



GLOBAL YOUNG ACADEMY

January 2020 Newsletter

Happy New Year to all of our friends around the world!

It is our honour to begin 2020 by announcing that Mrs Patricia Obo-Nai has accepted the Executive Committee's invitation to join the GYA [Advisory Board](#). Mrs Obo-Nai, an engineer and business leader who is the Chief Executive Officer of Vodafone Ghana, is well-known for her passionate support of young women in science and technology. We look forward to engaging with her on those and other topics. More information on her background is available [here](#).

In other news, our Selection Committee, under the leadership of [Mohamed Elhadidy](#) (Zewail City for Science and Technology, Egypt), is still working hard on determining the GYA's 2020 New Members, who will be notified at the end of February. Executive Committee member [Maral Dadvar](#) (Stuttgart Media University, Germany) explains the selection procedure in a video available [here](#).

Two other videos were also released in January. This month's Humans of the GYA features past Executive Committee (EC) member [Shaneen Motala-Timol](#) (Tertiary Education Commission, Mauritius), and our new "Lightning Talks" series features current EC member [Anina Rich](#) (Macquarie University, Australia). Both videos are available below.

As always, we wish you happy reading!

[Connie Nshemereirwe](#) (Actualise Africa, Uganda) and [Koen Vermeir](#) (Centre national de la recherche scientifique, France)

On behalf of the GYA Executive Committee

[Beate Wagner](#) (Managing Director)

On behalf of the GYA Office

GYA welcomes Patricia Obo-Nai to its Advisory Board

Read more [here](#).



Conference website now live!

The website of the AGM and International Conference of Young Scientists 2020 in Kolkata, India is now live and can be found [here](#).

Key dates:

7-8 June – Science Leadership Workshop for New GYA Members

8 June – Optional Pre-AGM workshops

9-12 June – AGM and International Conference of Young Scientists

10-11 June – Public Conference days

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2021 GYA Annual General Meeting will be held in Tokyo, Japan from 16-21 May 2021.

The meeting includes an International Conference of Young Scientists.



Humans of the GYA videos highlight members' accomplishments

The Humans of the GYA campaign showcases the diversity and excellence of GYA membership. Check out the latest video, which features alumna [Shaheen Motala-Timol](#) (Tertiary Education Commission, Mauritius) speaking about the challenges of being from a place nobody has ever heard of, her passions as a researcher and how the GYA gives a voice to young researchers.

PS: While you're there, [please subscribe to our YouTube channel!](#)



Lighting Talks highlight members' work

During every GYA Annual General Meeting and Conference, members hold "Lightning Talks" to explain their research to the public in 3.5 minutes. Here is GYA Executive Committee Member [Anina Rich](#) (Macquarie University, Australia) speaking about the most fascinating of all human organs - the brain.

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New member selection

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Readings of interest

Check out this newly-released booklet for global young scholars written by attendees of an InterAcademy Partnership/GYA workshop! Topics include Scientific Ethics, Funding, Inclusivity, Leadership, and more. You can download the booklet [here](#)



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News from Our Members and Alumni

[Anindita Bhadra](#) (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research – Kolkata, India) was interviewed for the National Geographic story “[Stray dogs have the natural ability to understand human gestures](#)”.

[Cristina Blanco Sío-López](#) (University of Pittsburgh, United States) published an article titled “[History comes to the Aid of Human Mobility Rights Policymaking](#)” in the Marie Curie Alumni Association Newsletter.

[Michael Backes](#) (University of Namibia), was featured in an article titled “[This African nation could be the next great place for astronomy](#)”.

GYA alumnus [Gregory Weiss](#) (University of California, Irvine, United States), one of the GYA's first Co-Chairs, is featured this month in the [online magazine of the University of California at Irvine](#).

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

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GYA Activities

Working Group and Strategic Project highlights

by Dutch & Belgian Young Academies

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National Young Academies Updates



First National Camp for Young Scientists held in Benin

Read more [here](#).

Sri Lankan Academy of Young Scientists work towards conserving coastal areas

Read more [here](#).



Junge Akademie (Germany) online competition on sustainability

The Junge Akademie (Germany) has organised an online competition on climate change and sustainability for 2020.

The Visions/Solutions for a sustainable tomorrow competition is not only aimed at people from all walks of life in Germany, but also at people across Europe and the rest of the world. Contributors are invited to enter one of two competition categories – one involves developing bold, creative and artistic visions of a sustainable and climate-friendly world, while the other involves proposing specific solutions to practical environmental problems. The idea is to counter the negative visions of a world affected by climate change with positive visions in order to motivate a changed way of thinking and acting. Deadline for contributions is 31 March 2020.

Young Academy of Scotland Strategic Plan 2020-2025

The RSE Young Academy of Scotland have published their Strategic Plan 2020-2025. The plan sets out their vision and core values, as well as the strategic objectives for the next five years and the "Grand Challenges" which the academy plans to focus on in the next two years. The plan also identifies the distinctive impact the YAS aims to make nationally and internationally, and the

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. The prize aims to support and promote science, evidence-informed policymaking, science communication, as well as the future generation of scientists and scholars in Europe.

Nominations can come from YAE members and non-members, and should be sent to yaep@yacadeuro.org by **29 February 2020**. Nominations should include a short CV and a justification describing key activities and providing evidence of relevant accomplishments for which the candidate is nominated. More information on eligibility, general award criteria and the nominations process is available [here](#).

2020 Arab-German Young Academy membership call

The [Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities](#) (AGYA) is pleased to announce its Call for Membership Applications 2020. AGYA promotes research cooperation among outstanding early-career researchers from all disciplines who are affiliated with a research institution in Germany or any Arab country. The academy supports innovative interdisciplinary projects by its members in various fields of research, science policy and education.

More information about the academy and the membership application process is available [here](#).

The Vietnam Young Academy's January newsletter is available [here](#).

NYA Updates - Spread the news!

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

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Partners

Global Women's Breakfast organised by International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)

Scientists from around the world are invited to participate in the IUPAC 2020 Global Women's Breakfast (GWB2020). This global event will be held on a single day, 12 February 2020, one day after the United Nations Day of Women and Girls in Science. More information is available [here](#).

Upcoming Events

World Forum for Women in Science, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 10-14 February 2020

The World Forum for Women in Science – Brazil 2020 (4th International Conference for Women in Science without Borders) will take place 10-14 February 2020 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It will be organised by the Brazilian Academy of Sciences, and is a multidisciplinary conference open to both male and female researchers. More information is available on the GYA Events page [here](#).

10-13 March 2020 [Next Einstein Forum \(NEF\) Global Gathering 2020, Nairobi, Kenya](#)

20-25 March 2020 [Africa Science Leadership Programme, Pretoria, South Africa](#)

3-4 June 2020 [ALLEA General Assembly, London, United Kingdom](#)

8-12 June 2020 [GYA Annual General Meeting, Kolkata, India](#)

16 June 2020 [ALLEA GYA Workshop on research assessment, Belgium](#)

4-5 July 2020 [2020 European Young Academies Meeting, Berlin, Germany](#)

10-12 September 2020 [2nd GYA Research Leadership Workshop, United Kingdom](#)

14-18 September 2020 [4th International Conference on Science Advice to Government, Montreal, Canada](#)



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