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2022 call for new members closes soon!

The GYA seeks scholars who combine excellence in research with a demonstrated passion for delivering positive social impact.

Deadline for application is 15 September 2021.

[More information here.](#)

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GYA News



The GYA 2022 call for new members closes soon

If you haven't already done so, please help spread the news in your networks!

[Application documents and instructions can be found here.](#)

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What kind of impact can GYA members have?

Executive Committee member [Mohamed Elhadidy](#) (Zewali City, Egypt) describes the impact you can have on the scientific community as a GYA



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GYA releases Declaration of Support for Afghan Scholars

The members and alumni of the GYA urge governments, universities and scientific organisations to take immediate action to secure the lives and careers of Afghanistan's scholars and students. A particular focus is necessary to protect women, children, and at-risk groups.

[Read the Declaration and specific recommendations here.](#)



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Videos in Support of Afghan Scholars

Executive Committee member **Enceih Erfani** (IASBS, Iran) appears in four themed videos discussing the GYA's Declaration of Support for Afghan Scholars, including one in support of women and girls (above).

The other three are available below.

GYA's Declaration of Support for Afghan Scholars:

<https://youtu.be/2GNmEWnWEIc>

Preserving libraries and laboratories: <https://youtu.be/b6Dxi5nVJGU>

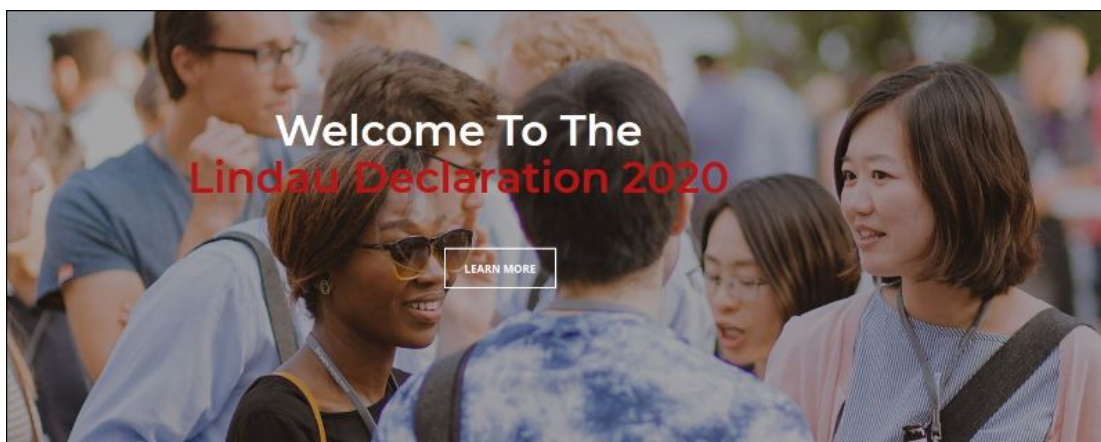
Afghan academia: <https://youtu.be/keYU6t114Zs>



GYA endorses Scholars at Risk Network's urgent appeal to support Afghan scholars

The GYA joins higher education associations, networks, and leaders in scholar protection to urge European governments and European Union institutions to take immediate action

[The GYA encourages Young Academies to join the appeal here.](#)



GYA signs Lindau Declaration 2020 on Sustainable Cooperative Open Science

The declaration aims to kindle widespread support for a new approach to global, sustainable, cooperative Open Science.

[Learn more about the 10 Goals of the Lindau Declaration here.](#)



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GYA online



The COVID-19 pandemic: Can science counter fake news?

The newest GYA Blog post comes from former Executive Committee member [Abdalhadi](#)

Read the [GYA Blog post here](#).



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Items of interest



Binyam Sisay Mendisu (UNESCO International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa, Ethiopia) co-authored an essay in the UNESCO Science Report 2021 that reflects on the lessons learned from COVID-19 for the science advisory ecosystem.

[Download the article here](#), and the full UNESCO Science Report [2021 here](#).



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Academic mobility tool for scholars at risk

Scholars can secure credentials and academic documents with the University of California, Davis, Article 26 Backpack system - The Universal Human Rights Tool for Academic Mobility.

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Executive Committee member **Derya Baran** (KAUST, Saudi Arabia) was named by Chemical & Engineering News to the Talented 12, a group of young scientists trying to solve formidable global problems. [Read more about Derya and her work here.](#)

Mareli Claassens (University of Namibia) was awarded one of five Harvard LEAD Fellowships for Promoting Women in Global Health, a year-long program designed to advance the leadership skills of talented global health leaders from low- and middle-income countries committed to the mentorship of future women leaders in medicine and public health. [Read more here.](#)

Martin Dominik (University of St. Andrews, Scotland) was quoted in a Financial Review article discussing research grant eligibility in Australia. [Read the article here.](#)

Menna Elserafy (Zewail City of Science and Technology, Egypt) was elected to the Executive Committee of the African Bioimaging Consortium, an initiative that seeks to grow the bioimaging community in Africa and connect researchers with a common interest in microscopy. [Read more about the consortium here.](#)

Javier Garcia-Martinez (University of Alicante, Spain) was named a Fellow of the American Chemical Society for his service to their community. [Read about his contributions here.](#)

As a GYA nominee, **Pradeep Kumar** (Wits University, South Africa) has been accepted to attend the [InterAcademy Partnership Young Physician Leaders programme](#) and the World Health Summit in Berlin, Germany in November 2021.

Sabina Leonelli (University of Exeter, United Kingdom) will be a featured speaker at the German National Academy of Science Leopoldina's Annual Meeting in September 2021 "[Biodiversity and the Future of Variety](#)". Additionally, Sabina was awarded a year-long fellowship at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Germany, from 2021-22.

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

GYA Activities

Executive Committee Updates

GYA Constitution wording change

During the GYA's 2021 Annual General Meeting, members voted to change the GYA Constitution to better characterise members' countries of residence.

The previous wording employed the terms “developing” and “developed” to designate countries in the academy's voting procedure for Co-Chairs and further members of the Executive Committee (Sections 8.3, 8.4, 8.6).

The new wording of the GYA Constitution reflects the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee list of Official Development Assistance recipients.

Thus, rather than “developing” and “developed” countries, the GYA Constitution now uses the terms “low- or middle-income” and “high-income” countries for regular voting

Please send any topics you would like the EC to deliberate to

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National Young Academies

Second Online Young Academies Meeting

After last year's successful online Young Academies meeting ([read about it here](#)), the GYA is now inviting Young Academies and similar initiatives from all over the world to participate in the second Online Young Academies Meeting on Thursday, 30 September 2021, from 11:00-13:30 UTC.

The meeting will help Young Academies stay connected, discuss joint projects, and also kick-start preparations for the 2022 Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies.

For further information, or to register your academy's participant(s) - up to two people per academy - please contact [Anna-Maria Gramatté](#).

South Africa Young Academy of Sciences celebrates 10 years

During the recent SAYAS 10-year Anniversary celebrations, speakers included current GYA Co-Chair and former SAYAS Co-Chair [Roula Inglesi-Lotz](#) (University of Pretoria, South Africa), SAYAS and GYA founding member and former Co-Chair of both academies [Bernard Slippers](#) (University of Pretoria, South Africa), as well as former GYA and SAYAS Co-Chair [Tolu Oni](#) (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom).

You can catch up on the event on the [SAYAS Twitter feed](#).

“Impact of the pandemic on early-career researchers” - YAE survey results published in Nature

In summer 2020, a survey was initiated within the framework of the [Young Academy of Europe](#) (YAE) and the [CALIPER project](#) about the situation of early-career researchers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The results of this survey were recently published in [Nature](#).

Climate Lectures by the German Junge Akademie

The German Junge Akademie is currently organising a series of [lectures on climate change](#).

The fifth lecture in the series will take place online on 9 September 2021, at 16:00 UTC (in German).

[Details and registration available here](#).

Indonesian Young Academy celebrates 6th anniversary

The [Indonesian Young Academy of Sciences](#) celebrated its 6th anniversary and National Awakening Day in May 2021 by organising a series of webinars under the theme "Indonesia Developed Country 2045, What Do Scientists Say?"

The main message of this event was that Indonesia's biodiversity is the key to transitioning itself from a natural resource-based economy towards a knowledge-based economy 100 years after the country's independence.

Scientific Convention online in July 2021. With a theme of “[#NewNormal: Moving Towards Smarter Education](#),” the event discussed the challenges brought on by the pandemic, as well as best practices in teaching and learning in the new normal. The organisation also elected their new Board, which will be led by President Windell L. Rivera.

GYA publishes toolkit to support Young Academy creation

Based on extensive discussions with members from the GYA and other Young Academies involved in setting up a Young Academy in the past, the GYA has published a [Young Academy Toolkit](#) to support early-career researchers the world over who are working towards setting up a Young Academy.

The toolkit collects information based on experience and best practices, and discusses potential challenges along the way. The document can be found on the “[Establishing a Young Academy](#)” page on the GYA website.

Partners

EASAC publishes Key Messages from European Science Academies for upcoming climate conventions

The Biodiversity Convention COP 15 in October 2021 and the Climate Change Convention COP26 in November 2021 are crucial moments for global policy-making. Based on the joint work of the European Science Academies over the past 10 years, the European Academies' Science Advisory Council (EASAC) has spelled out key science-based recommendations for those important meetings in the EASAC Commentary titled “[Key Messages from European Science Academies for UNFCCC COP26 and CBD COP15](#)”.

Events

6-8 September 2021

[MENA Science Leadership Workshop](#)

This workshop is a joint initiative of the [Africa Science Leadership Programme](#) (ASLP) (a cooperating partner of the GYA) in collaboration with the [Egyptian Young Academy of Sciences](#) (EYAS).

9-11 September 2021

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

The GYA [At-Risk Scholars Initiative](#) Research Leadership Workshop is organised in cooperation with Wolfson College, University of Oxford, UK.

15-19 September 2021

[Silbersalz Science Media Conference](#)

This hybrid conference is open to free registration of international media professionals

Academy of Sciences Leopoldina.

21-30 September 2021

Tsukuba Conference 2021

The purpose of the Tsukuba Conference is to bring together future shapers beyond all borders to facilitate discussion among them. Former GYA Executive Committee member **Yoko Shimpuku** (University of Hiroshima, Japan) co-organised the event, to which GYA members and alumni from around the world will contribute in various sessions. GYA alumnus **Mitsunobu Kano** (Okayama University, Japan) will be a speaker.

30 September 2021

Online worldwide Young Academies meeting, hosted by the GYA. [Read about the first-ever online worldwide Young Academies meeting in September 2020.](#)

11-15 October 2021

International Science Council - General Assembly

The online general assembly of the International Science Council (ISC), of which the GYA is an Affiliated Member, will include business sessions as well as special events and side events. GYA leadership and Office staff members are invited to participate.

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