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## Newsletter #4 April 21, 2020

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Dear Alliance friends,

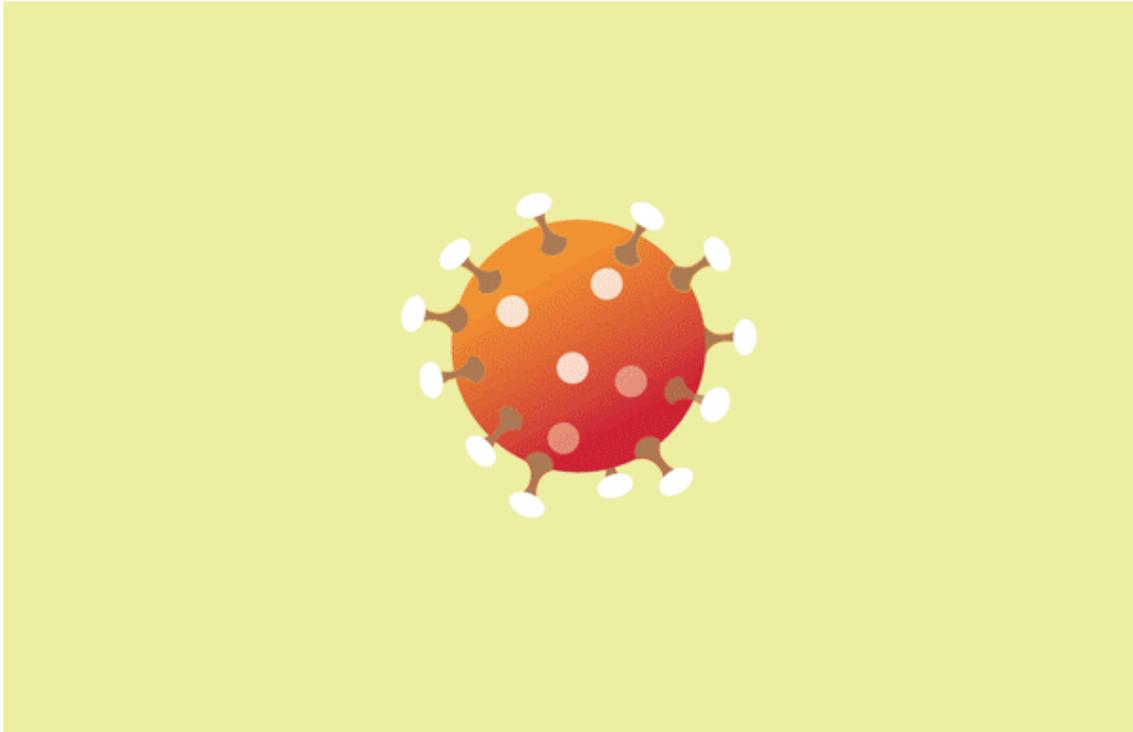
This month's issue is still under the influence of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects. No one knows exactly when social distancing, home office and home university will end. Nevertheless, we have some great news and announcements for you.

Have fun reading and stay healthy!

### Upcoming Events

- **POSTPONED** June 3 - 4, 2020: [GEOSummit 2020](#), 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- **ONLINE** June 10, 2020: Service Lunch with Matt Andersen (Sulzer), 11:45 am - 1:15 pm
- **ONLINE** June 17, 2020: Use-Case Talks Series, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- **ONLINE** June 23 - 25, 2020: [SwissText + KONVENS](#), 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- **ONLINE** June 25, 2020: [SDS2020 Workshop](#), 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- **ONLINE** June 26, 2020: [SDS2020 Conference](#), 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
- **September 2 - 4, 2020:** [ANNPR](#)

## NEWS: SDS2020 GOES ONLINE

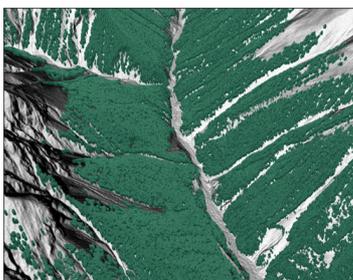


COVID-19 has shown us that there are highly creative and productive ways of meeting, networking, exchanging ideas, working and learning online. In times like these, digital alternatives become more crucial than ever before. This is why our SDS2020 conference will become an online event.

No worries: This will not be just another stream of someone talking. You will have great ways of interaction and networking, group and individual chats, 1:1 conference calls, interactive votings, job ads with direct communication lines to the companies and much more.

The final program will be published next week.

**Get your ticket now and profit from reduced ticket prices!**



### Start-up Story Exolabs

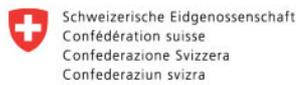
ExoLabs was created as a spin-off of the University of Zurich's Remote Sensing Laboratories in 2017. ExoLabs provides products and services by turning earth observation data into meaningful information for their clients. The Alliance had the opportunity to interview Reik Leiterer, Alliance member and co-founder of ExoLabs. [Read the full interview on our blog.](#)

# Horizon Europe – News & Call for Consultation

The European Commission launches an initiative to collect ideas about deployable Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Robotics solutions as well as information on other initiatives that could help face the ongoing COVID-19 crisis:

[Find more information here.](#)

Please note that this is a collection of information and that the European Commission cannot commit to any specific support at this point.



## Innosuisse - Extended Calls for International Innovation Projects

Due to the current situation, Innosuisse has decided to extend the calls for its international innovation projects with South Korea and Brazil by one month – accordingly with the guidelines published on its website. Here is an overview of the most important changes:

- **10 February 2020:** Call for publications
- **20 May 2020:** Deadline for submission of Pre-Proposal
- **June 2020:** Communication of results of assessment and recommendations for full proposal
- **18 September 2020:** Deadline for submission of full proposals
- **November 2020:** Communication of evaluation results and project start

All other terms and previously distributed information remain unchanged.

# ANNPR 2020

September 2nd-4th, 2020  
ZHAW, Winterthur, Switzerland



## ANNPR 2020

ZHAW will host ANNPR 2020, an international academic workshop on the application of Neural Networks, on September 2nd-4th, 2020 in Winterthur, Switzerland.

To further increase liaison with industry, this year's edition is co-sponsored by the Swiss Alliance for Data-Intensive Services. There will be a dedicated **industry afternoon** on Thursday, September 3, featuring an applied research/industry keynote, applied research presentations and industry exhibits, booths, posters and demonstrations.

**Research Topics:** Innovation in predictive and generative machine learning methods, with a focus on deep neural networks for image classification and segmentation, object detection, audio and video processing, document analysis, handwritten text recognition, data, web and text mining, bioinformatics, bio-medical imaging, forensics, industrial quality control, predictive maintenance, automation and industrial IoT.

**Application areas:** Analytics, industry and production, health and med-tech, fintech, insurance, automotive, security, sales, marketing, logistics, power, construction and pharma.

### We offer the following opportunities for industrial participation:

- Submission of an applied research paper (Deadline May 1, 2020). Papers accepted by peer-review will be invited for oral or poster presentation during the conference
- Active participation in the dedicated Industry Afternoon (September 3, 2020) by hosting a company stand, booth or poster (included in sponsorship packages)
- Various other sponsorship packages are available

For more details, please consult the attached flyer and visit the workshop website [www.annpr2020.ch](http://www.annpr2020.ch)

ANNPR 2020 COVID-19 INFO: At the moment, we still work on the assumption that ANNPR 2020 can happen as planned in September. However, we are going to re-evaluate the situation within the next weeks and may consider potential options such as an extension of the conference deadlines, moving to an online format or even postponing the event to 2021. Many thanks for your understanding.

We look forward to welcoming you in Winterthur!

#### Data Science Read of the Month

[Why Most Post-Pandemic Predictions Will Be Totally Wrong](#)