

Global Young Academy Newsletter

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## Newsletter December 2017

### Foreword by the Co-Chairs

Dear <<First Name\*>>,

Welcome to the final 2017 GYA newsletter. This newsletter showcases highlights and updates from a selection of working group and flagship projects. We also now share our activities at strategic conferences in 2017 and plans for 2018, in addition to recent collaborative activities between GYA and our partners.

In 2018, the newsletter will become monthly, with the first newsletter due at the end of January 2018. To facilitate easier communication, we have included a “Get in Touch” link. So do please “[Get in Touch](#)” as opportunities to build our partnership arise.

We hope this will improve and streamline our communication, to enable more effective sharing of key activities in our shared focus areas, and to facilitate identifying new opportunities to collaborate.

Thank you very much for your support and partnership in 2017. We look forward to building and strengthening our partnership in 2018 and beyond.

We wish you Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year ahead!

Happy reading!

Tolu & Moritz  
On behalf of GYA Executive Committee

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## GYA News

### **New Press Officer at GYA Office**

A big welcome to Jim Curtiss, the new press officer at the GYA Office. You can contact him at [James.Curtiss@globalyoungacademy.net](mailto:James.Curtiss@globalyoungacademy.net).

### **2018 AGM and International Conference 7-11 May in Pattaya, Thailand**

The programme is taking shape! Regular updates are found at:

<https://agm2018.globalyoungacademy.net/>

### **2017 AGM and International Conference report published**

Read about discussions on social justice, GYA internal discussions, and more here:

<https://globalyoungacademy.net/gya-agm-2017-report-online/>

## Activities

### **Young Scientist Ambassador Programme (YSAP) mission to Tanzania**

In October 2017, GYA member [Mirabbos Hojamberdiev](#) (Uzbekistan) visited the Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology as well as the “Blue Sky” Primary School located in Arusha, Tanzania, as part of the GYA [Young Scientist Ambassador Programme](#). Read more [here](#).

### **YSAP participated in ‘Skype a scientist’**

As part of the [Skype a Scientist](#) programme, [John Malone](#) (USA) and [Sasha Kagansky](#) (UK, Russia) from the GYA [Young Scientist Ambassador Programme](#) skyped with students from Athens Middle School, Alabama (USA). Read more [here](#).

### **G20 Policy Brief on 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Members of the DIY Synthetic Biology Working Group contributed to a policy brief on ‘Consolidated G20 synthetic biology policies and their role in the 2030 agenda for sustainable development’ Read more [here](#).

publication of an article titled “Bio2Bio Consortium: Biodiversity, Drug Discovery, and the Future of Global Health – introducing the Biodiversity to Biomedicine Consortium, a Call to Action” in the Journal of Global Health. Read more [here](#).

### **OpenCon 2017 – Open Science**

GYA member [Koen Vermeir](#) (France) represented the GYA at this year's [OpenCon](#), hosted at the Max Planck Society in Berlin from 11-13 November. He was collaborating with open science activists and developed themes that are central to the current [GYA Open Science working\\_group](#), such as Open Research Software and Open Conferences.

GYA Co-chair [Moritz Riede](#) (UK) presented at an OpenCon Satellite on 1 December in Oxford, UK. Moritz discussed open science at an international level, and introduced the upcoming Global Access to Research Software report by the [GARS working\\_group](#).

### **At-Risk and Refugee Scholar Membership Initiative**

A call for mentors went out to GYA members in October and received many responses from members. As this initiative continues to take shape, read more about it [here](#).

### **Science Leadership Programmes**

The 2nd ASEAN Science Leadership Programme was successfully held in September 2017 in Malaysia. 39 participants from 12 countries met to enhance their leadership skills. Read more [here](#).

### **GloSYS project**

The [GloSYS](#) project team has been busy in the months since its [team meeting](#) in Morocco. Data collection for the first phase of the study is nearly complete, and we will soon begin writing up the findings from that phase in an interim project report. Preparations for the beginning of the interview phase of the project are well underway. The team will hold a project meeting in Halle, Germany, in January.

## **National Young Academies**

### **Albanian Young Academy Inaugural Meeting – Connie Nshemereirwe represented GYA leadership**

The GYA was invited to participate in the inaugural event by the Albanian Young Academy – a scientific conference with the theme: “Methodology and Scientific Research: Tradition and Innovation”. GYA member [Connie Nshemereirwe](#) (Uganda) represented GYA leadership at this event. Read more [here](#).

### **Young Korean Academy of Science and Technology (Y-KAST) hosted Young**

“Young Scientists Talk 2017”, organised and hosted by Y-KAST, in the context of Korea Science Week in October. Read more [here](#).

## News from our members

### 2017 TWAS Young Affiliate

GYA member [Marian Nkansah](#) (Ghana) was officially inaugurated as a TWAS (The World Academy of Science) [Young Affiliate](#) for sub-Saharan Africa, for 5 years, at the Science Forum South Africa 2017.

### New IAP for Research Executive Director

GYA member [Teresa Stoepler](#) (USA) has been appointed as the new Executive Director of [IAP for Research](#). The IAP for Research Secretariat is now hosted at the US National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine in Washington, US. See details [here](#):

### ‘Science meets Parliaments’ event in Brussels, 28 November

GYA member [Koen Vermeir](#) (France) spoke on a Young Scientist panel at this event, which focused on the role of science in a post-fact society, gathering members of the European Parliament with scientists from around the world. Read more [here](#).

### AU-EU African partnership meeting in Brussels, 27 October

GYA EC member [Connie Nshemereirwe](#) (Uganda) attended the launch of the EU Joint Research Council (JRC) report titled ‘Science for the African Union-European Union Partnership: building knowledge for sustainable development’. Read more [here](#).

### Workshop on ASEAN Higher Education, 23-24 October

GYA member [Hong Ching GOH](#) (Malaysia) took part in a workshop aimed to give young ASEAN citizens a platform to make their voice heard on matters that are important to them and ASEAN’s future. Read more [here](#).

### Interactive online event for World Science Day for Peace and Development 2017, 11 November

GYA member [SIDI ZAKARI Ibrahim](#) (Niger) organised an interactive online event on the impact of mobile technology on education for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Read more [here](#).

### Water Footprint Training Course

GYA alumna [Maite Aldaya](#) (Spain), research associate at the Water Observatory of Spain will be leading a Water Footprint training course online in Spanish on 16 April 2018. Find more information [here](#).

University of Pretoria, South Africa. Read more [here](#).

## Strategic meetings - news and updates

### World Science Forum – ‘Science for Peace’, 7-10 November 2017 Jordan

The GYA was represented by 28 members and alumni in attendance, many speaking in panels and special sessions. Read about GYA member and alumni involvement, including the co-organisation of the first Young Scientists Panel, [here](#). The **Young Scientists Panel** at the WSF can now be viewed in full [here](#).

The GYA also co-organised a capacity-building workshop for young scientists in advance of the World Science Forum, entitled ‘**Avoiding the Weaponisation of Research**’, which ignited prolific discussions. Read more about this [here](#).

### Next Einstein Forum (NEF), Rwanda, 26-28 March 2018

Women in Science (WiS) leadership pre-conference workshop 22-24 March: The [WiS working group](#) have partnered with the [Canadian Institute for Advanced Research](#) (CIFAR) to organise this workshop to run before the NEF meeting. More details [here](#).

Science Leadership pre-conference workshop 25 March: We are partnering with the Robert Bosch Foundation and the University of Pretoria to co-organise a workshop on Connecting Networks to Co-Design Transformative Science Leadership Programs for Africa. More details at <http://nef.org/>.

### European Science Open Forum (ESOF), France, 8-14 July 2018

Young African Scientists in Europe (YASE) pre-conference workshop: The GYA is on the Patrons Committee, and several members are on the Scientific Committee of this planned pre-event. More details [here](#).

## GYA External Partners

### IAP for Research report: “Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals – A Guide for Merit-Based Academies”

The GYA and Young Academies played a substantial role in the development of this guide, through survey input and panel discussions at the World Wide Meeting of Young Academies in Johannesburg in July 2017. Read more about the report [here](#).

### New UNESCO guidelines on Sustainability Science recently presented in Paris

<https://en.unesco.org/sustainability-science/guidelines/>

ICSU and ISSC plan to merge in 2018 to become the International Science

spoke on the young scientist perspective on the merger in October in Tapei, Taiwan. Read more about the merger and Tolu's speech [here](#).

## Statements and Reports

### Statement on the role of Young Academies in Achieving the UN SDGs

Together with 36 National Young Academies and Academy Initiatives from around the globe, the GYA has co-signed a statement on “The Role of Young Academies in achieving the UN SDGs”, which was published in October 2017. Please spread this statement, e.g. include it in your presentations. We’ve heard very positive responses from our members who already did. Read more and access the statement [here](#).

### GYA signs joint statement – “Living Together – Missions for Shaping the Future”

Signatories call for more inter- and transdisciplinarity and a conscientious framing of ‘missions’ in the future EU Research and Innovation Framework Programme 9 (FP9). The statement puts forward suggestions that take current and future social, cultural, legal and ethical challenges into account. Read the statement [here](#).

## GYA in the Media

- *Leopoldina News*: '[Global Young Academy plans activities](#)'
- *The Research Whisperer*: '[Supporting scholars seeking a new intellectual home - what can we do?](#)'
- *The InterAcademy Partnership*: '[Global Young Academy Co-organizes Young Scientists Leadership Workshop](#)'

## Upcoming Events

15-16 January 2018	<b>The Global State of the Young Scientist, Project meeting of the Africa Study</b> Halle (Saale), Germany
11-13 February 2018	<b>Meeting of the Asian Young Academies: 'Science and Society: Challenges and Prospects'</b> Jerusalem, Israel
7 March 2018	<b>GYA presentation at the Parliament of Saxony-Anhalt on open science and digitalisation</b> Magdeburg, Germany
16-21 March 2018	<b>African Science Leadership Programme</b> Pretoria, South Africa
21-23 March 2018	<b>Second Women in Science without Borders Conference on 'Resilience in Diversity'</b>

2018	Kigali, Rwanda
23-24 March 2018	<b>Meeting of European Young Academies</b> Amsterdam, Netherlands
29-30 March 2018	<b>GYA Advisory Board Meeting</b> Oxford, UK
25-27 April 2018	<b>Conference: Global Individual Responsibility: The Role of the Citizen in Refugee Integration (GYA Global Migration and Human Rights working group)</b> Munich, Germany
7-11 May 2018	<b>GYA Annual General Meeting and 8th International Conference for Young Scientists 'Forever Young: sustainable and healthy longevity through science and technology'</b> Pattaya, Thailand
4-6 July 2018	<b>Ghana Academy of Sciences-NASAC-Leopoldina Conference on "Sustainable African Cities"</b> Accra, Ghana

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You want to learn more about GYA activities throughout 2017 and about upcoming events? [Visit us on our website.](#)

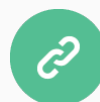
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