Dear MoveApps user,

Thank you for your interest in MoveApps. Four years have passed since MoveApps was first launched, and much has happened since. We are very proud to say that our community is growing, we have close to 1500 registered users, 26 of whom have developed the available 128 Apps. A big thank you to you all.

If your last interaction with MoveApps was some time ago, and you found yourself struggling a bit to find out how it works, you are probably happy to hear that we have put and are putting lots of effort into making the platform more user friendly. Try it out again! We are still working on further updates, but hopefully some improvement can already be perceived. At the end of last year, we added tutorial videos that hopefully will help everybody get started more smoothly.

From the survey that we sent out last autumn, we got very helpful feedback and many good ideas, thank you for participating if you did so. One point mentioned by many people, was their struggle and frustration with the errors of Apps. We as well as all volunteer App developers try our best to provide robust Apps, but sometimes have overlooked one or the other potential issue. Movement data is very heterogeneous, and sometimes accounting for different aspects of the heterogeneity of data has been missed. In the coming month, we will improve the process of testing Apps and facilitate the reporting of errors. But besides that, to help the developers improve their Apps and make them more fail-proof, your feedback is crucial. We would be extremely grateful if you report the errors you get. You can either make an issue on GitHub, email the developer, or simply email us (links to all the options are provided in the error window of the App). With a common effort we can improve the platform and all will profit from it.

We are constantly improving the MoveApps platform, and probably many of the changes and improvements are not directly recognisable. Therefore, from now on, every time we have finished a bash of changes, improvements, and additions, we will send out a short newsletter to inform you about them. Probably a newsletter will be sent out every 1 to 3 month. These messages can then also be found in the news

section of MoveApps. Of course, you can at any time unsubscribe from the newsletter by clicking the link at the end of the email or by unchecking the box "*receive newsletter*" in your profile page.

We would like to encourage you to use the MoveApps Forum to ask questions, make suggestions, and start discussions. But, in case you do not feel comfortable making public posts, you can also always send us an email to *support@moveapps.org*. We would be very happy to see the community working with movement data be engaged and involved in shaping MoveApps, making the platform a useful tool for all.

And last but not least: **we are hiring**! We look for a person with programming skills in R and/or Python. Application **deadline is the 14.03.2025**, click here to find all the details.

Look forward to interacting more with you.

With kind regards,

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