



GYA Newsletter

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Seasons greetings from the GYA



Wishing you a very happy holiday season, and a peaceful and prosperous 2022.

With the seasonal holidays just around the corner here in Germany, the **GYA Office will be closed from 22 December 2021 until 10 January 2022**. We ask for your understanding and patience.

As 2021 comes to a close, we acknowledge the personal and professional challenges that the pandemic has presented to us all over the last two years, and we wish you and yours a joyful, prosperous, and above all, a healthy 2022.

GYA News



2022 AGM – SAVE THE DATE!

The **GYA 2022 AGM and International Conference of Young Scientists** on the topic “Harmonising Reason with Sensibility” is currently planned as a hybrid event from 14–17 June 2022 in Fukuoka, Japan.

The Executive Committee, in consultation with the Local Organising Committee and the Programme Organising Committee, will make a final decision about the concrete meeting

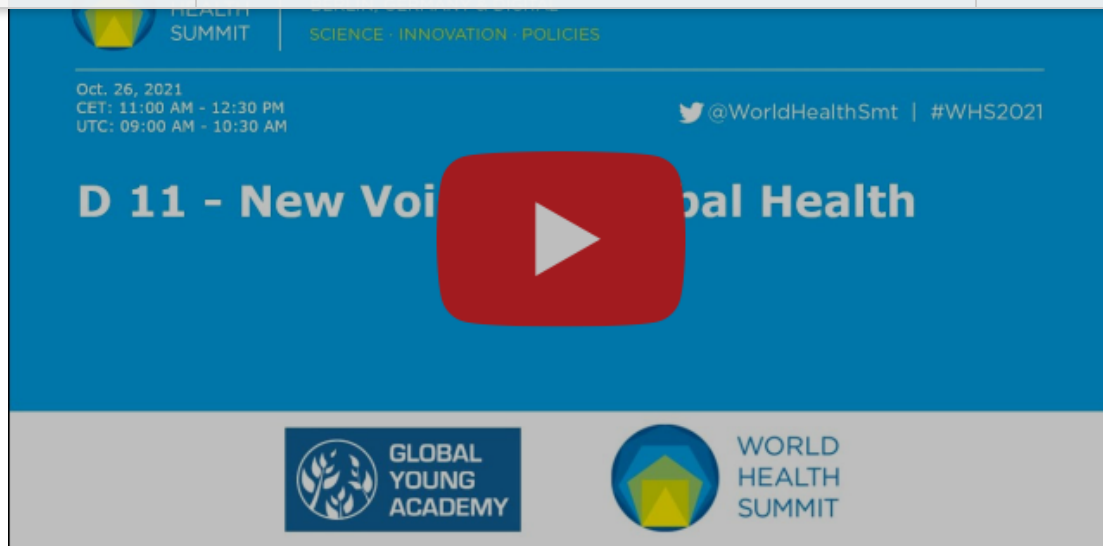
Questions or ideas? [Email Jennifer Plaul](#).



At-Risk Scholars Initiative featured by International Science Council and BBC StoryWorks

The GYA's [At-Risk Scholars Initiative](#) is featured in the article titled "[The scientific knowledge being lost to conflict](#)" on the International Science Council's (ISC) [#UnlockingScience hub](#).

The article features two GYA members, [Eqbal Dauqan](#) (University of Oslo, Norway) and [Saja Al Zoubi](#) (University of Oxford, United Kingdom) and their journeys.



New Voices in Global Health session at the 2021 World Health Summit tackles COVID-19 vaccination rollout

In October 2021, GYA [Global Health](#) Working Group members, along with members of National Young Academies and similar early- to mid-career scientist networks, organised and contributed to a [New Voices in Global Health](#) session at the World Health Summit in Berlin, Germany, titled “COVID-19 Vaccination Rollout: Opportunities and Challenges”.

[Read more and watch the session here.](#)



GYA members at Falling Walls Symposium

Two GYA members working in the social sciences – [Alexandra Dmitrieva](#) (Support, Research and Development Center, Ukraine) and [Alma Hernández-Mondragón](#) (Center for Research and Advanced Studies of the National Polytechnic Institute, Mexico) – were selected to attend, participate and take part in networking opportunities during the [Volkswagen Foundation Symposium for Breakthroughs in Social Sciences and Humanities](#) at the 2021 Falling Walls Summit.

The symposium was organised by the [WZB Berlin Social Science Center](#).

[Read the report here.](#)

GYA Blog



Inspiring the next generation of scientists

In a new GYA blog post, Co-Chair [Roula Inglesi-Lotz](#) (University of Pretoria, South Africa) says that “We, the early-career researchers of today, have a responsibility to promote necessary changes. We have a responsibility to prepare the scientific space so that the next generation doesn’t have to deal with the same issues.”

[Read the newest GYA blog article here.](#)

Items of interest

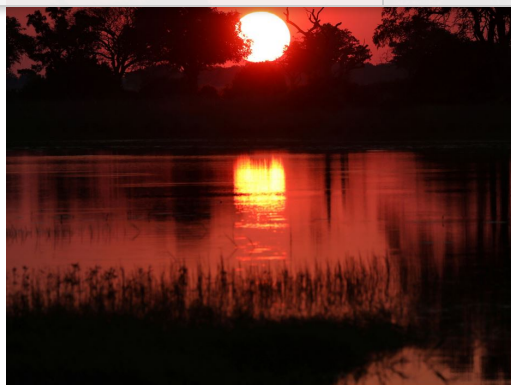


Mitigating losses: how scientific organisations can help address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on early-career researchers

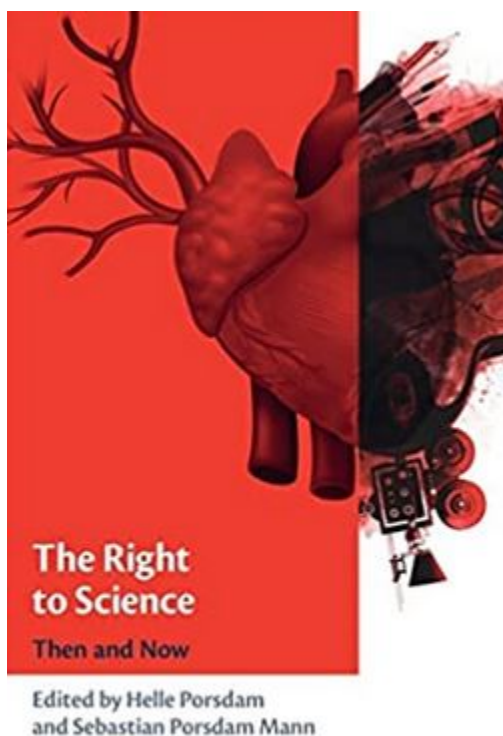
Over 20 GYA members and alumni collaborated on this [Nature](#) article, which examines the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on ECRs of all disciplines and from all world regions.

[Read the article here.](#)

"Travel bans are based on political agendas, not science, and certainly not on respect," says GYA member [Mareli Claassens](#) (University of Namibia) in her Nature article titled "[Omicron and the Scramble from Africa](#)".



Sunset over the Okavango Delta, in Botswana, a southern African nation that has been affected by recent travel bans. REUTERS/Mike Hutchings



The Right to Science

GYA member [Teresa de la Puente](#) (née Stoepler, U.S. National Academy of Sciences, United States) has published a book chapter, "[The Right to Science: From Principle to Practice and the Role of National Science Academies](#)".

The chapter includes results of a survey of senior and young academies that was disseminated to Young Academies by the GYA Office.

News from our members and alumni

Alumna [Almas Taj Awan](#) (Campinas State University, Brazil) was honored as one of the 25 [Leaders Under-40](#) recognised by the Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi from the Foreign Office of Pakistan.

[Ramia Al Bakain](#) (The University of Jordan) was selected as an [Arab Women Leader in Agriculture](#) (AWLA) fellow. She was also [interviewed by Sanitation and Water for All](#).

[Sezgin Bakirdere](#) (Yildiz Technical University, Turkey) was selected to serve as an editor of [Open Chemistry](#) magazine.

[Pradeep Kumar](#) (Wits University, South Africa) has been invited to serve on the ORCID

David Fernandez Rivas (University of Twente, Netherlands) has received the **Stairway to Impact Award**, for scientists who take effective steps to utilise their scientific findings to tackle a societal problem and/or to make an economic contribution.

GYA Co-Chair **Michael Saliba** (University of Stuttgart, Forschungszentrum Jülich, Germany) was listed as one of the **Highly Cited Researchers** in the Web of Science for the 4th consecutive year. Michael was also featured in the Manager Magazine article titled "**German star researcher develops the solar cells of the future**" (in German).

Bernardo Urbani (Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Research, Venezuela) published a new article "**Archaeoprimatology: The Longue Durée Interface Between Humans and Nonhuman Primates**" in the annual Review of Anthropology.

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

GYA Activities

Working Groups Updates

Hard core science skepticism: What can young scientists do?

September 24, 2021 – 13.00 UTC

Organizers: "Trust in (Young) Scientists" and
"Global Health" working groups
Sandra Lopez and Lisa Herzog



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Following the 2021 AGM theme "Trust in Science", the **Trust in (Young) Scientists** and **Global Health** Working Groups organised a webinar titled "Hardcore science skepticism – What can young scientists do?"

The webinar was moderated by past Executive Committee member and Global Health co-lead **Sandra Lopez-Verges** (Gorgas Memorial Institute for Health Studies, Panama). [Read the full report here.](#)

Women in Science illustration competition

The GYA **Women in Science working group** is launching an illustration competition to find three illustrations/drawings to be included in their forthcoming book "Challenges faced by women scientists". The illustrations should represent challenges faced by women researchers throughout the various stages of their scientific career with a focus

Three winners will be selected by the working group; each winner will get to choose a scientific, topic-related book of up to 100 Euros, and will have their illustration included in the book.

Deadline for submissions: 15 February 2022.

Nominations Updates

World Young Scientists Summit

The GYA was requested by organisers of the World Young Scientists Summit Committee to nominate members to participate in a Global Young Scholars Round Table that took place in Wenzhou, China, and online in November 2021.

The GYA nominated the following 10 members, with the first six being invited to take part in the online event:

Erna Karalija (University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina), **Mai Tolba** (Ain Shams University, Egypt), **Renard Siew** (Centre for Governance and Political Studies, Malaysia), **Paulina Carmona-Mora** (University of California, Davis, USA), **Encieh Erfani** (IASBS, Iran), **Karen Cloete** (University of South Africa), **Mahesh Kumar** (Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur), **Mohammed Mostajo Radji** (University of California, Santa Cruz, USA), **Clarissa Rios Rojas** (University of Cambridge, UK), **Pradeep Kumar** (Wits University, South Africa).

Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award

Mahesh Kumar (Indian Institute of Technology) has been named a recipient of the **Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation**. GYA Co-Chair **Michael Saliba** (University of Stuttgart, Forschungszentrum Jülich, Germany) nominated Mahesh and will host him at the University of Stuttgart.

News from the Young Academies

Report on impact of COVID-19 pandemic on researchers by Dutch Young Academy

The **Dutch Young Academy** together with the Dutch Network of Women Professors, in cooperation with the Universities of the Netherlands (VSNU | UNL), have studied the impact of the first lockdown on the work and well-being of academics.

The resulting report "**The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic during the first lockdown on the work and wellbeing of academics in the Netherlands**" presents various recommendations for how best to mitigate adverse consequences of the lockdown.

Statement on temporary positions by the German Junge Akademie

The **Junge Akademie (Germany)** have issued an ad-hoc statement on the precarious situation of scientists in temporary positions. The statement is in reaction to changes to science job contracts in Germany. The English-language version can be accessed [here](#).

International CONFCAYS conferences in August 2021, with the objective to promote science for sustainable development and provide a platform for training, capacity building, and networking for young scientists. The theme of the conference was “Young scientists: Science, Technology and Sustainable Development in Africa”. A workshop on “Ethics, funding, entrepreneurship and patent” was also held, to train young scientists on bringing out their lab research outputs and findings to the general public.

Partners

SPECIAL CALL FOR PAPERS

**INNOVATIONS IN SCIENCE DIPLOMACY:
STRUCTURES, POLICIES & GOVERNANCE
FOR THE NEW DECADE**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APRIL 3, 2022

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Journal of Science Policy and Governance special issue call for papers

The GYA is pleased to support the newly launched JSPG-UCLSTeAPP special issue call for papers focused on Innovations in Science Diplomacy: Structures, Policies & Governance for the new decade. This issue is supported in kind by outreach partners from INGA, European Union Science Diplomacy Alliance, and the Global Young Academy Incubator Group on Science Diplomacy in the Americas.

Special Topics Issue submission deadline: April 3, 2022.

See the call for submissions: <https://bit.ly/JSPGDiplomacy>

Read the press release: <https://bit.ly/JSPGDiplomacyPR>

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Scholars at Risk annual report promotes academic freedom

Free to Think 2021 is the seventh installment of an annual report by Scholars at Risk's Academic Freedom Monitoring Project. The report analyzes 332 attacks on higher education communities in 65 countries and territories around the world between September 1, 2020 and August 31, 2021.

Read the report, share it, and help SAR protect threatened scholars and promote academic freedom.

ISC Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science

also pose complex challenges to scientific research. "[A contemporary perspective on the free and responsible practice of science in the 21st century](#)" reviews scientific freedom and responsibility today, and makes recommendations to guide the free and responsible practice of science in contemporary society. This report proposes actions for scientists, research institutes and universities, science organisations, the private sector and governments to help strengthen free and responsible science as a force for good.

TWAS Jeddah Declaration calls for curbing inequalities

The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Fifteenth General Conference was successfully convened online, from 1 to 4 November 2021, and coordinated from the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, along with TWAS Secretariat in Trieste, Italy.

[Read the TWAS Jeddah Declaration](#), which calls for long-term and continued investment in science, technology and innovation for the UN SDGs in developing countries.

ALLEA statement on patent waivers & vaccine equity

ALLEA, the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities, released a [statement](#) today assessing the legal hurdles of the current patent waiver proposal for COVID-19 vaccines within the WTO. It also proposes alternative mechanisms to achieve vaccine equity and speed up the transfer of technology and know-how for vaccine roll-out across low- and middle-income countries.

Events

14-17 June 2022

[2022 GYA Annual General Meeting and International Conference of Young Scientists](#)

The 2022 GYA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and International Conference of Young Scientists will be held at Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan.

The theme will be "Harmonizing Reason with Sensibility: Regenerating science for an inclusive and sustainable future". The meeting will be hosted by the [Young Academy of Japan](#), with support from the Science Council of Japan (SCJ).

In preparation for the 2022 International Conference of Young Scientists, GYA members have been working together within the Focus Area "[Harmonising reason with sensibility](#)".

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