

Learn about Geo-Wiki pictures branch and smartphone app, the new FotoQuest Austria campaign, Picture Pile and the "Lange Nacht der Forschung"

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## Welcome to our 2016 Spring Edition of Geo-Wiki News!

To kick-off this season's edition of Geo-Wiki News, we announce that Geo-Wiki Pictures archive will go public at the beginning of May! If you do not wish to have your photos visible to the public, we ask you to follow some simple steps described below. We also report on our mobile app developments and campaign updates. If you would like to catch up with some of our scientists or mobile app developers, why not make a point of meeting us at one of the events list below!



### Geo-Wiki Pictures go Public

We would like to make available the vast archive of photos that you have collected with Geo-Wiki Pictures to the public via our various Geo-Wiki branches. Currently you are only able to download and view your own pictures, along with the metadata from pictures taken by others. As of May 10th, 2016 we will open the Geo-Wiki picture archive, making all existing and future photos available for download and visualization. If you do not wish to have **your photos visible to the public**, please go to our Geo-Wiki pictures branch (select Pictures in the dropdown in the top left corner of the [Geo-Wiki application](#)). There you have the possibility to select the photos you don't want to share and click on either unpublish (the lock symbol) or delete (the trash bin symbol). Unpublish means that only you have the possibility to visualize and

download the image, this can be undone using the publish button (the world symbol). Delete will remove it from the system, which cannot be undone.



## FotoQuest Austria 2016

The new FotoQuest Austria 2016 summer campaign has just begun! FotoQuest Austria gives you the opportunity to explore the outdoors while taking pictures and collecting observations for science, using a game-like app on your mobile device. If you are located in Austria, this is your chance to help science and to win great prizes! For more information on FotoQuest Austria go to: <http://fotoquest.at>



## Picture Pile



Picture Pile players have now sorted over 2.22 million pictures! This is equivalent to a 222 meter high picture pile which is even higher than the tallest wind turbine in the world! An outstanding achievement. Thanks to everyone responsible. You are amazing!

Picture Pile is a game in which players sort picture piles. After the pile has been sorted the players can win great prizes! For more information on Picture Pile [click here](#).



## Geo-Wiki Pictures Update

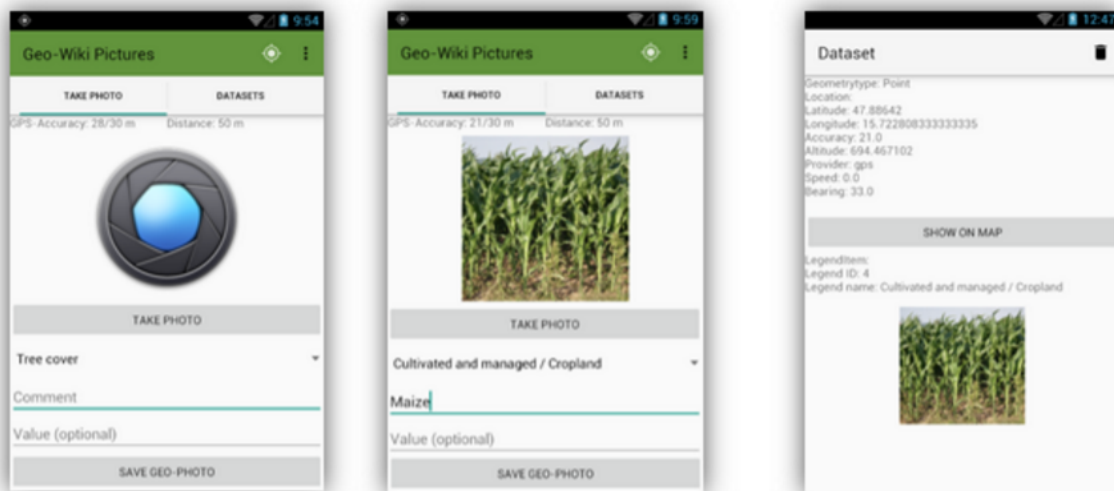
We're happy to tell you that the Geo-Wiki Pictures App for Android got a couple of new features!

We updated the GPS functionality to make sure you don't have to wait too long for getting an accurate location. Also you can now see the current GPS accuracy on the main screen all the time to get information on the actual signal quality. Furthermore we added functionality for exporting your images directly

on the phone and viewing them in Google Earth.

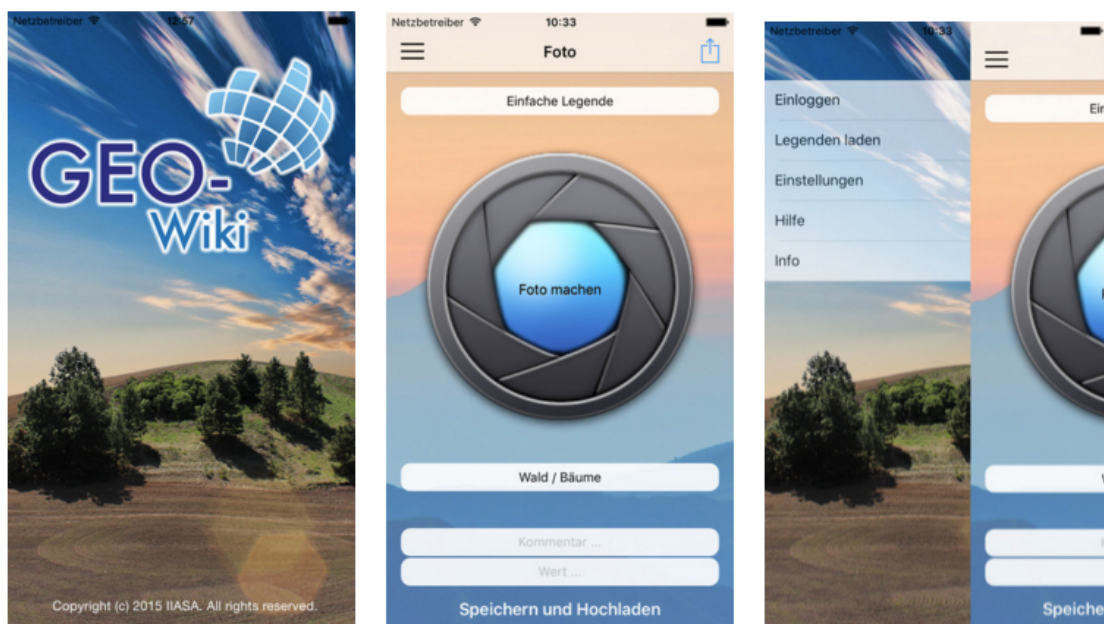
Besides these features we threw in a couple of more improvements for you:

- Enhanced user interface
- Improved device compatibility and general support for the latest Android version (Marshmellow)
- Improved the reliability of the sensor data



Please go to the app store and update your app to benefit from the recent changes and new features.

If you're using iOS we also have some great news for you. We refurbished the whole app it's now easier to use and we have added a new great design.



Last but not least stay tuned for news on the Windows Phone version for Geo-Wiki Pictures. It will be released in the near future.



## Lange Nacht der Forschung (Long Night of Research)

Come and meet IIASA researchers and try out our latest citizen science games: **FotoQuest** and **Picture Pile** at the Lange Nacht der Forschung (Long Night of Research) at the Institute of Science and Technology (IST) Austria, Klosterneuburg, on Friday 22nd April 2016. This is an open and free public event. For more information check out: <http://www.langenachtderforschung.at>



## Recent Past and Upcoming Events

- **Juan-Carlos Laso-Bayas and Linda See** are giving presentations at the European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2016 (17-22 April 2016) in Vienna, Austria. Juan-Carlos will talk about “Assessing the quality of crowdsourced in-situ land-use and land cover data from the FotoQuest Austria application” while Linda will present work on crowdsourcing and disaster risk reduction. <http://www.egu2016.eu/>
- **Dmitry Schepaschenko** is presenting at the International Symposium for Remote Sensing (ISRS) in Jeju, Korea (20-22 April 2016). The subject of his presentation is “Geo-Wiki – an online validation platform and fusion of spatial data”. <http://www.isrs.or.kr/>
- **Juan-Carlos Laso-Bayas** is attending an International Conference on Big Data (3-5 May 2016) in Alicante, Spain. <http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2016/big-data-2016>
- **Christoph Perger** is attending the ESA Living Planet Symposium 2016. The event will be held in Prague, Czech Republic from 9-13 May 2016 and is organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic and the local support from Charles University in Prague. <http://lps16.esa.int>
- **Ian McCallum and Inian Moorthy** are attending the First ECSA Citizen Science Conference to be held in Berlin from May 19-21. Organized by the European Citizen Science Association this transdisciplinary conference will highlight, demonstrate, and debate the innovation potential of citizen science for science, society and policy. <http://www.ecsa2016.eu>

- **Steffen Fritz, Tobias Sturn, Dilek Fraisl, Mathias Karner and Martina Duerauer** are participating in Lange Nacht der Forschung (Long Night of Research) event that is going to be held on Friday the 22nd of April, at the IST (Institute of Science and Technology) Austria between 5-11pm. They are going to be representing IIASA at the event and presenting the latest citizen science games they created: Picture Pile and Fotoquest Austria!  
<http://www.langenachtderforschung.at>



## Recent Publications

Lesiv, M., Moltchanova, E., Schepaschenko, D., See, L., Shvidenko, A., Comber, A. and Fritz, S. (2016) Comparison of Data Fusion Methods Using Crowdsourced Data in Creating a Hybrid Forest Cover Map. Remote Sensing, 8 (3). p. 261.



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