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Foreword by the Co-Chairs

We are pleased to share our news in July; most exciting is that our new member call has just been published, and our members are in the process of translating it into as many languages as possible (a few of these translations are already available on our website [here](#)). We will greatly appreciate you sharing this call far and wide, as we are always looking to reach excellent young scientists everywhere, especially those whose voice has traditionally been left out of the international science and policy discussions.

Besides this greatly anticipated annual event, we are also wrapping up the business that arose at our AGM this past May. A major output from that is our Statement on Healthy Ageing, which was the theme of the Young Scientist Conference held alongside our AGM. You can also catch the pictorial and video highlights of both events as these have now been curated and been made available to the public.

In the meantime, the mobile, connected and engaged young scientists in the GYA have been making their presence felt in various international science and policy fora. Of note is our participation in Europe's premier science event, the Euroscience Open Forum, (ESOF), as well as its satellite events. Our members contributed to issues ranging from Open Science, to considering how young African Scientists in Europe can contribute to the advancement of science on the African Continent. Earlier in the month we also witnessed the launch of the International Science Council, a merger of the International Social Science Council (ISSC) and the International Council for Science (ICSU). We are excited to be a part of the birth of this unified council since we at the GYA also aim to provide a voice to all the sciences.

In this issue we also highlight the achievements of some of our members: one has been selected to join the German Junge Akademie; some have been selected as Young Affiliates of the African Academy of Sciences; another has been invited to join the Science Advice for Policy by European Academies' (SAPEA) working group on Microplastics. Finally, we are also represented on both the advisory and editorial boards

If you are receiving this issue then you have explicitly agreed to continue receiving news from us (by agreeing to the terms of our updated privacy policy – available [here](#)), and we value your continued support.

Do stay in touch!

On behalf of the GYA Executive Committee

[Tolu Oni](#) (UK) and [Connie Nshemereirwe](#) (Uganda)

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GYA News

Call for new GYA members now open

Help us spread the word that we're looking for new members! Applications are currently being sought from young, independent scholars who combine the highest level of research excellence with a demonstrated passion for delivering social impact.

The Call for New Members page is available [here](#).

The Application Form is available [here](#).

Deadline for application is 15 September 2018.

Please help us spread the word!

AGM Conference Statement on healthy ageing published

In May, young scientists and researchers from more than 50 different countries came together at the Global Young Academy's 8th Annual General Meeting and International Conference for Young Scientists in Pattaya, Thailand, to discuss the challenges and possibilities for sustainable and healthy ageing. After compiling the ideas discussed during their conference, GYA members have finalised the Conference's Statement ([available here](#)). This GYA Statement emphasises the need to re-frame issues surrounding ageing and to recognise and foster links between global and local developments. More information is

Just a reminder that photos from the 2018 AGM have been curated and uploaded to a flickr folder [here](#), and a selection of videos are available on our YouTube channel [here](#). While you're there, please remember to [subscribe](#) to our YouTube channel!

Readings of interest

Measuring research excellence

Africa funds a minute portion of its highly-cited research, a metric often used as a proxy for quality. But that tells us more about idiosyncrasies in the way that we evaluate research than it does about Africa's own commitment to rigour and usability. Read more on measuring research excellence from science journalist and [GYA Advisory Board](#) member Linda Nordling [here](#).

Please [email us](#) any interesting reading that speaks to GYA aims that you'd like to share with members, and we'll post it here.

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GYA in the Media

GYA Co-Chair [Tolu Oni](#) (UK) and GYA alumna [Ghada Bassioni](#) (Egypt) are both featured in the Robert Bosch Foundation magazine 'Afrika', available [here](#).

(If you have written about the GYA and/or come across articles about the GYA in the media, please let us know by clicking the feedback link below or sending us an [email](#).)

[Leave your thoughts on GYA in the Media here](#)

News from Our Members

GYA members participate in first Science Media Festival in Halle

GYA members [Suzanne Bouclin](#) (Canada), [Lisa Herzog](#) (Germany), [Thomas Edison dela Cruz](#) (Philippines), [Clarissa Rios Rojas](#) (Italy/Peru), [Mohamed Elhadidy](#) (Egypt) and [Daniel Ochieng Orwenjo](#) (Kenya), together with GYA Project Officer Jennifer Plaul, actively participated in '[SILBERSALZ](#)', a science media film festival that took place in Halle (Saale), Germany, from 28 June to 1 July. The festival, which included four days of films, workshops, lectures and discussions, was coordinated by [Documentary Campus](#), supported by the [Robert Bosch Foundation](#), and hosted at the German National Academy of Sciences [Leopoldina](#). More information is available [here](#).

African Academy of Sciences Affiliates programme selects GYA members

as Affiliates in The African Academy of Sciences (AAS) Affiliates programme. Every year the AAS selects 25 affiliates who are nominated to their position in recognition of their academic and research excellence. Successful nominees are designated as AAS Affiliates for five years. More information is available [here](#).

Science Advice for Policy by European Academies working group selects GYA member

GYA member [Bart Kolodziejczyk](#) (Australia) has been selected to join the international Science Advice for Policy by European Academies (SAPEA) Working Group on 'Micro and Nano Plastics'. This SAPEA working group will produce scientific advice for the European Commission's Scientific Advice Mechanism. [SAPEA](#) is the main mechanism through which evidence-based science policy reaches the European Commission. More information is available [here](#).

Seminar on Participatory Research in Mauritius

On 11 July 2018, GYA member [Shaheen Motala-Timol](#) (Mauritius) and GYA alumnus [Fawzi Mohamad Mahomoodally](#) (Mauritius) participated in a seminar titled 'Participatory Research in Health Science', which was organised by the Doctoral School of the University of Mauritius in collaboration with the GYA. More information is available [here](#).

Journal welcomes GYA member and alumnae to Editorial Board and Advisory Board

Scientific African has named GYA member [Ibrahim Sidi Zakari](#) (Niger) and GYA alumna [Sherien Elagroudy](#) (Egypt) as Editorial Board members, and GYA alumna [Ghada Bassioni](#) (Egypt) has been appointed to their Advisory Board. More information is available [here](#).

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GYA Activities

Working Group, Incubator and Flagship Project Highlights

Open Science keynote talk at ESOF

Representing the [Open Science](#) working group at the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF), GYA member [Koen Vermeir](#) (France), delivered a keynote talk during a plenary session titled 'Opening up Open Science: Innovations, Ideas and Possibilities'; GYA Advisory Board Member [Yuko Harayama](#) was also part of this panel. More information is available [here](#).

GYA Science for Peace Caravan visits Cambodia

GYA members [Rothsophal Nguon](#) (Cambodia), [Kit Yee Chan](#) (UK), [Hong Ching](#) (Malaysia) and [Sasha Kagansky](#) (Russia) from the [Young Scientist Ambassador Programme](#) and the [Science Education for Youth](#) working group organised a science outreach mission in Siem Reap, Cambodia, in May 2018. Read the story [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. See [here](#) for further details and how to apply to participate.

Sustainable African Cities Conference

GYA members [Patrick B Cobbinah](#) (Ghana), [Ketcha Armand Kablan Malan](#) (Cote d'Ivoire), [Chioma Daisy Onyige](#) (Nigeria) and [Daniel Ochieng Orwenjo](#) (Kenya) represented the GYA at the conference on 'Sustainable African Cities' from 3 to 6 July 2018 in Accra, Ghana. Organised by the [Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences](#) (GAAS), the [Network of African Science Academies](#) (NASAC) and the [German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina](#), and supported by the [German Federal Ministry of Education and Research](#) (BMBF), the conference was part of the [Strengthening African Academies](#) project, of which the GYA is a partner. More information is available [here](#).

[Leave your thoughts on Working Group, Incubator and Flagship Projects here](#)

National Young Academies Updates

GYA member elected to German Junge Akademie

GYA member [Michael Saliba](#) (Switzerland) became a member of the German [Junge Akademie](#) at their annual membership inauguration and get-together in Berlin, Germany, on 30 June 2018. More information is available [here](#).

Uganda National Young Academy elects new members

The Uganda National Young Academy (UNYA) welcomed 8 new members on 23 July 2018. Co-Chair and GYA alumnus [Noble Banadda](#) (Uganda) hosted the inauguration ceremony at the African Institute for Capacity Development at Makerere University. This ceremony was preceded by a science leadership workshop styled on the GYA mini- science leadership programmes, and was facilitated by the UNYA Secretary General and GYA Co-Chair [Connie Nshemereirwe](#).

These 8 members bring the total number of UNYA members to 12 (3 women and 9 men), and it is hoped that this injection of new blood will propel the academy to new heights. One of the main priorities of the academy in the upcoming year is to increase their visibility as well as further capitalise on existing strategic partnerships with policy and civil society bodies. The UNYA also looks to increase their links to other NYAs within the continent.

Young Academy of Japan

The Young Academy of Japan (YAJ) hosted a public symposium on 'Young Academy's Thoughts on Cross-disciplinary Social Collaboration Based on Citizen Science.' YAJ Chair

and talked about how citizen science could change academic research. Kenkichi Takase, the Secretary of YAJ, and other researchers gave a presentation on potentials of citizen science in their disciplines. The YAJ is planning to hold similar symposiums in different places in Japan so that citizen science can be discussed with wider audiences and possibly involve more Japanese citizens in science.

NYA updates – spread the news!

If you have any news or updates regarding your NYA, please [email Anna-Maria](mailto:anna-maria.gya@yayoi.ac.jp) at the GYA Office.

[Leave your thoughts on NYAs here](#)

GYA Strategic Conferences Updates

GYA members and alumni have strong presence at EuroScience Open Forum

The GYA had a strong showing at the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) from 9 to 14 July in Toulouse, France.

In addition to GYA member [Koen Vermeir](#) (France) delivering a keynote talk during a plenary session that included GYA Advisory Board member [Yuko Harayama](#), GYA members active at ESOF included [Alice Matimba](#) (Zimbabwe), [Henri Tonnang](#) (Kenya), as well as GYA alumni [Regina Maphanga](#) (South Africa), [Ghada Bassioni](#) (Egypt), [Martin Dominik](#) (UK) and [Vidushi Neergheen-Bhujun](#) (Mauritius).

Moreover, GYA Co-Chairs [Tolu Oni](#) (UK) and [Connie Nshemereirwe](#) (Uganda) each moderated a panel at the one-day pre-conference event Young African Scientists in Europe (YASE) on 6 July.

More information is available [here](#).

GYA nominee at 68th Lindau Nobel Laureate meeting

Once every year, approximately 30 Nobel Laureates convene in Lindau, Germany, to meet the next generation of leading scientists. As a nominating partner, the GYA supported young scientist Basak Kandemir, nominated by GYA member [Isil Kurnaz](#) (Turkey), to attend the meeting. More information, including Basak's report, is available [here](#).

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GYA External Partners

Launch of International Science Council

On 5 July 2018, the International Social Science Council (ISSC) merged with the International Council for Science (ICSU) to form the International Science Council (ISC), thereby establishing a unified council to act as the global voice for all sciences.

The founding of the ISC was celebrated with a Science Day featuring speeches by leading

GYA Co-Chair [Tolu Oni](#) (UK) attended the launch, and presented during a session titled 'Policy for science' at the Maison des Océans in Paris; she also took part in a panel discussion on the topic. More information is available [here](#).

Other Upcoming Events

Oxford Meeting to tackle the SDGs in Africa

The African Academy of Sciences (AAS) and the Africa Oxford Initiative (AfOx) are convening a meeting of early- to mid-career African researchers, international researchers and funders at the University of Oxford.

The following GYA members will be in attendance: [Adewale Adewuyi](#) (Nigeria), GYA Co-Chair [Tolu Oni](#) (UK), [Maha Nasr](#) (Egypt), [Marian Nkansah](#) (Ghana), and [Lahcen El Yousfi](#) (Morocco). GYA Advisory Board member [Kevin Marsh](#) is organising the event.

The meeting will take place at Pembroke College from 6 to 8 August 2018 and will serve as a platform for African researchers to network, share their ideas and successes, as well as seek meaningful collaborations towards scaling their work and impact.

More information is available [here](#).

Evidence and Policy summer school - let us know if you're going to be there!

The Evidence and Policy summer school in September in Laxenburg, Austria is organised by the [International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis](#) (IIASA) and the [Joint Research Centre](#) (JRC), in collaboration with the [International Network for Government Science Advice](#) (INGSA) and the GYA.

Click [here](#) to check out the calendar page and let us know you're taking part! Indeed, this applies to all key events below – follow any of the links to find out who's taking part in the events in the calendar below!

6-8 August 2018	African Academy of Sciences and Africa Oxford Initiative meeting 'Interdisciplinary research towards tackling the SDGs in Africa'
13-14 August 2018	IAP Regional Workshop on the UN SDGs – Asia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
20-24 August 2018	AAAS-TWAS Science Diplomacy course, Trieste, Italy
5-7 September 2018	IIASA-JRC-INGSA-GYA Evidence for Policy Summer School 2018 'Science, Policy and Demography', Laxenburg, Austria
10-12 September 2018	IAP Regional Workshop on the UN SDGs – Europe, Halle, Germany
19-20 September 2018	IAP Regional Workshop on the UN SDGs – Africa, Nairobi, Kenya
23-26 September 2018	GYA Executive Committee in-person meeting – Halle, Germany
25-28 September 2018	World Social Science Forum 'Security and Equality for Sustainable Futures', Fukuoka, Japan
7-9 October 2018	STS Forum 2018, Kyoto, Japan
14-16 October 2018	World Health Summit, Berlin, Germany
17-19 October 2018	Meeting of the Young Affiliate Members of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences, Fortaleza, Brazil

26 October 2018	European Committee of the Regions 'Towards a society for all ages: Why and how should regional authorities combat ageism', Brussels, Belgium
5-8 November 2018	International Data Week 2018 , Gaborone, Botswana.
6-7 November 2018	Third INGSA Biennial Conference, Tokyo, Japan
12-13 March 2019	3rd Women in Science without Borders Conference, Egypt
9-11 April 2019	IAP Conference and General Assembly, South Korea
29 Apr-3 May 2019	GYA Anniversary Conference and Annual General Meeting /Alumni Reunion, Halle, Germany
29 July – 2 August 2019	4th Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies, Vietnam

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