

# June 2021

## GYA Newsletter

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### GYA Focus Areas continue

GYA members decided that the three focus areas from 2020/21 will be continued at least until the 2022 AGM.

More on the GYA's three focus areas here.

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## GYA News

### Co-Chairs and Executive Committee 2021/22

#### Co-Chairs



#### Executive Committee Members 2021/2022



## New leadership elected

GYA members convened in early June at the 2021 Annual General Meeting, where they elected new Co-Chairs and a new Executive Committee.

**Meet them here**





## Welcome new GYA members!

The GYA inaugurated 31 new members to its ranks during the opening of this year's Annual General Meeting on 1 June 2021. The new GYA members represent 28 different countries, come from all GYA general disciplines, and include 19 females and 12 males. The gender ratio of GYA membership is now 101 female/98 male/1 non-binary. Such gender balance is a development that the GYA has been moving towards for the last few years.

[Learn about the new members here](#)



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The GYA held its second online Annual General Meeting from 1-4 June, together with an online International Conference of Young Scientists on the topic "Trust in Science", which was open to public participation.

Over 170 GYA members and alumni and over 490 external guests from 114 countries registered to take part in sessions throughout the week addressing trust in science, as well as highlighting projects and themes of GYA Working Groups.

[Read the overview here](#)



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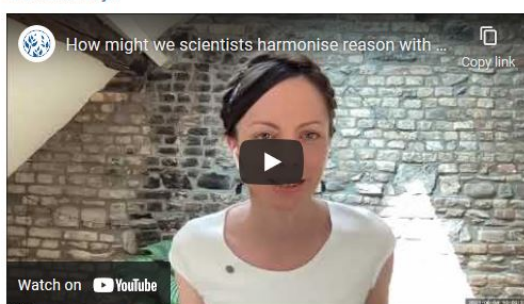


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Positive aspects of the pandemic: seeing the glass as half full



How might we scientists harmonise reason with sensibility?



Climate change, Human trafficking, Migration, and Food security



Global perspectives on anti-discrimination in science



## "Trust in Science" Conference videos available

The GYA held its second online Annual General Meeting (AGM) from 1-4 June, together with an online International Conference of Young Scientists on the topic "Trust in Science".

All videos from the conference, as well as all public Working Group videos from the AGM are available on the [Videos of the GYA page](#).



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## Science with Society Project unveils new videos

During the 2021 AGM and International Conference “Trust in Science”, [Lisa Herzog](#) (University of Groningen) unveiled three new videos from the “Science with Society Project”, which aims to raise awareness about the role of science in society, science ethics, and science communication as a way of building trust in science.

[Check out the videos here.](#)



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## Early-career researchers active at SRI 2021

The GYA partnered with Future Earth to elevate early-career researcher voices at the first Sustainability Research & Innovation Congress 2021.

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## GYA and partners explore how to transition out of research-focused academia

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### Career Options Beyond Academia

An online workshop focused on what it means to transition to a career outside of academia

**June 18, 2021**

11:00AM - 1:00PM Eastern  
8:00AM - 10:00AM Pacific



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## *Items of interest*



### "Profound systemic transformations are needed to stabilize the Earth system"

GYA members and alumni contribute to position paper submitted by Scientific and Technological Community Major Group at the United Nations.

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## *GYA in the media*

### Young Academies coming of age

It's been 21 years since the establishment of the first National Young Academy, the [Junge Akademie Germany](#) in 2000. On the occasion of this happy anniversary, the GYA was mentioned prominently in two Nature articles, one of which was written by some of the founding members of the Hungarian Young Academy:

[A 21st-birthday wish for Young Academies of science](#) - Nature

[Six reasons to launch a Young Academy](#) - Nature

Also: [SAPEA report discussed at an event by the Global Young Academy](#)

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## *News from our members and alumni*

Former Executive Committee (EC) member [Nova Ahmed](#) (North South University,

Marginal Communities". [Contest results are available here.](#)

In "[Child trauma and recovery](#)", former Co-Chair [Eva Alisic](#) (University of Melbourne, Australia) shares how to identify the symptoms of a child struggling with trauma and what kind of support is needed.

[Saja Alzoubi](#) (University of Oxford, United Kingdom), founding member [Amal Amin](#) (National Research Center, Egypt) and former EC member [Karly Kehoe](#) (Saint Mary's University, Canada) were recently appointed to the Steering Committee of [Science in Exile](#), which is a collaboration between The World Academy of Sciences for the advancement of science in developing countries, the InterAcademy Partnership and the International Science Council.

[Sezgin Bakirdere](#) (Yildiz Technical University, Turkey) was elected as a Board Member of the Turkish Chemistry Association during its 2021 Regular General Assembly.

[Yensi Flores Bueso](#) (University College Cork, Ireland) spoke about normality in the laboratory in [Everything is Changing](#), an episode of "Idioms of Normality", hosted by [Paul Mason](#) (Taronga Conservation Society Australia).

[Mareli Claassens](#) (University of Namibia) published "[Crashes, Cop Outs, and COVID](#)" in "Think Global Health", in which she shares her experiences of being impacted by COVID-19 in Namibia

[Meghnath Dhimal](#) (Nepal Health Research Council) and former Co-Chair [Orakanoke Phanraksa](#) (National Science and Technology Development, Thailand) have recently been appointed to the Steering Committee of INGSA-Asia. [Abhi Veerakumarasivam](#) (Sunway University, Malaysia) is the Chair of INGSA-Asia.

Former Co-Chair [Rees Kassen](#) (University of Ottawa, Canada) and Founding member [Hans Hilgenkamp](#) (University of Twente & Leiden University, Netherlands) co-authored an article for the World Economic Forum titled "[10 challenges to the future of scientific collaboration](#)".

Former Co-Chair [Tolu Oni](#) (University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine, United Kingdom) was recently named [Runner-Up for the 2021 Letten Prize](#).

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## [GYA Activities](#)



After a three-year pilot, the GYA is now creating a permanent alternative selection path to membership.

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## *Working Group and Strategic Project highlights*

### **The three GYA Focus Areas will continue**

At the e-AGM in June 2020, GYA members discussed a number of topics that were suggested by fellow members, and decided on three focus areas as priority topics for the GYA in 2020/21: [Addressing systemic discrimination](#), [Harmonising reason with sensibility](#), and [Enabling access to online education](#).

After a flurry of activities and outputs over the past year, all three focus areas will now continue at least until the AGM in 2022.

## *Committee and Nominations Updates*

### **Executive Committee portfolios assigned**

The 2021/2022 Executive Committee came together in its first meeting and decided on its internal portfolio structure, with the Leads being assigned as follows:

**Michael Backes** (University of Namibia, Namibia): Visibility / Impact

**Derya Baran** (KAUST, Saudi Arabia): Fundraising

**Cristina Blanco Sío-López** (University of Pittsburgh / Ca' Foscari University of Venice): Strategic Partners and Events

**Lahcen El Youssfi** (Khenifra Superior School of Technology, Sultan Moulay Slimane University, Morocco): Collaboration with the (National) Young Academies

**Mohamed Elhadidy** (Zewail City of Science and Technology, Egypt): Working groups, Member Engagement

**Enceih Erfani** (IASBS, Iran): Large / Strategic projects

**Anna Harris** (Maastricht University, The Netherlands): AGM 2022

**Roula Inglesi-Lotz** (University of Pretoria, South Africa): Large / Strategic Projects; Strategic plan implementation; Focus Area "Online learning".

**Abhijit Majumder** (Indian Institute of Technology, India): Committees oversight and development

**Prosper Ngabonziza** (Max Planck Institute for Solid State Research, Germany): Operational procedures

**Michael Saliba** (University of Stuttgart, Germany): Large / Strategic Projects; Fundraising; Strategic plan implementation; Finance oversight.

## SRI closing plenary

To give a voice to early-career researchers (ECRs) at the Sustainability, Research and Innovation Congress, the GYA and FE collaborated on a call for [5 ECR Champions](#) to speak at the closing plenary, together with Global Sustainable Development Report 2023 authors. Applications are now being evaluated by a joint team of volunteers from Future Earth and the GYA.

## Women leadership in STEM

[The CTBTO Youth Group](#) is organising an online panel on “Women leadership in STEM”. Three members of the [Women in Science Working Group](#) will participate: Clarissa Rios Rojas (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom), [Amal Amin](#) (National Research Center, Egypt), and [Chern Ein Oon](#) (Universiti Sains Malaysia).

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## *National Young Academies*

### News from YASAS

The Young Academies Science Advice Structure in Europe (YASAS) held its second General Assembly meeting in June 2021. Delegates from the member academies discussed the work done so far to set up the network, which was only established in December 2020. YASAS, of which the GYA is a member, was set up by the majority of Young Academies in Europe to create a network that would be able to contribute to the European Commission's Scientific Advice Mechanism by joining the Science Advice for Policy by European Academies (SAPEA) project. Currently, SAPEA brings together four European science academy networks and a pan-European science academy. YASAS aims to strengthen SAPEA and the delivery of science advice in Europe by joining as a sixth member network and by directly representing early-career academics.

The YASAS Board that had been elected in December 2020 will continue for another year, and is made up of the following members: YASAS President Jacek Kolanowski (Young Academy Poland), as well as YASAS Board members [Maral Dadvar](#) (past GYA EC member; Stuttgart Media University, Germany), Lukas Haffert (German Young Academy), Moniek Tromp (Young Academy of Europe), and Marie-José van Tol (Dutch Young Academy).

With the [Estonian Young Academy](#) of Sciences joining YASAS now as the fifteenth member academy, almost all Young Academies in Europe are now part of YASAS. For more information, contact the YASAS Board at [yasas.board@gmail.com](mailto:yasas.board@gmail.com).

### GYA publishes toolkit to support Young Academy creation

Based on extensive discussions with members from the GYA and other Young Academies involved in setting up a Young Academy in the past, the GYA has published a [Young Academy Toolkit](#) to support early-career researchers the world over who are working towards setting up a Young Academy.

The toolkit collects information based on experience, best practices and discusses potential challenges along the way. The document can be found on the “[Establishing a Young Academy](#)” page on the GYA website.

**Junge Akademie Germany part of Wissensstadt Berlin 2021** The



Akademie will organise various events. On 2 July, they will be present with a booth on "**Wissen auf die Hand**", and one on "**Research on the rocks**", which will report on their 2020 "**Expedition Anthropocene**". For details see [here](#).

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## Partners

### Call for ALLEA working group on the European Research Area

The GYA has been asked to nominate members to the **ALLEA** working group on the European Research Area.

Working group members are expected to play an active role in the work of the group, contributing to discussions, outputs, and communication and dissemination activities. The programme of action will include engaging with the European institutions, particularly the European Commission, on the development of the ERA, its implementation, monitoring and evaluation. The group will also continue to contribute to the monitoring and shaping of EU research and innovation framework programmes. The working group will meet approximately three times per year (online, and in-person).

ALLEA plans to hold a first meeting of the new group on 7 October 2021.

To be considered for nomination by the GYA, please submit your brief CV (not more than 2 pages) and a brief statement of motivation (up to one page maximum, including information on your current academic field and position, as well as a brief outline of your relevant expertise) to Anna-Maria ([anna-maria.gramatte@globalyoungacademy.net](mailto:anna-maria.gramatte@globalyoungacademy.net)) **by 16 July 2021, 12:00 noon UTC**.

Your application will be reviewed by the GYA Nominations and Opportunities Committee, and the top three applicants will then be forwarded to ALLEA, where a further selection will take place.

### IAP statement on the Protection of Marine Environments

In early June 2021, the IAP published the **IAP Statement on the Protection of Marine Environments**, which sets out concrete actions to preserve a healthy ocean. The statement, endorsed by the majority of IAP members, urges world leaders to improve ocean health by stopping habitat destruction and the spread of environmental contaminants, fighting climate change and overexploitation, and adopting evidence-based policies.

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## Events

### 8-9 July 2021

**Science Days for the UN Food Systems Summit 2021** - Rome, Italy

GYA member **Lahcen El Youssfi** (Moulay Slimane University, Morocco) will speak on 9 July in the session "**Empowering and Engaging key players in food system innovation**", while **Chibuike Udenigwe** (University of Ottawa, Canada) will be a speaker during "Regional Perspectives on the Role of Science, Technology and Innovation for transforming Food Systems", a side event organised by the InterAcademy Partnership.

### 9-11 September 2021

**2nd GYA Research Leadership Workshop** - Oxford, United Kingdom

The GYA **At-Risk Scholars Initiative** Research Leadership Workshop is organised in

**15-19 September 2021****Silbersalz Science Media Conference**

This conference (in part) takes place at the GYA's host institution, the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina.

**21-30 September 2021****Tsukuba Conference 2021**

The purpose of the Tsukuba Conference is to bring together future shapers beyond all borders to facilitate discussion among them. GYA Executive Committee member **Yoko Shimpuku** (University of Hiroshima, Japan) is involved with organising the event.

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