



GLOBAL YOUNG ACADEMY

February 2019 Newsletter

February was a great month for the GYA – the Selection Committee revealed the names of the **43 new members** that will join us in late April 2019 for a tenure of five years ([full list available here](#)).

More details on the programme of the GYA's AGM and International Conference 'Re-Enlightenment: Truth, reason and science in a global world' can be seen on the [conference website](#).

Several of our members have appeared in the media this month, while others have been honoured with awards for their excellence – we applaud all of their efforts and hope that you enjoy reading about their accomplishments as much as we did!

Happy reading!

[Tolu Oni](#) (UK) and [Connie Nshemereirwe](#) (Uganda)
On behalf of the GYA Executive Committee

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GYA news



GYA's new members announced!

Under the leadership of [Maral Dadvar](#) (Germany), the 46 members of the GYA Selection Committee have selected 43 new members to join the GYA in late April 2019 for a tenure of five years ([full list available here](#)).

The entire GYA community extends a very warm welcome to our new members – we look forward to meeting you all at the AGM in April!

[Read more here.](#)

GYA under the microscope

In order to reach open-ended core funding for the GYA in Germany, the German government asked for a thorough evaluation report of GYA's accomplishments. To this end, a self-evaluation of our activities against our strategic objectives was provided to the Evaluation Committee in October 2018.

In addition to the self-assessment, Co-Chair [Tolu Oni](#) (UK) spearheaded an impact assessment project, investigating the ways in which active involvement in the GYA impact individual members and collaborating early career researchers. The Impact Assessment is [available here](#), and its Technical Appendix is [available here](#).

After the in-person meeting of the group of evaluators on 14 January 2019, the GYA is optimistic for a positive final report, which will be able to help the prolongation of core funding in Germany.

A great thank you goes not only to the independent researcher Steve Powell, who helped to conceptualise and conduct the impact-study, but also to all members, alumni and other early-career researchers who responded to the questionnaire.

Student assistant ends her GYA tenure

Helena Bellasus has been a student assistant in the GYA Office since 2017, and in addition to being a capable contributor to the organisation in general, she has distinguished herself as a talented graphic artist. Indeed, her influence can be seen in the professional look and feel of all of the publications produced by the Media Office.

Alas, Helena has been lured away into the private sector and will begin another professional path on March 1.

The GYA Office will miss Helena and her cheerful demeanour and we wish her every success.



Responding to the call of home

Why do some scientists choose to forgo promising careers abroad to return to their countries of birth? GYA members [Sandra López Vergès](#) (Panama), [Bilge Demirköz](#) (Turkey), and alumni [Noble Banadda](#) (Uganda) are featured in a recent *Nature* article on sought-after scientists who return to their native countries.

(Editor's note: The GYA Office has reached out to the author of this article to remedy an error of attribution pertaining to the GloSYS Africa study, which has not yet been published.)

[Read the article here.](#)

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GYA in the media

[Global Young Academy explores individual responsibility](#) (From the Leopoldina's newsletter; see page 4.)

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News from our members

GYA member [Maha Nasr](#) (Egypt) received the Obafemi Awolowo Prize for distinguished researchers who recognize and encourages innovative interdisciplinary research that cuts across traditional boundaries and paradigms.

In addition, Maha also organized a workshop for capacity-building of undergraduate students in Jordan to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

[Mahesh Kumar](#) (India) was recently interviewed in a video produced by Traces-Dreams. The full interview is available [here](#).

GYA Co-Chair [Tolu Oni](#) (UK) recently published an article in *The Lancet* titled '[Global public health starts at home: upstream approaches to global health training](#)'.

Tolu was also interviewed by *The British Medical Journal*. The interview is available [here](#).

The GYA's Nominations and Opportunities Committee nominated 7 GYA members and 1 GYA alumnus, all of whom were selected by the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) to review the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR). Nominated members/alumni are as follows: [Robert Lepenies](#) (Germany), [Chioma Daisy Onyige](#) (Nigeria), [Alex Godoy-Faúndez](#) (Chile), [Ibrahim Sidi Zakari](#) (Niger), [Clarissa Rios Rojas](#) (Peru), [Aminata Garba](#) (Rwanda), [Camila Ortolan Cervone](#) (Brazil) and [Philimon Nyakauru](#) (United States, alumnus).

Within the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the GSDR contributes to the follow-up and review of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and will provide input to the UN High-Level Political Forum. The GSDR was prepared for the first time by an Independent Group of Scientists appointed by the UN Secretary-General to help strengthen the science-policy interface.

GYA member [Sergey Kostyrko](#) (Russia) participated in the 10th International Forum of NGOs organized by the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee in partnership with UNESCO, the Russian Peace Foundation and the Russian Academy of Sciences in November 2018. A report on this event is available [here](#).

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GYA activities

Working Group and Strategic Project highlights



GYA [Science Advice working group](#) Co-Lead [Clarissa Rios](#) (Peru), together with GYA Managing Director Beate Wagner, represented the GYA at the annual 'Science meets Parliaments' conference from 6 to 7 February 2019 at the European Parliament in Brussels.

[Read more here.](#)



Global Migration and Human Rights workshop

GYA member [Karly Kehoe](#) (Canada), and alumni [Jan-Christoph Heilingner](#) (Germany) and [Eva Alisic](#) (Australia) held a workshop on 21 February in Melbourne, Australia, where they reflected on integration from a range of perspectives (including moral philosophy and history), discussed the role of individual citizens in integration, and examined historical evidence for how migrants in the 19th century would have described themselves.

[Read more here.](#)

Trust in (Young) Scientists I

Members of this working group published a paper titled '[Academic incentives need to change if we are to build trust in science](#)' in *Times Higher Education* in February 2019.

Trust in (Young) Scientists II

At Oxford University last week, GYA member [Koen Vermeir](#) (France) argued for the importance of historical research for policy making. He focused on past stratagems and discussions around fake science and showed that such epistemic considerations have to be understood in their proper context (including social and religious considerations). Historical analysis and contextualization will help us to find more nuanced strategies for increasing public trust in science.

National Young Academies updates



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National Young Academies

Spanish Government approves Young Academy of Spain

On 22 February 2019, the Spanish Council of Ministers approved the creation of the Young Academy of Spain, an institution that will represent young scientists and promote new approaches to solve problems of national and international importance.

GYA alumni [Javier Garcia Martinez](#), [Javier Moguerza](#), [Maite Aldaya](#), and [Toni Gabaldon](#), as well as GYA members [Jesús Martínez de la Fuente](#) and [Pedro Martínez-Santos](#) have been working towards the establishment of a Spanish Young Academy for almost five years, and are delighted that Spain will now also be represented in the steadily growing [global network of national young academies](#).

[*Read more here.*](#)

André Mischke Young Academy of Europe Prize for Science and Policy

The Young Academy of Europe (YAE) is currently seeking nominations for the 'André Mischke Young Academy of Europe Prize for Science and Policy'.

The YAE Prize is awarded annually to early- to mid-career professionals in recognition of their outstanding achievements and contributions to key areas of the YAE.

Nominations should be sent to yae-prize@yacadeuro.org by **15 March 2019**, and should include a short CV (max. 2 pages) accompanied by a short statement (max. 1 page) describing key activities and providing evidence of relevant accomplishments for which the candidate is nominated.

More information on eligibility, general criteria and the nominations process is available [here](#).

Indian National Young Academy of Science newsletter

In connection with Indian National Science Day, the Indian National Young Academy of Science released its inaugural newsletter, available [here](#).

Vietnam Young Academy news bulletin

The Vietnam Young Academy publishes a monthly news bulletin. Their February issue is available [here](#).

NYA Updates - spread the news!

If you have any news or updates regarding your NYA, please [email Anna-Maria](#).

[Leave your thoughts on NYAs here](#)

The 3rd International Women in Science without Borders (WISWB) Conference will take place 12 to 14 March 2019 in Egypt. After successful conferences in Egypt (2017) and South Africa (2018), the third conference will focus on 'Science Diplomacy for Sustainable Development'.

GYA alumna [Amal Amin](#) (Egypt) continues to act as the Conference Chair.

The Conference will be preceded by a training programme on 'Science diplomacy and science advice' on 10 to 11 March 2019. Participants include [Science Advice working group](#) Co-Lead [Clarissa Rios](#) (Peru), members of the [Women in Science](#) working group such as [Nova Ahmed](#) (Bangladesh), [Shalini Subash](#) (India), and [Meron Eresso](#) (Ethiopia), as well as alumna [Orakanoke Phanraksa](#) (Thailand).

See [here](#) for further details and how to apply to participate.

[Leave your thoughts on GYA Strategic Meetings here](#)

GYA external partners

Call for Open Thematic Sessions at the World Science Forum

As members of the World Science Forum (WSF) Steering Committee, the GYA is tasked with organising the young scientist pre-conference workshop in partnership with other young scientist organisations, and with contributing to facilitating intergenerational intercultural dialogue at the WSF.

This year, the WSF offers the opportunity for any scientific organisation to apply for the thematic sessions to be included into the main programme of WSF. Deadline for submission of session proposals is 10 April 2019. More information on the application process is available [here](#).

Registration open for The European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities (ALLEA) 25th anniversary General Assembly

ALLEA will celebrate its 25th anniversary during its annual General Assembly in Bern, Switzerland. The GYA has been invited to organize a panel at the meeting that will reflect on discussions about the role of science and society that will have taken place at the 2019 GYA AGM.

ALLEA President Antonio Loprieno and EU Director-General for Research and Innovation Jean-Eric Paquet will deliver commemorative speeches inspired by the symposium theme 'Science and Society in Present-Day Europe'.

The meeting will take place 8 to 10 May 2019 and will be hosted by the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences. More information is available [here](#).

Upcoming events

12-13 March 2019	3rd Women in Science without Borders Conference, Egypt
18-20 March 2019	International Open Science Conference, Berlin, Germany
22-25 March 2019	5th Africa Science Leadership Programme (ASLP), South Africa
27-29 March 2019	IAP SPEC Conference: How can Science and Technology Contribute to the Reduction of Poverty and Inequality?
8-9 April 2019	UN Economic and Social Council Youth Forum, New York City, USA
8-9 April 2019	At-Risk Scholars Academic Skills Workshop, Ispra, Italy
9-11 April 2019	IAP Conference and General Assembly, South Korea
29 April-3 May 2019	GYA Anniversary Conference and Annual General Meeting /Alumni Reunion, Halle, Germany
8-10 May 2019	All European Academies (ALLEA) General Assembly, Bern, Switzerland
20-23 June 2019	SILBERSALZ Science and Media Festival, Halle, Germany
30 June to 5 July 2019	69th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting - Physics
29 July–2 August 2019	4th Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies, Da Nang, Vietnam
9-18 July 2019	UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, New York, USA
20-21 September 2019	Leopoldina Annual Meeting, Halle, Germany
27-29 October 2019	World Health Summit



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