen science initiatives reinforce each other?

Get inspired by the power of collaborative research in workshops, presentations, demos, panel discussions, excursions, and a bazaar.

More information

Event: Citizen Science Hub lunch event – Wageningen Biodiversity Challenge

On **September 26**, the WUR Citizen Science Hub lunch hosts Mieke de Wit and Casper Quist, who received the [European Excellence Award](#) for their commitment to organising the [Wageningen Biodiversity Challenge](#).

Meike and Casper will tell you more about the challenge and will share their insights and plans for future editions.

Register Here

Transparent Peer Review: A New Era for Scientific Publishing?

Back in June, the journal Nature announced that it would automatically publish peer review reports with all accepted articles. Whilst they are not the first journal to do so, this marks a major step forward in transparency in science. Supporters see benefits for trust and training, while critics raise questions about accessibility, anonymity, and workload. Is this the future of peer review?

Read the statement from Nature [here](#).
And a more exploratory summary from The Scientist [here](#).

Paper: Open Science in the Developing World

Published last month, "Open Science in the Developing World: A Collection of Practical Guides for Researchers in Developing Countries" takes a look at some of the barriers Open Science faces in developing countries, but also shares some inspiring success stories.

In addition to the paper, there is a fifty-page supplementary document that is packed full of helpful information on open repositories, training courses and best practices that are relevant for everyone.

[Read the paper](#)

Paper: A Tale of Open Science: Emergence of a New Normal

Also published in August, this paper tells the history and current affairs of Open Science as if it were a fairytale. It is an enjoyable read as well as a very comprehensive overview.

[Read the paper](#)

That's all for now

Thank you for reading this issue of the OSC-W newsletter.

I hope you found the articles interesting and good starting points for discussion.

I would love to hear your feedback on the OSC-W newsletter and your desires for the OSC-W as a whole. If you would like to share your (anonymous) opinion there is a form [here](#), or you can contact me directly at ben.excell@wur.nl.

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