

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Young Scientists meet in Vietnam to address how Science can help with promoting sustainability**

**30 July 2019** – Representatives from more than 30 young academies from all over the globe are meeting for the Fourth Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies this week at Duy Tan University in Da Nang, Vietnam.

The meeting, which will explore the theme “Young Academies for Promoting Peaceful and Inclusive Societies”, takes place from 31 July - 2 August 2019, and is hosted by the Vietnam Young Academy (VYA) and co-organised by the Global Young Academy (GYA).

Flavia Schlegel, the Special Envoy for Science in Global Policy at the International Science Council (ISC), will open the meeting with a keynote on the role of young academies in providing science advice as intermediaries between the research community and policy-makers nationally and globally. This will set the tone for the following discussions on how young academies can better engage in the implementation and development of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Discussions will build on the 2017 [young academies statement on the UN SDGs](#) and will also draw on the InterAcademy Partnership’s recent report on [Improving Scientific Input to Global Policymaking](#), which lists specific recommendations for action by young academies.

Meeting participants will also exchange best practices on science advice, outreach and communication, as well as discuss internal matters, e.g. membership selection criteria and procedures, fundraising strategies, engaging with diaspora young scientists, and how to deal with declining levels of academic freedom and trust in science. Existing activities for at-risk and refugee scholars will also be highlighted, likely resulting in additional future collaborations.

The Programme Organising Committee for the meeting included representatives from a number of young academies, thereby ensuring that the meeting agenda reflects the global nature of these biannual meetings.

#### **Fourth Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies 2019**

For more information, see <https://globalyoungacademy.net/events/4th-worldwide-meeting-of-young-academies-2019/>

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## **About the Global Young Academy**

The Global Young Academy (GYA) was founded in 2010 with the vision to give a voice to early- to mid-career researchers around the world. The GYA empowers them to lead international, interdisciplinary, and intergenerational dialogue by developing and mobilising talent from six continents. Its purpose is to promote reason and inclusiveness in global decision-making. Members are chosen for their demonstrated excellence in scientific achievement and commitment to service. Currently, there are 200 members and 258 alumni from more than 80 countries. The academy is hosted at the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. The GYA received its seed funding from the Volkswagen Foundation, and since 2014, it has been funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and supported by the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP). The GYA also benefits from project-specific funding from a variety of donors and partners.

## **About the Vietnam Young Academy**

The [Vietnam Young Academy \(VYA\)](#) was founded in 2014 and aims to promote science and technology, and education, and improve science policy and the research environment in Vietnam by providing a platform for the discussion of topics of national and global importance. The VYA also aims to maintain active links with Vietnamese scientists and international science organisations, and to become a platform of knowledge exchange between Vietnam-based scholars and Vietnamese scholars working globally.

## **About the Young Academies network**

National Young Academies (NYA) are academies typically formed by young scientists and scholars at the beginning of their independent careers who have been selected for the excellence of their research impact and commitment to service. NYAs work as the voice of young scientists for the advancement of issues of importance to society and to young scientists.

The meetings comes at a dynamic time for the NYA network which continues to grow with ever more young academies being established all over the world and up to five new ones expected to start work this year:

<https://globalyoungacademy.net/national-young-academies/>

For the GYA, one of its major aims is to support the establishment and development of NYAs and similar bodies, to cooperate with them and provide opportunities for networking. Overall, 42 NYAs and more than 10 similar bodies now exist worldwide, many having been established with support from the GYA and its members.