

The Wonder of Science, in Boulder Colorado

Research Associate Professor Mathias Vuille and Climate Center alumnus Caspar Ammann were hosts of the “ThinkSwiss Climate Trail”, which formed part of “The Wonder of Science” street festival held in Boulder Colorado on September 29th. The “ThinkSwiss Climate Trail” included a set of ~15 posters documenting the science, impacts and consequences of climate change, and also showed potential solutions, through mitigation and adaptation measures. Posters included documentation of glacier retreat in the Swiss Alps, the impacts of climate change on biodiversity, the changing climate of Massachusetts and how climate change might affect extreme weather such as droughts or hurricanes.

A large group of scientists from various labs, community groups and outreach organizations offered activities, information, demonstrations and hands-on activities of various issues related to climate change and sustainability, focused mostly toward a younger audience. Some of the major institutions involved included the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), which amongst other activities launched a weather balloon every hour from the middle of 29th Street. Other performances included a parade of mothers acting up on stilts, a street theater and a variety of physics experiments for kids.

Several hundred people, many of them children, visited the various exhibits to learn more about the science of climate change.

