Bidding a fond farewell to Susan Wolfinbarger: From a AAAS intern to heading the Geospatial Technology Project (GTP), Susan has given almost 10 years to AAAS’s work in this field and her efforts have been transformative, most notably in gaining international recognition for the application of geospatial technologies in monitoring and documenting the destruction of cultural heritage in conflict settings. Susan will be missed and we wish her well.

Cross-sector partnerships to protect human rights: Partnerships with scientists, engineers and technological experts create new opportunities and benefits for human rights practitioners. Theresa Harris of AAAS discusses how the On-call Scientists program makes forging these relationships easier. Read more »

QUICK LINKS

AAAS EVENTS
January 26-27, 2017
Washington, DC
AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition Meeting

OTHER EVENTS
August 9 - October 18, 2016
Technology for Accountability Lab (Stanford University)

September 26-30, 2016
Colloquium: "The Environment in Court" (IUCN Academy of Environmental Law)

November 16 - December 13, 2016
Data Collection and Analysis for Project Monitoring and Evaluation (HREA)

December 5-9, 2016
General Assembly and Scientific Symposium (IRCT)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Job: Global Advocacy Adviser (Center for Reproductive Rights)

Job: Senior Programme Specialist (UNESCO)

Job: Program Assistant (Union of Concerned Scientists)
Meeting Recap: Climate Change and Human Rights: On July 25-26, attendees heard from experts on the relationship between climate change and human rights, what data are needed, and how to best engage communities in climate change research. Watch session videos and access resources here »

Academic Freedom in Turkey: Many associations, including several Coalition member organizations, have issued or signed on to statements calling for the respect of academic freedom and the protection of individuals in the higher education sector in Turkey after the coup attempt of July 15-16, 2016. Following is a selection of statements:


Middle East Studies Association, 7/21/16 (Coalition member organization signatories: American Anthropological Association, American Sociological Association, Linguistic Society of America): Threats to Academic Freedom and Higher Education in Turkey

American Political Science Association (APSA), 7/22/16: Letter to President Erdoğan

International Studies Association, 7/25/16: Statement on Most Recent Academic Freedom Concerns in Turkey

MISC OPPORTUNITIES
Call for Nominations: Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award (AAAS)

Call for Submissions: UNSCR 1540 International Student Essay Contest (UN Security Council)

Call for Contributions: Special Rapporteur on Biodiversity and Human Rights (UN OHCHR)

NEWS
» SAR urges expression of support for Turkey’s threatened higher education sector (Scholars At Risk)

» 5 Q’s for Phuong Pham, Patrick Vinck, and Tino Kreutzer, Leaders of KoBoToolkbox (Center for Data Innovation)

» “Grave regression for Dominican women and girls’ right to health” – UN experts call for the Criminal Code reform to be dropped (UN OHCHR)

» Firms peddling surveillance tech to spy on public exposed in new database (Mirage News)

» Tech industry, privacy advocates pressure Commission on export control bill (EurActiv)

READING LIST
Intellectual Property and Access to Science (South Centre)
Technology for Peace (SciDevNet)
"Our Hearts Have Gone Dark": The Mental Health Impact of South Sudan’s Conflict (Amnesty International)
Quantitative Methods for Human Rights: From Statistics to "Big Data" (The SecDev Foundation)

RESOURCES
Human Rights Projects:
Committee of Concerned Scientists, 7/29/16: **Academic Community Severely Affected by Actions of Turkish Government Following Attempted Coup**

Scholars At Risk, 8/2/16: **Turkey: Detained Higher Education Professional at Risk of Torture**

**APA Appoints Task Force on Human Rights:** Jessica Wyndham of AAAS and Coalition member Sam McFarland have been appointed to a new task force that will provide strategic advice to the APA in promoting and protecting human rights. Learn more »

**ON-CALL SCIENTISTS**

**New On-call Scientists projects** include reviewing environmental remediation plans for an indigenous community and designing a survey of community priorities for protecting the human right to water. Could your organization also benefit from pro bono scientific advice? Visit the On-call Scientists website for more details and to submit a request.

**On-call Scientists are ready to help!** Last month 6 scientists from the fields of medicine, genetics, and neuroscience - speaking 7 different languages among them - joined the On-call Scientists roster, which now includes 987 volunteers for human rights in more than 50 countries. Could your human rights organization benefit from the assistance of these or other pro bono scientists, engineers, and health professionals? Request technical assistance here.