



GLOBAL YOUNG ACADEMY

April 2020 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

We come to the end of yet another month, and in many parts of the world these strange times begin to be referred to as the “new normal” - for better or worse, that is the way it is. In any case we hope that you are all healthy and safe, and managing as well as possible.

What will absolutely be a new, but certainly not a normal situation, is our upcoming e-AGM, which is now 5 short weeks away. This is our yearly celebration in which we will get to know our new members, see what working groups and committees are doing (and to join some of them!), catch up with old friends, discuss the future direction of the GYA, elect Co-Chairs and Executive Committee, and much more.

A few weeks after the e-AGM we will hold our Young Scientist Conference from 29 June to 10 July 2020. Why two weeks? Because most interactions will be asynchronous, in the form of recorded talks, message boards and forums, where anyone can contribute, whenever you have the time in your own time zone. Be sure to get involved!

The best “new” this month was the official acceptance of the GYA as an Affiliate Member of the International Science Council (ISC). This recognition is a culmination of strong engagement by members and alumni and will afford us more opportunities to bring the voice of young scientists further than ever before.

Unfortunately we also received some bad news: one of our incoming members, Jon Tennant, was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident in his adopted country of Indonesia. Jon was an excellent scientist and well-respected proponent of Open Science, and we were looking forward to his contributions to help further our mission, but we can now only honour him with taking his work further. May he rest in peace.

Even during this grim period, you will find good news of our members and alumni flying the GYA flag high, as well as news from other young scientists and our esteemed partners.

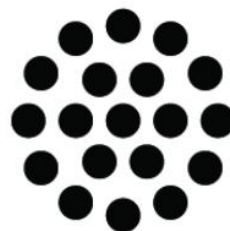
Happy reading as always; above all, though: stay safe!

GYA News

GYA becomes Affiliate Member of International Science Council

Read more [here](#).

International Science Council



E-Conference: "Heal the Earth: Sustainable Development Goals in a Changing World"

The e-Conference will be held from **29 June to 10 July 2020**. **Why two weeks?** Because most interactions will be asynchronous, in the form of recorded talks, message boards and forums, where anyone can contribute, whenever you have the time in your own time zone.

Even in digital form, the e-Conference aims to bring together members and alumni of the GYA with regional, national and international professionals and stakeholders, to lead evidence-based, interdisciplinary and intergenerational dialogue.

This year, dialogues will take on new forms: watching pre-recorded panel talks, message

boards and forums, asking questions and contributing to forum discussions and moderated messages. The e-Conference aims to debate current problems while providing space to propose solutions from an inclusive, sustainable and global perspective

Issues to be addressed include:

- A global perspective on the covid19 pandemic
- Diminishing resources and environmental sustainability
- Engagement at large: Communicating science to and with the public
- Open Science and global Open Access

More information is available [here](#).



GYA North-South Interdisciplinary Grant 2020 open for applications

This grant scheme seeks to support the development of small-scale, innovative, curiosity-driven, blue-sky, exploratory research that unites researchers in developed and developing countries and across disciplines.

Applications should be submitted by Sunday, 28 June 2020.

More information available [here](#).

GYA is part of a global group of science academies releasing COVID-19 Statement

The Statement is available [here](#).



GYA welcomes new GloSYS LAC Researcher

In April, we warmly welcomed Alejandro Miranda-Nieto to the GYA team as the GloSYS Latin American & Caribbean Researcher. Alejandro is a sociologist with interests spanning social practice, migration, mobilities, social change and the circulation of scientific knowledge and expertise.

He is the author of academic articles on mobilities, migration, musical practice and ethnography. His book *Musical Mobilities* has been published in the Routledge Advances in Ethnography series and a new book, *Ethnographies of Home and Mobility in Europe*, co-authored with Aurora Massa and Sara Bonfanti, is currently in press.

Before collaborating with the GYA, Alejandro was a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Trento, Italy. He holds a PhD in sociology from Western Sydney University, Australia, a Master's of Social Science from Linköping University, Sweden, and a BA in sociology from the National Autonomous University of Mexico. He is also a professional guitarist and composer, has been sound artist in residence in Sydney, Australia, and has won two awards in chamber music competitions.

GYA online



Lightning Talks highlight members' work

During every GYA Annual General Meeting and Conference, members hold "Lightning Talks" to explain their research to the public in 3.5 minutes. Here is [Tyrone Grandison](#) (The Data-Driven Institute, United States) speaking about using data and computing for the greater good.

PS: While you're there, [please subscribe to our YouTube channel!](#)

Items of interest

GYA Webinar: COVID-19 in Latin America - perspectives from young scientists

A group of GYA members from Latin America are organising a webinar titled "Covid-19 in Latin America: perspectives from young scientists" on 14 May 2020, from 18:00 to 20:00 UTC. Due to historically low expenditures on public health and other structural problems, Latin America faces the COVID-19 pandemic from a weak and vulnerable position. As such, the challenges in this region are harder in comparison with the rest of the world. This webinar brings together 6 Latin American scientists, all members of the GYA, in order to discuss with the general public (in Spanish) their perspectives on this crisis.

The webinar will consist of short talks, and Q&A with the participants. Questions such as the following will be addressed: How did we get to this situation; What are Latin American virologists doing; How to transfer scientific knowledge to the political arena; What emerging technologies are being used in other parts of the world to deal with the pandemic?

receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the meeting.

Climate Nexus Conference 2020 - call for abstracts

The First International Conference on "Climate Nexus Perspectives: Water, Food and Biodiversity 2020", will be held 4-5 June 2020, and will take place online due to the COVID-19 Crisis.

The conference is organised by the Research Team "Environment and Natural Resources Management" of the Khenifra Higher School of Technology, Morocco. GYA member [Lahcen El Youssfi](#) (Sultane Moulay Slimane University, Morocco) is one of the main organisers.

The conference will focus on the intersections between the crisis related to the climate as well as the crisis related to biodiversity, water and food security, suggesting that these are not separate environmental and social issues, but rather a global crisis of ecological systems requiring an integrated response.

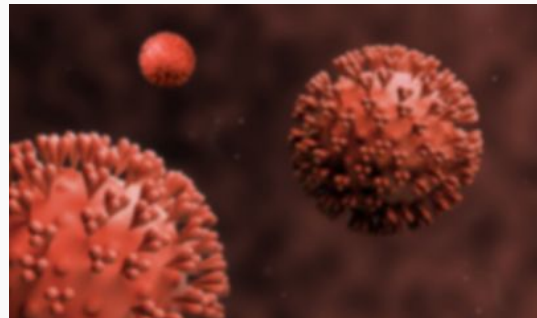
Please SAVE THE DATES and feel free to share this message and [call for abstract document](#) with your students, fellows and networks.

The submission of abstracts can be done online [here](#).

You can download the conference call [here](#).

Life with Corona

[Life with Corona](#) is a citizen science project (led by GYA alumni and founding member [Tilman Brück](#), Germany) that aims to study the social and economic implications of the Coronavirus pandemic. The study will continue throughout 2020. Take the survey [here](#).



[Leave your thoughts on GYA News here](#)

News from Our Members and Alumni

[Michael Backes](#) (University of Namibia) was recently interviewed by CNN for a story titled "[The missing link in the study of black holes?](#)"

[Suraj Bhattarai](#) (Global Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, Nepal) was a speaker in a [webinar on Covid-19 and Maternal Health](#) on 16 April, organised by Action against Stunting.

[Lisa Herzog](#) (University of Groningen, Netherlands) took on the role of a commentator in a recorded science communications webinar on [Transforming Science Communication for Transformations to Sustainability](#) on 15 April, organised by the International Science Council.

[Karly Kehoe](#) (Saint Mary's University, Canada) was [featured in a St. Mary's University faculty video](#), where she speaks about the importance of research during COVID-19.

In an [interview that appeared in the German newspaper Die Welt](#), EC member [Robert Lepenies](#) (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, Germany) discussed "Corona nudging" (in German).

In a [video from Pathways in Science](#), EC member Sandra Lopez-Verges (Gorgias Institute for Health Studies, Panama) explains the various methods of determining if a person has COVID-19 (in Spanish).

Alumna [Eva Alisic](#) (University of Melbourne, Australia) has been involved in a large-scale, interdisciplinary advice project regarding Australia's next steps in the pandemic. The report is available [here](#).

Alumna [Amal Amin](#) (National Research Center, Egypt) authored a Nature article titled "[The broken Nobel Prize dream that launched a mentoring platform](#)".

Alumnus [Gijs Wuite](#) (VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands) has been awarded a European Research Council Advanced Grant that will be used for a project titled "Disentangling metaphase chromosome organisation one chromosome at a time."

Please use [this form](#) to send us your stories and accomplishments - we'll include them in social media and in the newsletter!

GYA in the media

[Global Message from scientists on Covid-19](#) (The Sunday Mail)

[Science fighting coronavirus](#) (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies - SAPEA)

[Q & A with Dr. Connie Nshemereirwe](#) (Future Africa)

[How can European academies support fight against COVID-19](#) (All European Academies - ALLEA)

[Unclear expert opinions](#) (Die Welt - in German)

[Academy response to COVID-19](#) (InterAcademy Partnership)

[Publishing scheme 'to serve all of Europe'](#) (Research Europe)

National Young Academies

Global working group on Open Science

As [previously announced](#), the GYA is coordinating a new [global working group on Open Science](#), comprising members from 25 National Young Academies (NYAs) from around the globe, as well as members from the GYA's long-standing working group on [Open Science](#). The global working group held its first virtual meeting in April. The group will now provide a response from the early- to mid-career researchers' perspective to UNESCO's ongoing global consultation on Open Science, and will work on creating an Open Science best-practice repository.

NYAs that have not yet nominated a representative to this group can still do so by sending an email to [Anna-Maria Gramatté](#) at the GYA Office.

National Young Academy collaboration

The GYA is currently extending its website space for NYA-related activities. In addition to a [list of](#)

[academy activities and projects](#). We will add to these pages in the coming months. For any suggestions or queries about the NYA-related pages on the GYA website, please contact [Anna-Maria Gramatté](#) at the GYA Office.

Vietnam Young Academy newsletter

The Vietnam Young Academy's April newsletter is available [here](#)

NYAs and COVID-19

GYA's COVID-19 repository

The GYA has established a page on our website (<https://globalyoungacademy.net/covid19/>) to act as a repository for young academies to link their work on COVID-19. This includes any statements or information dissemination activities, initiatives to support scientists to coordinate and facilitate institutions or governments. Please contact info@globalyoungacademy.net or tweet with the hashtag #covid19ya if you want to share what your academy is doing, or want to contact other young academies for joint activities, or an exchange of experience and best practices.

NYA Updates - spread the news!

If you have any news or updates regarding your NYA, please [email Anna-Maria Gramatté](#).

Partners

INGSA2020 postponed

In light of current events, the INGSA2020 Organizing Committee has delayed the INGSA Conference until 18-21 April 2021. INGSA will also host on **15-16 September 2020** (to be confirmed) a **global virtual conference (INGSA2020-COVID)**, to be focused specifically on the interface of science and policy and on science diplomacy during the current Covid-19 pandemic. INGSA has established on its website a section (ingsa.org/covid) to serve as a hub of information and resources about the science and policy interface of the epidemic. Everyone is encouraged to visit the site and to consider how they might [contribute to the effort](#).

Lindau events postponed

The 70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting and the 7th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences – both originally scheduled for the summer of 2020 – will be postponed until 2021. This decision was made by the committees of the Foundation and the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings. The invitations for young scientists are valid for next year. Interactive online activities are planned for this summer. More information is available [here](#).

Upcoming Events

3-4 June 2020

[ALLEA General Assembly - CANCELLED](#)

16 June 2020

[ALLEA GYA Workshop on research assessment, Brussels, Belgium - POSTPONED](#)29 June to
10 July 2020[2020 Global Young Academy International e-Conference, online](#)

4-5 July 2020

[2020 European Young Academies Meeting, Berlin, Germany - NOW VIRTUAL](#)

21-25 August 2020

[Africa Science Leadership Programme, Pretoria, South Africa](#)

10-12 September 2020

[2nd GYA Research Leadership Workshop, Oxford, United Kingdom](#)

15-16 September 2020

[4th International Conference on Science Advice to Government, Montreal, Canada - MOVED TO 18-21 APRIL 2021](#)

21-23 September 2020

[CILAC - The Open Science Forum for Latin American and the Caribbean, Buenos Aires, Argentina - MOVED TO APRIL 2021](#)

25-29 August 2020

[70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting, Lake Constance, Germany - POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST 2021](#)

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