



GLOBAL YOUNG ACADEMY

June 2020 Newsletter

We hope our June newsletter finds you all healthy and safe.

June has been an amazing month at the GYA! In addition to successfully hosting our first-ever virtual Annual General Meeting (e-AGM), we inducted 40 fantastic new members who will serve five-year terms.

During the e-AGM, we also elected new leadership hailing from South America, Africa, Asia and Europe – a majority of whom are women. As Co-Chairs for the upcoming year, members chose [Michael Saliba](#) (University of Stuttgart, Germany) and [Anindita Bhadra](#) (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research–Kolkata, India). Anindita and Michael both served as members of the EC last year. Further EC members include [Nova Ahmed](#) (North South University, Bangladesh), [Shalini Arya](#) (Institute of Chemical Technology, India), [Almas Taj Awan](#) (Zika Lab Diagnostics, Brazil), [Maral Dadvar](#) (Stuttgart Media University, Germany), [Mohamed Elhadidy](#) (Zewail City of Science and Technology, Egypt), [Lahcen El Youssfi](#) (Khenifra Superior School of Technology, Sultan Moulay Slimane University, Morocco), [Robert Lepenies](#) (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, Germany), [Sandra Lopez-Verges](#) (Gorgas Memorial Institute for Health Studies, Panama), and [Yoko Shimpuku](#) (Hiroshima University, Japan). Nova, Maral, Robert, Sandra, and Yoko were all re-elected.

We have now launched our e-Conference for young scientists, with the theme "Heal the Earth: Sustainable Development Goals in a Changing World ". We look forward to two weeks of active engagement among the GYA members and alumni and with our guests at the e-Conference.

Aside from our e-AGM and e-Conference, we're proud to announce that we signed the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment, and to present our regular updates from GYA members and alumni.

We are also poised to launch our Strategic Plan for the next five years, after extensive brainstorming at the e-AGM. In order to take the first steps towards implementation, the membership have set themselves three major tasks for the upcoming year: to address systemic discrimination, work towards enabling everyone to access online education (especially in the global south), and to harmonise reason and sensibility to build bridges between the arts and sciences.

We wish you happy reading, and above all: stay safe!

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

On behalf of the GYA Executive Committee

[Beate Wagner](#) (Managing Director)

On behalf of the GYA Office

GYA e-Conference update



“Heal the Earth: Sustainable Development Goals in a Changing World”: International Conference of Young Scientists happening now as virtual meeting from 29 June to 10 July!

The e-Conference is taking place from 29 June to 10 July. The conference Agenda is available [here](#).

All further news and information on the 2020 e-Conference can be found on the [Conference Website](#).

Subscribe to our YouTube channel and watch all the e-Conference videos here:
<https://www.youtube.com/globalyoungacademy>

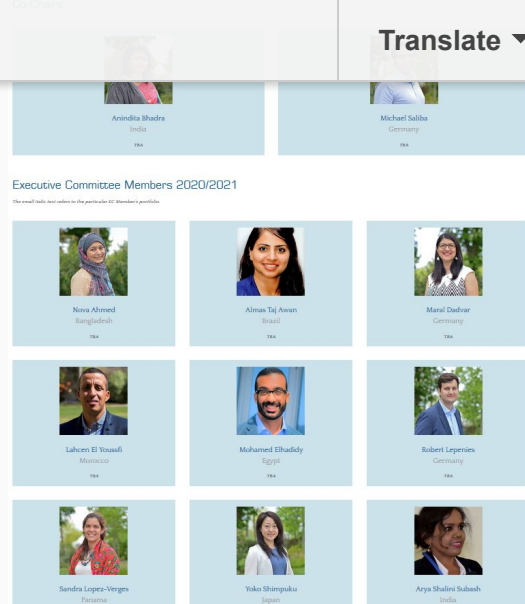
See you there!

GYA News

GYA members elect new leadership during e-AGM

The elected leaders hail from South America, Africa, Asia and Europe, with a majority of women.

Read more [here](#).



Welcome New GYA members 2020

The new GYA members represent 30 different countries, come from all GYA general disciplines, and include 23 females, 1 non-binary, and 16 males.

Read about them [here](#).



GYA signs San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment

Read more [here](#).

GYA (e-)AGM report: from Kolkata to Whova

Read more [here](#).





Lightning 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 new member [David Fernandez Riva](#) (University of Twente, Netherlands) speaking about his innovative work with bioengineering and green biotech.

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

Readings of interest

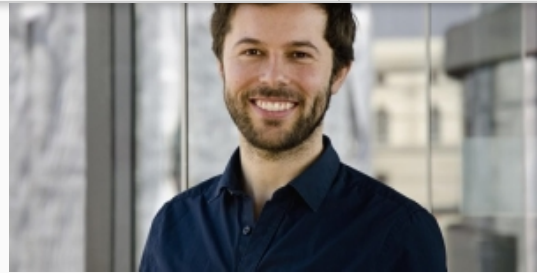


"We are not as much in control as we thought"

GYA member [Felix Moronta](#) (International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Italy) recently co-wrote an opinion article on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the research world.

Read more [here](#).

German Young Academy chair Philipp Kanske talks with the European Federation of Academies of Science and Humanities (ALLEA) about the emergence of young academies.



Read more [here](#).

#GYAinspirations



This section presents inspiring stories from Young Scientists around the world. The first story "[Small bubbles and bubble bags: a scientific knowledge valorisation](#)" details a PhD project by new GYA member [David Fernandez Rivas](#) (University of Twente, Netherlands) that turned into a spin-off company on ultrasonic cleaning and advanced chemical processes.

If you have a similar inspiring story that you wish to share with your colleagues, please email GYA Press Officer [Jim Curtiss](#).

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

News from Our Members and Alumni

Immediate Past Co-Chair [Connie Nshemereirwe](#) (Actualise Africa, Uganda) discusses how human development needs to be self-determined in an article featured by the International Science Council (ISC). The article (available [here](#)) is part of the ISC's joint project with the United Nations Development Program to start a global discussion on Rearticulating Human Development.

in Science working group, wrote a piece on "[Kindness in the Face of Covid-19](#)" for the Women of the Future Programme blog.

Co-Chair [Anindita Bhadra](#) (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research–Kolkata, India) recently published a book titled "Streunerhunde: Von Moskaus U-Bahn-Hunden bis Indiens Underdogs" (In English, Stray dogs: From Moscow's Underground Dogs to India's Underdogs).

Executive Committee member [Robert Lepenies](#) (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, Germany) co-edited a recently-released book titled Dimensions of Poverty: Measurement, Epistemic Injustices, Activism.

GYA alumna [Amal Amin](#) (National Research Center, Dokki, Cairo, Egypt) is featured on the cover of the July issue of "The Next Truth" for her story titled "The broken Nobel prize dream that launched a mentoring platform". Amal also wrote a book chapter on Women and sustainable development in Africa titled "Women are change-drivers in the world - Women in science without borders (WISWB), excellence and impact as a way to change the world by science".

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

First #GYAEnergy Webinar

Launching of the [GYAEnergy](#) Initiative
The Future of Energy, A Global Conversation

Friday, 5 June 2020

Presentation of the Initiative
Professor Michael Saliba, [GYAEnergy](#) co-lead, GYA Executive Board Member

Powering a Sustainable Future through Science
Professor Javier García-Martínez, [GYAEnergy](#) co-lead, President-elect of IUPAC

The Role of Solar Cells
Professor Michael [Grätzel](#), EPFL, Switzerland

The Role of Batteries
Professor Clare Grey, University of Cambridge, UK

Q&A, moderated by Michael Saliba and Javier García-Martínez



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Michael [Grätzel](#)



Clare Grey

First #GYAEnergy Webinar

EC member [Michael Saliba](#) (University of Stuttgart, Forschungszentrum Jülich, Germany) and GYA alumnus [Javier García-Martínez](#) (University of Alicante, Spain) organised a webinar on "The Future of Energy: A Global Conversation" to launch the GYAEnergy Initiative in June 2020; for details see [here](#).

Junge Akademie (Germany) now a member of ALLEA

The German [Junge Akademie](#) became a member of [ALLEA](#), the network of All European Academies, in June 2020. They are the first young academy included in ALLEA, who as the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities are committed to a free, independent and united research system within Europe. For more information, see [here](#).

GYA Co-Chair on the Board of the Junge Akademie (Germany)

GYA Co-Chair [Michael Saliba](#) (University of Stuttgart, Germany) has been elected as a member of the Board of the German Junge Akademie for the next 12 months. With him, Anna Lisa Ahlers (Berlin, Germany), Astrid Eichhorn (Odense, Denmark), and Isabel Nahal Schellinger (Leipzig, Germany) are on the board, with political scientist Lukas Haffert (Zurich, Switzerland) as the 2020/2021 Speaker of the Junge Akademie. For details see [here](#).

Swiss Young Academy elects its first Executive Board

The members of the [Swiss Young Academy](#) elected their executive board at the first constitutive meeting of the young academy, which was established in December 2019.

Estefania Cuero from the University of Lucerne will be the first speaker of the Swiss Young Academy. BinBin Pearce (ETH Zurich), Stefanie Boulila (Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts), Florian Egli (ETH Zurich), and Lucas Mueller (University of Geneva) complete the Board. More information is available on the academy's [website](#).

Vietnam Young Academy newsletter

The May Special edition of the Vietnam Young Academy newsletter is available [here](#).

NYAs and COVID-19

GYA's COVID-19 repository

The GYA has established a page on its website (<https://globalyoungacademy.net/covid19/>) to act as a repository for young academies to link their work on COVID-19. This includes any statements or information dissemination activities, initiatives to support scientists to coordinate and facilitate institutions or governments. Please contact info@globalyoungacademy.net 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.

Take the Young Academy of Europe survey on the impact of COVID-19 on researchers

The [Young Academy of Europe](#) would like to better understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the research and careers of young researchers. The information provided in the survey will also help them evaluate any potential differences between the impact of the pandemic on researchers at various career stages. You can take the survey [here](#).

NYA Updates - spread the news!

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

Partners

Leopoldina panel on contact tracing apps

09:00 to 10:15 UTC. More information and the link for registration can be found [here](#).

Upcoming events

29 June to
10 July 2020

[2020 GYA International e-Conference - NOW VIRTUAL](#)

4-5 July 2020

[2020 European Young Academies Meeting - NOW VIRTUAL](#)

21-25 August 2020

[Africa Science Leadership Programme, Pretoria, South Africa](#)

10-12 September 2020

[2nd GYA Research Leadership Workshop, Oxford, United Kingdom - POSTPONED TO 9-11 SEPTEMBER 2021](#)

15-16 September 2020

[INGSA Virtual Conference on Science Advice and COVID-19](#)

21-23 September 2020

[CILAC - The Open Science Forum for Latin American and the Caribbean, Buenos Aires, Argentina - MOVED TO APRIL 2021](#)

25-29 August 2020

[70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting, Lake Constance, Germany - MOVED TO AUGUST 2021](#)

5-7 May 2021

[ALLEA General Assembly, Helsinki, Finland](#)



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