



# CrowdWater Newsletter



Figure 1: Simon, Barbara and Jan at one of the CrowdWater information boards at Sihlwald.

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## Welcome!

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Welcome to our very first newsletter!

The CrowdWater Newsletter will be published at regular intervals and will inform you about the latest news, field stations, app developments and results from the CrowdWater project. If you would like to receive our newsletter per email, please sign up on our homepage <http://crowdwater.ch/de/HowdoIjoin.html>.

In our first newsletter we would like to update you on everything that has happened since our start in April 2016. Additionally we will inform you of our plans for the next few months. If there is anything else you would like to read about in the next newsletter please let us know!

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## App

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We are currently working with the company Spotteron to develop our CrowdWater app. The first version of the app is expected to be available in early 2017. With this app any registered user will be able to send us information about stream level, streamflow and soil moisture at a location of their choice. We will of course keep you posted on the developments.

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## Newspapers

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In October 2016 CrowdWater was mentioned in an article by the Limmattaler Zeitung. The article can be

found here:  
<http://www.limmattalerzeitung.ch/limmattal/zuerich/igelspuren-sammeln-und-wasserstaende-messen-wenn-laienforscher-auf-spurensuche-gehen-130657215>.

In December 2016 the project was mentioned in the UZH journal. The article can be found here:  
<https://issuu.com/uzhch/docs/uzh-journal-2016-6>.

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### *Field Work*

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Thank you to everyone who has participated in our field work! We have received over 100 forms for the field station at Irchel campus and roughly 50 for our four stations at Sihlwald. If you have any questions about our stations have a look at our homepage or let us know via email ([info@crowdwater.ch](mailto:info@crowdwater.ch)).



Figure 2: An information board for stream level, streamflow and soil moisture measurements.

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### *Snapshot Field Campaigns*

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In October we held our first snapshot field campaign. We asked 38 volunteers to estimate the stream level and streamflow of Limmat. The results were very promising! In the new year we will hold several more snapshot field campaigns, not only at Limmat but at many more streams and rivers in the

greater area of Zurich. We will announce those campaigns on our facebook page ([www.facebook.com/crowdwater](http://www.facebook.com/crowdwater)) and on twitter ([twitter.com/crowd\\_water](https://twitter.com/crowd_water)).

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### *Review*

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2016 was a very exciting year for us. We started our PhD and had time to really delve into the CrowdWater project. In the last few months we learned a lot about citizen science, crowdsourcing and of course about hydrology. We are looking forward to continuing this work in 2017. Until then we wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- Your CrowdWater Team



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