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**The Global Young Academy (GYA) launches the project report on the Global State of Young Scientists**

**Berlin, 21 January 2014** – The Global Young Academy (GYA) conducted an exploratory one-year study on the Global State of Young Scientists (GloSYS) throughout the year 2013 and developed central findings on the state of young researchers together with recommendations to improve their situation throughout the world. The precursor project explored the working conditions and career development of young researchers aiming to fill in gaps in comparable data across countries in the developing and the developed world to better identify the career needs of young researchers and help improve their situations.

Against the backdrop of a changing global research system, the GloSYS report provides an encompassing picture of young scholars' status and working conditions in different countries around the world. "There is a substantial lack of knowledge on the state of young scholars in developing countries" says GYA Co-Chair Sameh Soror, "and this report is a first step towards filling this gap." Catherine Beaudry from Canada is principal investigator leading the project. "We have adopted an inclusive approach focusing on all world regions and selecting countries with different development stages. This report lays the foundation for further work on the state of young scholars in the light of key emerging themes and global challenges," she adds.

The study produced globally comparable data about the issues and concerns young researchers are confronted with, providing a framework against which future progress can be monitored, and is supported by a grant from the German Federal Ministry of Research and Education (BMBF). The BMBF funding enabled the initial GloSYS precursor project addressing issues of global importance for young scholars in both the developed and developing world from which more comprehensive studies can follow in the future.

The BMBF has also undertaken core funding support of GYA for an initial period of three years. The BMBF funding ensures operation of the GYA office in Berlin, which plays a central role in coordinating the global activities of GYA members. Support for international organizations like the GYA raises the profile of science in both developed and developing countries, and places Germany at the center of a global network of young scientific talent.

**About the Global Young Academy**

The Global Young Academy, founded in 2010, is the voice of young scientists around the world. Members are chosen for their demonstrated excellence in scientific achievement and commitment to service. Currently there are 155 members and 63 alumni from 61 countries. The academy is hosted at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) in cooperation with the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina and receives seed funding from the Volkswagen Foundation as well as project support from the IAP: the Global Network of Science Academies, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina.

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