



GLOBAL YOUNG ACADEMY

January 2021 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

As we begin 2021, we are hopeful that the gradual changes that will certainly come with COVID-19 vaccinations will begin to ease the collective burdens that the pandemic has placed on us all.

And though we normally begin our newsletter with positive developments, we regret to inform you that our friend and colleague Alexander Sasha Kagansky has passed away. In addition to holding a Zoom Memorial meeting in early December 2020, the GYA plans other memorial actions, and has established the [Sasha Kagansky Memorial Fund](#) to benefit his family. Sasha was an amazing talent and will be greatly missed. However, let us pledge to keep his spirit alive through our work and ongoing collaborations.

Over the last few months, our members and alumni have been busily engaged with our partners and with each other, working, for example, with ALLEA on topics such as Peer Review and Research Assessment, and with each other in a variety of webinars and workshops. Below you can read about the Young Science Ambassadors Programme virtual mission between India and the Netherlands, and the Science Diplomacy working group's five-day online workshop held in late 2020 .

We also feature updates from the Thai Young Scientists Academy, the Young Academy of Europe, and several other Young Academies this month, including two prizes and a Science-Art Image Competition.

[Anindita Bhadra](#) (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Kolkata, India) and

[Michael Saliba](#) (University of Stuttgart, Germany)

On behalf of the GYA Executive Committee

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On behalf of the GYA Office

Global experts representing various cultural and disciplinary traditions convened virtually in November 2020 to discuss the future of peer review in an Open Science environment. Their report is now available [here](#).



So hard to grasp, even harder to let go

Sad news reached us in December: Alexander “Sasha” Kagansky has passed away. Sasha was one of the most active GYA members and a true inspiration. We’re deeply affected by his untimely death and grieve along with his family and friends. Please consider donating to the GYA’s Sasha Kagansky Memorial Fund. **All donations will go exclusively to Sasha’s family.** A closing call for the Memorial Fund will be sent once all geographical restrictions of Paypal have been addressed. More information is available [here](#).



GYA podcast making (sound) waves

The latest episode of “Voices of Young Scientists” features an interview with Alexander Sasha Kagansky.

Upcoming episodes will explore the history and activities of the GYA, and how the pandemic has affected the work of early-career researchers.

[Listen here](#)



Place

Read the article by GYA member [Dalal Najib](#) (National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, United States) [here](#).

[Leave your thoughts on GYA News here](#)

News from Our Members and Alumni

GYA member [Lisa Herzog](#) (University of Groningen, Netherlands) recently co-authored "The Limits of Transparency: Expert Knowledge and Meaningful Accountability in Central Banking", which was published by Cambridge University Press. You can read the article [here](#).

GYA member [Devina Lobine](#) (University of Mauritius) was recently profiled on the [Africa Women Experts platform](#).

GYA members [Felix Moronta](#) (International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Italy) and [Suraj Bhattarai](#) (Global Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, Nepal) have been selected to take part in the new InterAcademy Partnership Biosecurity working group: [Meet the new IAP Biosecurity Working Group here](#).

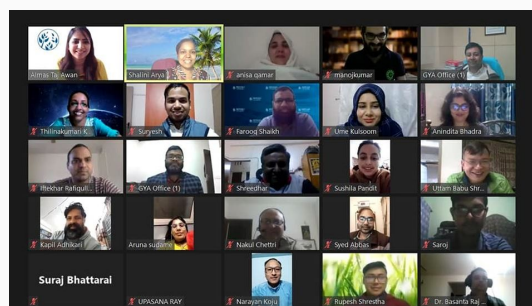
GYA Executive Committee member [Yoko Shimpuku](#) (Hiroshima University, Japan) was selected as one of the world's [100 Outstanding Women Nurse and Midwife Leaders](#). Her Community Hero profile is available [here](#).

GYA alumni and founding member [Wibool Piyawattanametha](#) (King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, Bangkok, Thailand) has been elected as a Fellow of The International Society for Optics and Photonics. More information is available [here](#).

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 Group and Strategic Project highlights



GYA Science Diplomacy in South Asia webinar series

The GYA [Science Diplomacy in South Asia working group](#) organised a five-day online workshop on science diplomacy in South Asia in late 2020.

YSAP virtual mission between India and the Netherlands

Read more about the [Young Scientist Ambassador Programme](#) ultrasound tutorial and experiment from November 2020 [here](#).



Workshop on Research Assessment with ALLEA

In November 2020, members of the GYA's [Scientific Excellence](#) working group, together with ALLEA, organised an online workshop entitled "Research assessments that promote scholarly progress and reinforce the contract with society". You can read the report [here](#).

GYA initiates Project Group to contribute to UN Food Systems Summit

A total of 11 GYA members and alumni from a variety of disciplines have joined forces to draft a GYA policy brief to the UN Food Systems Summit (UN FSS), in a collaboration with the UN FSS Scientific Group. The policy brief will highlight the perspective of early-career researchers on food systems challenges. If you wish to contribute or if you have questions, please contact GYA member [Erick Tambo](#) (United Nations University, Institute for Environment and Human Security, Germany) or email [Jennifer Plaul](#) at the GYA Office.

Bio2Bio members to honor the late Sahsa Kagansky at AUTM General Meeting

Members of the [Bio2Bio working group](#) will present "Bio2Bio: Biodiversity for Survival via Biomedicine" on 16 March 2021 from 16:15 to 17:00 UTC at the AUTM 2021 Annual Meeting, a gathering of academic technology transfer professionals. The session will begin with a tribute to our recently departed friend and colleague Sasha Kagansky.

The panel will be moderated by GYA alumna and past Co-Chair [Orakanoke Phanraksa](#) (National Science and Technology Development Agency, Thailand), and will feature Anton Gupka (Dean at ITMO University and CEO and General Partner at ATEM Capital, Russia), as well as GYA alumni [Vidushi Shradha Neergheen](#) (University of Mauritius).

More information, including how to register, is available at the [event website](#).

National Young Academies

The [Cameroon Academy of Young Scientists](#) recently co-organised the scientific eloquence competition "Three minutes to convince CAYS"

Read more [here](#).



2021 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". This 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 can come from YAE members and non-members, and should be sent to yaep@yacadeuro.org by 1 March 2021. 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](#).

2021 Arab-Germany Young Academy membership call

The [Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities](#) (AGYA) is pleased to announce its Call for Membership Applications 2021. The 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 deadline for 2021 applications is 11 April 2021.

Thai Young Scientists Academy presents work to cabinet minister

On 15 January 2021, the Thai Young Scientists Academy (TYSA), led by co-chairs Kampanart Silva and Sasitorn Srisawadi, had the opportunity to meet with Anek Laothamatas, the Thai Minister of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation, to present the academy's work direction towards research and development. The missions of the academy are 1) to empower young scientists, 2) to drive science, research and innovation policy for the development of the country, and 3) to help form a science-informed society.

You can visit their website [here](#).

International Sci-Art Image Competition

To encourage the creativity of students and researchers when presenting their scientific findings through a scientific and artistic image, the Indian National Young Academy of Science (INIAS), Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad, and CARBON Lab, with the support of the National Young Academy of Bangladesh (NYAB), and the Thai Young Scientists Academy (TYSA) are organising an International Sci-Art Image Competition.

Details of the competition are [available here](#).

2021 Letten Prize: call for applications

The call for applications for the [2021 Letten Prize](#) is still open. The prize is a collaboration between the [Letten Foundation](#) and [The Young Academy of Norway](#). The deadline for applications is 2 February 2021; more information can be found [here](#). GYA members [Binyam Sisay Mendisu](#) (UNESCO Institute, Ethiopia) and [Syed Ishtiaque Ahmed](#) (University of Toronto, Canada) have been selected for the Letten Prize Committee, together with members from four other Young Academies.

NYAs and COVID-19

GYA's COVID-19 page highlights work of Young Academies

dissemination activities, initiatives to support scientists to coordinate and facilitate institutions or governments. Please [email the GYA Office](#) or Tweet with the hashtag #covid19ya if you want to share what your academy is doing, or want to contact other Young Academies for joint activities, or an exchange of experience and best practices.

NYA Updates - spread the news!

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

Partners

IAP Regional report drafts available

First drafts of the regional reports for the InterAcademy Partnership global project on Climate Change and Health will be discussed during an online session on 3 March 2021. More information, including how to participate and register, is [available here](#). Several GYA members have been involved in report-writing groups in Asia and Africa.

IAP survey on predatory academic journals and conferences

Over 1,800 researchers participated in a survey on [Combating Academic Predatory Journals and Conferences](#). If you missed the deadline but would still like to share your own experiences or somehow get involved, [get in touch with IAP here](#).

The study is co-chaired by GYA alumnus [Abdullah Shams Bin Tariq](#) (University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh) with GYA member [Victorien Dognon](#) (University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin).

World Forum for Women in Science

GYA alumna and founding member [Amal Amin](#) (National Research Center, Egypt), who is also a member of the [Women in Science working group](#), is organising the World Forum for Women in Science in Duhok, Kurdistan, Iraq from 8-10 March 2021. More information is available at the conference website [here](#).

Events

1-5 February 2021	Extraordinary ISC General Assembly, online
8-10 March 2021	World Forum for Women in Science without Borders, Kurdistan Region, Iraq
14-17 March 2021	AUTM Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, United States
22 March 2021	"Trust in Climate Science" - Virtual Satellite Event of the GYA's International Conference of Young Scientists
26-27 April 2021	Philipp-Schwartz Initiative and InspireEurope Stakeholder Forum
5-6 May 2021	ALLEA General Assembly, Helsinki, Finland

1-4 June 2021

2021 International Conference of Young Scientists and GYA Annual General Meeting, online

27 June - 2 July 2021

70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting - Interdisciplinary, Lindau, Germany.

29 August - 2
September 2021

INGSA 2021 - Evidence in context: expanding the dialogue, Montreal, Canada and hybrid

9-11 September 2021

2nd GYA Research Leadership Workshop, Oxford, United Kingdom



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