**News**

**Environmental Change in Bahrain Revealed**
Satellite images show substantial environmental change in Bahrain, including shifting vegetation patterns and more than a doubling in the extent of urbanization, according to a new analysis by the Geospatial Technologies Project.

**AAAS Analyzes Russia/Ukraine Conflict**
AAAS specialists, analyzing satellite images of Ukraine, have released two reports confirming both that Russian forces were involved in the takeover of Sevastopol as well as that a substantial buildup of forces has taken place near the Ukrainian border.

**AAAS Statement on Disability Rights**
On April 7, the AAAS Board of Directors adopted a statement in which they "strongly urge" the United States to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the first treaty to articulate disability rights. [Read more](#).

**Coalition**

Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate in the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition Essay Competition. This competition was created to inspire students to explore connections between human rights and science, engineering and the health professions. Submissions should be written in the form of an analytical or critical paper (maximum 750 words) that raises thought-provoking questions and reflects the student's own ideas, interests, and research. The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 30. Additional information regarding eligibility and essay requirements can be found [here](#).

**APA Convention Addressing Human Rights**
Several human rights sessions will take place at the APA Convention on Aug. 7-10; including the integration of human rights in psychology; another session will discuss Article 15 in the context of psychology. [Read more](#).

**AAAS Events**

Science and Human Rights Coalition Meeting
July 14-15, 2014
Washington, DC

**Other Events**

Webinar: Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
May 13, 2014
Thesaloniki, GR

Workshop: Ecology and Human Rights
May 26 - June 1, 2014
Thesaloniki, GR

Event: Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience
July 21-25, 2014
Washington, DC

Event: Applied Research Methods with Hidden, Marginal and Excluded Populations
July 21-25, 2014
Essex, UK

**Resources**

Human Rights Projects: Guidelines for Scientists and Human Rights Organizations

Primer on Scientific Freedom and Human Rights

Science and Human Rights Syllabi

**Letter urges rejection of "anti-homosexuality" bill**
On-call Scientists

Calls for Volunteers

The Citizen Cyberlab aims to determine how online volunteers can be educated via online modules and learning systems to conduct rapid and detailed analyses of media coming out of a disaster situation to produce information useful to the response effort. The project staff want to see if they can go past the binary questions that dominate the crowdsourcing/citizen science applications available by learning how (if) the knowledge of experts can be transferred to the “crowd” leading to more in-depth analysis. In the end, the system will consist of a series of modules covering topics such as environmental conditions, living conditions, building damage, health, etc., that can be adapted and deployed quickly for rapid assessment of media coming out of a disaster. For this project, UNITAR/UNOSAT seeks a medical expert to help them refine a crowdsourcing application for extracting information on sickness and injury from photos coming out of a disaster situation. While they have developed a set of questions, they need someone with experience and expertise in health work to help refine the questions. The identified expert/s would have three roles:

- Refining the questions being asked by identifying what information is possible to extract from a photo, and what information would be helpful to health workers active in a disaster situation.
- Providing feedback and modifications on the prototype crowdsourcing application that will be developed from the questions.
- Eventually contributing to the design and implementation of tutorials aimed at giving the crowd the skills to analyze the photos by providing feedback on content developed by the project lead.

If you are interested in donating your time to this project and are suitably qualified, please contact oncall@aaas.org for more information.

Other News

Mapping for Human Rights and Social Justice Violations (USyd)

Engineering peace-conflict sensitivity for engineering practice (International Alert)

Cisco cleared in rights case, as tech sector watches (Yahoo)

NCSS Endorses Inclusion of Human Rights Education in US curriculum (NCSS)

Colombia: Organizations reject ruling allowing for sterilization of minors without consent (ReproductiveRights.org)
Burma: MSF banned for alleged "Rohingya bias" (CNN)

Bones, Ghosts, and Human Rights: How Science can Further Justice (ActiveHistory)

Coalition launched to fight export of surveillance technology (FIDH)

Turkey: Blocking twitter violates free speech, says court (TheVerge)

Ireland: Warnings over mass DNA screening (IrishTimes)

Internet freedom in Burma: Curse or Opportunity? (Al Jazeera)

In Memoriam: Andrew Sessler (LBL)

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