



The Social Fabric of Citizen Science

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Our **network analysis** shows that **professional exchange** occurs within a dense network where scientific coordination plays a significant role within the network. Also, the external Lepiforum – an online platform with tools for species identification and information about species ecology – is central for the professional communication among participants. **Personal exchange** also takes place, but is less intense among less connected participants. Personal exchange brings new players (non-participants) into the network (indicated by the stars). There are numerous unspecific contacts outside the network (yellow symbols) as well as contacts to NGO's (green symbols). For both networks, strong ties (bold lines) dominate over weak ties.

The **questionnaire analysis** shows that **learning** is an ongoing process. In particular, participants received a greater understanding about scientific literacy. Further, of great relevance is the possibility to professional exchange with coordinators.

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