



A Semester of Progress and Innovation!



Greetings and welcome to nexus monARC June Newsletter! As we bask in the long days of summer, we are excited to share with you the latest developments and milestones from our ongoing journey. This semester has been particularly eventful, with significant advancements and exciting upcoming events that promise to shape the future of our project.

In this issue, you'll find updates on our recent achievements, highlights from recent collaborations, and a spotlight on the brilliant summer school held in June! Whether you're a longtime supporter or a new friend of nexus monARC, we hope these stories inspire and inform you about the transformative work we're doing together.

Thank you for being an essential part of our community. Let's dive into the exciting updates and celebrate the strides we've made this semester!

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Event Highlights

Q&A on Open Access Publishing (March 11, 2024)

Earlier this year, we hosted a lively Q&A session on Open Access Publishing. The event provided a platform for attendees to engage with experts about the benefits, challenges, and evolving landscape of open access in academic and scientific publishing.

General Assembly Meeting at the Kristineberg Center for Marine Research and Innovation in Sweden (March 2024)

Our annual General Assembly Meeting took place at the Kristineberg Center for Marine Research and Innovation in Sweden. Key stakeholders gathered to discuss our progress, share insights, and strategize for the future, fostering a collaborative atmosphere.

IPR Seminar (April 17, 2024)

In April, we held a comprehensive seminar on Intellectual Property Rights. Attendees gained valuable knowledge about protecting and managing intellectual property in research and innovation, enhancing their understanding of these critical issues.



SEGH Fellows Talk by Ariadne Argyraki on Environmental Research and Citizen Science to Monitor the Hellenic Volcanic Arc Marine Geoenvironment – The nexus monARC Project (April 26, 2024)

Ariadne Argyraki, a SEGH Fellow, delivered an inspiring [talk](#) on environmental research and citizen science. She highlighted the nexus monARC Project's efforts to monitor the Hellenic Volcanic Arc's marine geoenvironment, showcasing significant achievements.

Sampling in Nisyros, Santorini, and Milos (May 4–18, 2024)

We conducted extensive sampling activities across Nisyros, Santorini, and Milos. These efforts were crucial for advancing our research on the marine ecosystems and environmental health of these unique volcanic islands.



Participation at the SETAC Europe 34th Annual Meeting (May 5–9, 2024)

Our team was actively involved in the SETAC Europe 34th Annual Meeting, where we presented our latest research findings and engaged with fellow environmental scientists. The conference provided a valuable platform for networking and knowledge exchange.



EMDInMyCountry on Nisyros Island with a Plastic Monitoring and Cleanup Action (May 2024)

In May, our team participated in the EMDInMyCountry event on Nisyros Island, focusing on plastic monitoring and cleanup. This initiative successfully engaged the community in combating marine pollution and promoting environmental stewardship.



Webinar on Proposal Writing (June 7, 2024)

We hosted an informative webinar on proposal writing in June. Participants learned essential tips and strategies for crafting compelling research proposals, enhancing their ability to secure funding for innovative projects.

Participation at Our Ocean Conference (19–21 April 2024)

Our involvement in the Our Ocean Conference at the Athens Science Festival highlighted our commitment to marine conservation. We witnessed first-hand the proclamation of marine parks in the Greek seas.

nexus monARC at the Athens Science Festival (June 2024)

We showcased our projects and engaged with attendees on critical issues affecting our oceans.

Webinar on Data Repositories (June 2024)

Rounding out our June activities, we held a webinar on data repositories. This session provided insights into the best practices for data management and sharing, emphasizing the importance of accessibility and transparency in scientific research.

We thank everyone who participated and contributed to these successful events. Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to engage with the Nexus monARC community!



Summer School: "Experiential Workshop on Science and Entrepreneurship"



From Monday 17 June to Friday 21 June 2024, nineteen high-school students participated in our summer camp entitled "Experiential Science and Entrepreneurship Workshop". The summer camp was held in collaboration with Arsakeia Schools in Athens, the Department of Geology and Geoenvironment, and the Office of Fundraising of the University of Athens.

The activities, which are part of the library of Citizen Science activities within the nexus monARC framework, were carried out in different locations, such as the premises of Arsakeio Psychiko School, the beach of Hamolia Vravrona and the Laboratories of the Department of Geology and Geoenvironment and Biology of the University of Athens.

It was a unique experience for the students, offering them the opportunity to combine theory with practice and gain a deeper understanding of science and entrepreneurship, thus contributing to the cultivation of the next generation of scientists and entrepreneurs!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Looking ahead, our team eagerly anticipates a series of exciting events, field trips, and workshops, providing unparalleled opportunities for further collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the advancement of our environmental initiatives. Stay tuned!



- RAMONES Summer School on Environmental Intelligence (3-7 July 2024, Methana, Greece)
 - Microplastics Workshop for Early Career Researchers (8-13 September 2024, Idstein, Germany)
 - nexus monARC Milos Summer School (October 2024)
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