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Foreword by the Co-Chairs

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are pleased to share this second issue of our newsletter, since our 2017 Annual General Meeting, with you.

Herein are details of GYA activities over the last couple of months.

Of note, we have got our call for new members open for another month, and applications are starting to trickle in. So keep spreading the word far and wide across your networks. GYA working groups and incubator projects are now being selected, and these will give you a good sense of the GYA's focus areas over the next 12 months. In subsequent newsletters, we aim to keep you updated on activities of these working groups. We have also been busy with our support for National Young Academies, and this newsletter includes feedback on the recent 3rd Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies we co-hosted with the South African Young Academy of Science. We also share with you here snapshots of our members' global policy and societal engagements.

Happy reading.

Tolu and Moritz

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all UN languages and more. Spread the word in all your networks! Write to us at the Office if you need any GYA material (PPP, social media ideas, photos, etc.) to help get the call to the best applicants.

<http://www.globalyoungacademy.net/call-for-new-members>

Activities

News from the GloSYS Africa Project

The [GloSYS](#) team has been very busy over the past two months. We have submitted our application for ethical approval at the University of Cape Town, and have responded to the request of the ethics board to provide additional information and clarifications. The board is currently reviewing our response and we are expecting to receive approval very soon. We have also begun building a presence for GloSYS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) with the hopes that we can use social media to increase the spread of our survey, particularly to those outside of academia. Please follow us!

We are also currently planning our second in-person meeting in Rabat, Morocco, in October 2017.

In July, several members of the GloSYS team gave presentations about the project: [Anna Coussens](#) at the *3rd Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies 2017* (in Johannesburg, South Africa), our research partner Dr Uchenna Udeani at the *Developing the next Generation of Researchers* workshop (in Lagos, Nigeria), and the GloSYS Project Researcher Marie Neumann at a workshop on *Academies' Communications, Outreach, and Distribution of Science-Based Advice to Policymakers and the Public* organised by the Network of African Science Academies (NASAC) in Nairobi, Kenya.

NASAC-Leopoldina Workshop on Research Communication

In early July, Marie Neumann, our GloSYS Project Researcher, attended a [NASAC](#)-Leopoldina capacity-building workshop on the topic *Academies' Communications, Outreach, and Distribution of Science-based Advice to Policymakers and the Public* in Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop was well-attended by members and staff of many African science academies as well as representatives of the media who specialise in science communication. Marie gave a brief presentation about the GloSYS Africa project as it relates to the topic of the workshop, discussing the project more generally and outlining the research team's current communication strategy. She received positive feedback and lots of promises to help spread the word about the project once the survey is live.

Interdisciplinary Grant 2017

The GYA North South Interdisciplinary Grant for 2017-18 has been awarded to GYA members [Thomas Edison E. Dela Cruz](#) (Philippines), [Dilfuza Egamberdieva](#) (Germany), and [Mary Donnabelle Balela](#) (Philippines) for their proposed project on *BioChar for Food Security and Sustainable Ecosystem Services: Understanding the*

GYA Website: Updated Themes Pages

GYA Office has been updating the Themes Pages on the GYA website in recent weeks. Information on existing working groups was updated, and new groups added. GYA members are currently engaged in 18 working groups and incubators under the three themes of [Science & Society](#), [Research Environment](#) and [Science Education & Outreach](#).

National Young Academies

3rd Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies in Johannesburg

The 3rd Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies took place in Johannesburg, South Africa, in July 2017, hosted by the South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS) and co-organised by the GYA. More than 60 representatives from over 35 young academies and young academy initiatives from all over the world came together to discuss how young academies and young scientists in particular can contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

A meeting statement on the role of Young Academies in achieving the UN SDGs will be published in early September by the GYA and as many National Young Academies (NYAs) as are interested to sign up.

For more information on the 3rd Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies and its outcomes see [here](#).

Dynamic NYA Movement

The 3rd Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies also showcased the energy and dynamism of the global NYA movement. Not only did representatives from existing young academies attend the meeting, but six young academy initiatives were present as well and used the meeting to network and learn about [support mechanisms](#) for the establishment of an NYA.

The latest addition to the global NYA network is the Albanian Young Academy, which was established in June 2017 with support from the Academy of Sciences of Albania. For more information on GYA involvement in the young academy network, see [here](#).

News from our members

Tolu Oni at UN High-Level Political Forum in New York

GYA Co-Chair [Tolu Oni](#) was a lead discussant on 14 July 2017 at the [UN High-Level Political Forum](#) (HLPF) in New York, during [Session 16: Science-policy interface and emerging issues](#). Tolu's speech focused on science-policy trade-offs and benefits, the changing skill set needed by scientists, and the necessity for new forms of intersectoral dialogue and data sharing in order to reach the UN SDGs.

More information [here](#).

Find video footage from the forum [here](#).

This year, the [Next Einstein Forum](#) (NEF) in collaboration with the Robert Bosch Foundation, has launched the [Africa Science Week Initiative \(ASW\)](#), under the theme: 'Igniting the Power of Science'. The 2017 science weeks took place throughout June & early July 2017, in 13 countries.

GYA member and NEF Ambassador [Abdeslam Badre](#) led the ASW in Morocco. Find out more about his involvement [here](#).

GYA EC member and NEF Ambassador [Samuel Sojину](#) led the ASW in Nigeria. Find out more about his involvement [here](#).

Young Science Ambassador Programme (YSAP) workshop

GYA EC member [Almas Taj Awan](#) and GYA alumnus [Aftab Ahmad](#) arranged a workshop and three school tours in March 2017 in a remote village in Pakistan. Find out more about it [here](#).

Javier Garcia Martinez elected to EC of IUPAC

In July 2017, GYA alumnus [Javier Garcia Martinez](#) was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the [International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry \(IUPAC\)](#).

Juan Escrig at Science-Policy Advice in Latin America workshop

GYA member [Juan Escrig](#) participated in a science-policy advice workshop for Latin American countries organised by the [International Network for Government Science Advice](#) (INGSA). One result of the workshop was the establishment of INGSA-LAC – a Latin America and the Caribbean chapter for INGSA, and the subsequent formation of a steering committee. Find out more [here](#).

Roberta D'Alessandro at 5th World Conference on Research Integrity

GYA member [Roberta D'Alessandro](#) participated in the 5th World Conference on Research Integrity (WCRI). Find out more [here](#).

GYA in the Media

- *University of Cape Town News*: '[Tolu Oni to lead Global Young Academy](#)'
- *The Globe and Mail*: '[Canadian Science Minister Kirsty Duncan ready to begin science funding overhaul](#)'
- *nature*: '[Survey reveals basic research in Canada is falling by the wayside](#)'
- *Science - AAAS*: '[Canada's basic science at risk of fading away, report argues](#)'
- *thestar.com*: '[Canadian scientists labouring under massive funding gap, report finds](#)'
- *Ottawa Citizen*: '[Decade of sparse funds chased scientists out of 'fundamental' research, researchers argue](#)'
- *MacLean's*: '[Why Canadian scientists aren't happy](#)'
- *Times Higher Education*: '[Funding cuts blamed as blue-skies research 'collapses' in Canada](#)'

- *Chemistry World*: '[Fundamental science falling by the wayside in Canada](#)'
- *UNESCO Media Services*: '[Canada rehabilitating government science](#)'
- *La Presse*: '[La promesse non tenue de Justin Trudeau](#)'
- *Synapse*: '[Meghnath Dhimal in die Global Young Academy berufen](#)'
- *Vietnam Young Academy (VYA) Bulletin*: '[Issue #9, July 2017](#)'
- *Leopoldina aktuell*: '[Jahrestreffen der Global Young Academy mit Gesprächen](#)'

Upcoming Events

17-20 August 2017	Young Leaders for Health Conference in Berlin, Germany
22-26 August 2017	6th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences in Lindau, Germany
3-4 September 2017	Young Academy of Europe AGM in Budapest, Hungary
4-6 September 2017	Joint YAE/AE/ALLEA meeting in Budapest, Hungary
9-11 September 2017	ASEAN Science Leadership Programme in Malaysia
18-19 September 2017	International Conference on SDGs: Actors and Implementation (Global University Network for Innovation) in Barcelona, Spain
22-23 September 2017	Leopoldina Annual Meeting: Genome-Editing in Halle, Germany
26 September 2017	JRC Annual Conference EU4Facts "Evidence for policy in a post-fact world" in Brussels, Belgium
2-3 October 2017	GYA EC in-person meeting in Halle, Germany
11-13 October 2017	Herrenhausen Conference on Genome Editing in Hanover, Germany
12-14 October 2017	IAP for Health Young Physician Leaders Programme in Berlin, Germany
15-17 October 2017	World Health Summit in Berlin, Germany
7-11 November 2017	World Science Forum in Amman, Jordan
11-13 November 2017	OpenCon 2017 in Berlin, Germany
11-13 February 2018	Meeting of the Asian Young Academies: 'Science and Society: Challenges and Prospects' in Jerusalem, Israel

7-11 May 2018

and healthy longevity through science and technology' in
Pattaya, Thailand

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