



# GLOBAL YOUNG ACADEMY

## August 2019 Newsletter

Dear friends,

Warm greetings!

In a few days our new member call will close, and we are gratified by your many efforts to share this among all your networks so far – this year we set out specifically to reach those nations and communities that we have not reached before, and look to increase our member diversity even further, as this would give ever more young scientists the opportunity to contribute their perspective to global science and policy debates. With about 2 weeks to go, our ask now is that you join us in the final push to spread the word even more widely. We have published a blog that provides encouragement on why anyone should apply, as well as advice on how to submit a great application, so please share these as well.

When we last 'spoke', we were gearing up for the Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies hosted by Vietnam Young Academy, and it was a time of wonderful exchange and networking. The young scientists present agreed to create ever closer ties with one another, and the GYA is excited at the potential of this growing global network.

Finally, we are also proud to share the news of our members and alumni blazing trails all over the globe, as well as upcoming events where we can meet up and reconnect as we make our mark within the global science and policy landscape.

Happy reading!

Connie Nshemereirwe (Uganda) and Koen Vermeir (France)  
On behalf of the GYA Executive Committee



## Call for new GYA members 2020

Help us reach outstanding young scientists around the globe! Spread the word and share the call over relevant mailing lists and your private and professional social media networks until 15 September 2019.

- Use our pre-written [Social Media Toolkit](#) and [Membership Call Flyer](#) to share graphics, tweets and posts, and get the call to future GYA members!
  - More information on how to apply, and our online application form can be found [here](#).
  - [Read 5 good reasons to apply for GYA membership](#)
  - [Read 9 tips for preparing a great application to the GYA](#)
  - Share the [testimonial letter from Nova Ahmed](#) on applying for GYA membership.
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**SAVE THE DATE!**

The location for the AGM 2020 has now been finalised – it will be held in the City of Joy, Kolkata, India, **8-12 June 2020**.

Read more on the Event page [here](#).



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## **GYA Co-organises the Fourth Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies**

The Fourth Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies took place in Da Nang, Vietnam, from 31 July – 2 August 2019, hosted by the Vietnam Young Academy (VYA) and co-organised by the GYA. More information is available [here](#)

## **GloSYS Africa at the World Economic Forum on Africa**

The World Economic Forum on Africa meeting is being held in Cape Town, South Africa, from 4 to 6 September 2019. In partnership with the South African Young Academy of Science ([SAYAS](#)) and the University of Cape Town ([UCT](#)), the GYA will host a WEF affiliates breakfast session on 6 September 2019. Two of the GloSYS Africa champions - [Abdeslam Badre](#) (Germany) and [Anna Coussens](#) (Australia) - will facilitate the session, supported by the other champions - [Fridah Erastus](#) (Kenya), [Mona Khoury-Kassabri](#) (Israel) and alumni [Abidemi Akindele](#) (Nigeria). More information available [here](#).

## **GYA awards North-South Interdisciplinary Grant 2019/20**

The 2019-20 GYA North-South Interdisciplinary Grant has been awarded to [Ibrahim Sidi Zakari](#) (Niger), [Robert Lepenies](#) (Germany) and [Lisa Herzog](#) (Germany) for the project *Citizen Science for Reducing Exposure to Urban Air Pollution*.

This project will explore, in a comparative perspective, the extent to which citizen science in Niger and Germany can be harnessed to contribute to the reduction of air pollution while concretely feeding into the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

More information available [here](#).

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## ***Readings of Interest***

An introduction to achieving policy impact for early-career researchers.

[Read the article here](#).



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## News from Our Members and Alumni

[John Malone](#) (United States) has been awarded an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science & Technology Policy Fellowship (STPF) with a placement at the Office of Science and Technology Cooperation in the Department of State.

[Eqbal Daugan](#) (Norway) was interviewed for an article in Nature. The article is available [here](#).

Alumna [Sabina Leonelli](#) (United Kingdom) has been elected to the Académie Internationale de Philosophie des Sciences.

Alumnus [Bartosz Karaszewski](#) (Poland), founder of the GYA Global Health working group, has been appointed a lead stroke medical expert of the Polish Ministry of Health.

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

[Leave your thoughts on News from Our Members and Alumni here](#)

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## GYA Activities

### *Working Group and Strategic Project highlights*



**Science + Arts = Peace + Justice working Group members talk to dolphins, hold Vladiwoodstock festival**

[Read more here.](#)

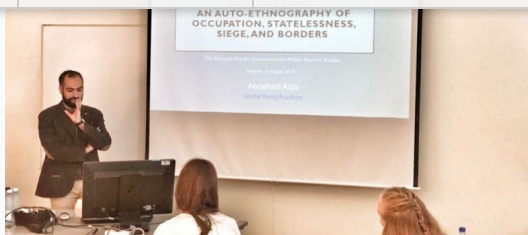
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### **Young Scientist Ambassador mission in Israel**

[Read more here.](#)







## GYA at Breaking and Creating Boundaries in the Middle East Conference

[Read more here.](#)

## New GYA Incubator & new working group projects

[Read more here.](#)



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## National Young Academies Updates

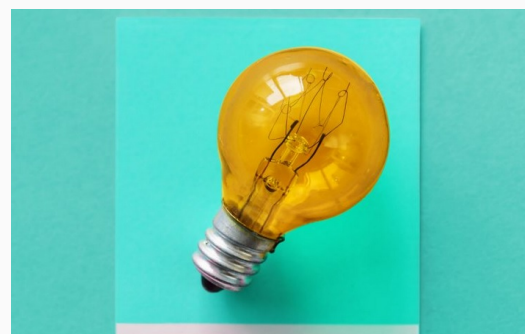


## 10th Anniversary for National Academy of Young Scientists - Pakistan

[Read more here.](#)

## The Young Academy Finland's 'Young Researchers as Knowledge Brokers' project begins in September 2019

[Read more here.](#)



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## GYA partners

### **The European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities (ALLEA) survey on Climate Change Education Initiatives**

The ALLEA Science Education Working Group would very much appreciate if you could take **5 minutes** to complete their survey [here](#).

### **Scientists' warning to humanity**

The [#ScientistsWarningToHumanity](#) is speaking out about the climate emergency. If you are a scientist you can support this new initiative by sharing this and adding your signature here:

<http://scientistswarning.forestry.oregonstate.edu/>

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## Upcoming Events

### **At-Risk Scholars Interdisciplinary Research Leadership Workshop, 5-7 September 2019**

The GYA At-Risk Scholars Initiative is holding an Academic Interdisciplinary Research Leadership Workshop, co-hosted by Wolfson College, University of Oxford and the Global Young Academy from 4-7 September 2019 at Wolfson College, UK. The purpose of the workshop is to preserve the research potential of outstanding at-risk or refugee academic researchers. The workshop is intended to support the academic integration of these academics by imparting the practical skills needed to succeed in their new higher education environments. To run this workshop, the GYA is also collaborating with the Young Academy of Scotland, Cara, the IIE Scholar Rescue Fund, and facilitators from Inclusive Innovation. Read more about the At-Risk Scholars Initiative [here](#).

### **Connecting Minds, 25-27 September**

The GYA, represented by [Connie Nshemereirwe](#) (Uganda) is co-organising the Connecting Minds Africa Conference with the African Academy of Sciences (AAS), Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf); the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS); and the Next Einstein Forum (NEF). This will take place from 25-27 September 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya.

### **Tsukuba Conference, 2-4 October 2019**

The GYA, together with the Young Academy of Japan, is organising a panel at the Tsukuba Conference on the topic of 'Citizen Science'. GYA EC member [Yoko Shimpuku](#) (Japan) is a member of the programme organising committee.

Representatives from the GYA/National Young Academies/initiatives from the G7 countries will be invited to discuss Citizen Science as well as the UN SDGs with respect to the Science20 discussion of marine plastic waste. The Conference aims to be the 'Davos' for young global leaders, including scientists, policy-makers, and industries. More information is available on the GYA Events page [here](#).

### **World Science Forum, 20-23 November**

InterAcademy Partnership, the GYA is co-organising a Science Leadership Workshop for early-career researchers prior to the WSF, from 19-20 November. Also, as a member of the WSF Steering Committee, the GYA coordinated a nomination process which resulted in the selection of early-career researchers being invited to present in each of five plenary panels. See [here](#) for details.

4-6 September	<a href="#"><u>World Economic Forum Africa 2019</u></a>
4-7 September	<a href="#"><u>At-Risk Scholars Interdisciplinary Research Leadership Workshop</u></a>
20-21 September 2019	<a href="#"><u>Leopoldina Annual Meeting, Halle, Germany</u></a>
22-24 September 2019	GYA Executive Committee in-person Meeting, Berlin, Germany
24-26 September 2019	<a href="#"><u>European Research and Innovation Days, Brussels, Belgium</u></a>
25-27 September 2019	Connecting Minds Africa Conference, Nairobi, Kenya
2-4 October 2019	<a href="#"><u>Tsukuba Conference, Tsukuba, Japan</u></a>
3-4 October 2019	<a href="#"><u>Volkswagen Stiftung – Interdisciplinarity Revisited, Berlin, Germany</u></a>
5-8 October 2019	<a href="#"><u>Science and Technology in Society Forum, Kyoto, Japan</u></a>
23-25 October 2019	<a href="#"><u>Science and Human Rights Conference, Washington, D.C., United States</u></a>
27-29 October 2019	<a href="#"><u>World Health Summit, Berlin, Germany</u></a>
8-9 November 2019	<a href="#"><u>Falling Walls Engage, Berlin, Germany</u></a>
12-16 November 2019	Annual Meeting of African Science Academies (AMASA-15), Accra, Ghana
20-23 November 2019	<a href="#"><u>World Science Forum, Budapest, Hungary</u></a>
10-13 March 2020	<a href="#"><u>Next Einstein Forum (NEF) Global Gathering 2020, Nairobi, Kenya</u></a>



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