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Foreword by the Co-Chairs

Welcome to the March edition of our monthly member newsletter.

The past month saw a whole range of GYA activities. Our members were very active and visible, for example at the recently concluded Next Einstein Forum in Kigali, Rwanda, the largest gathering of scientists on the African continent. The GYA Women in Science Working Group co-organised a very successful 'Women in Science Leadership' workshop, and our GloSYS Africa team presented their preliminary data at a breakfast session. Despite the early timing of this session (7:30am!) it was very well attended and provided an opportunity to identify other pan-African initiatives that could provide synergies with the GloSYS project. Data collection for the survey is ongoing, and we ask that if you have any networks in Africa whom you think would be interested in disseminating and participating in our study, please let us know and share the survey, found [here](#).

Last week saw the launch of our report titled 'Global Access to Research Software: The Forgotten Pillar of Open Science Implementation', the outcome of one of the first-ever GYA Working Groups. The launch concluded the international workshop 'New Perspectives on Open Science' in Oxford, UK, which was co-organised by the Maison Française d'Oxford and the Global Young Academy. We live-streamed the event, and its recording, as well as the published report are available via our homepage. To learn and see more, please join our [YouTube Channel](#).

With best regards,

Tolu & Moritz

On behalf of the Executive Committee

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GYA News

Registration closed for AGM 2018

Registration has closed for the AGM and Conference 'Forever Young? Sustainable and healthy longevity through science and technology', 7-11 May, in Pattaya, Thailand. We are happy to inform you that 110 GYA Members and 7 alumni have registered. If you would like to see who will be at the AGM and perhaps get a head start on networking, please see the list available at <https://intranet.globalyoungacademy.net/agm2018-attending/>. In case of technical difficulties, please contact Kirsten Geithner at media@globalyoungacademy.net. For updates on the conference, a draft programme and practical information, please visit the conference [website](#),

AGM News Ticker: All things about the AGM in May

To help prepare attendees for the upcoming AGM, and especially help our upcoming members to use the AGM's opportunities to their fullest extent, this year we have introduced the 'AGM News Ticker'. Once a week, attendees receive an email with details on what to do at the AGM, calls going out for it, traveling to it, what to pack, and so forth. Simultaneously, we are making these emails available on the AGM 2018 website, [Weekly News Ticker](#). Should you have trouble receiving these emails, please inform us at media@globalyoungacademy.net. Furthermore, all calls sent out for the AGM are also reposted on the AGM website. Check this link for more information: [Conference Calls](#).

GYA YouTube channel needs followers for mobile streaming functionality

Livestreaming the Global Access to Research Software Report on Facebook was a step in the direction of developing our livestreaming capabilities for the upcoming AGM. However, because it offers greater video functionality, we intend to use the [GYA YouTube Channel](#) at the AGM. The type of streaming we have in mind already functions, but the mobile functionality does not. Mobile streaming on YouTube requires 100+ subscribers, but currently we have just five. So please take a moment to visit the [GYA YouTube channel](#), become a subscriber, and enjoy some of the videos that are available there.

Africa Science Leadership Programme 2018

The fourth [Africa Science Leadership Programme](#) (ASLP) took place between 16 and 22 March, with [twenty-one outstanding researchers](#) from all major regions in Africa. The

GYA participates in politics-meets-science event on digitalisation

On 7 March 2018, the GYA participated in a discussion event in Magdeburg, Germany, with regional parliamentarians on “Digitalisation in Science and Society”. The discussion was co-organised by the [German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina](#), the German [Junge Akademie](#), and the GYA. Member [Maral Dadvar](#) (Germany) shared a panel with Professor Uwe Cantner, Friedrich Schiller University Jena, and Dr Florian Meinel from the Junge Akademie to discuss changes brought about by digitalisation. More information is available [here](#).

Interdisciplinary grant

GYA North-South Interdisciplinary Grant – make connections for grant applications at the AGM!

The North-South Interdisciplinary Grant (N-S Grant) scheme was initiated in 2014, with an aim to foster collaboration across disciplinary and geographic lines that often separate researchers and limit possibilities. Specifically, this scheme facilitates the development of small-scale, innovative, curiosity-driven, blue-sky, exploratory research pilots or prototypes that unite researchers in developed and developing countries and cross-disciplinary boundaries. The N-S Grant is awarded annually, and is meant to provide seed money to enable GYA members to prepare a proof of concept, prototype, or pilot research project with a view to securing greater external funding. The next call for applications will go out after the upcoming AGM, so use your time in Pattaya to think outside the box with other GYA members – maybe it will lead to an application.

Current and past grant recipients and projects are now visible on the GYA website:

2017/18: [Biochar for food security and sustainable ecosystem services](#).

2016: [Ethics in environmental decision-making: From individual acts to global outcomes](#).

2015/16: [Connecting epigenetics and natural resources](#).

2014/15: [One-dimensional molecular current wires using tailored-to-the-purpose chemistry](#).

If you have any questions about the N-S Grant, please mail [Jennifer Plaul](#).

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GYA in the Media

An article about [John Malone](#)'s (USA) participation in the United Nations ESCOSOC forum recently appeared on the [University of Connecticut's website](#).

[Stefan Hild](#) (Germany) recently appeared in a German public radio broadcaster [Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk segment](#) (in German) on Stephen Hawking's death.

[Uttam B. Shrestha](#) co-authored an article titled '[Early-career experts essential for planetary sustainability](#)', published by the journal *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*.

please let us know by clicking the feedback link below).

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Our Activities

Working Group, Incubator and Flagship Project highlights

GYA Report on 'Global Access to Research Software' released

The [Global Access to Research Software](#) Working Group Report titled '[Global Access to Research Software: The Forgotten Pillar of Open Science Implementation](#)' was launched at the conclusion of the [international workshop on Open Science, 'New Perspectives on Open Science'](#). The workshop was convened by GYA Co-Chair [Moritz Riede](#) (UK) and [Open Science Working Group](#) Co-Lead [Koen Vermeir](#) (France), and co-organised by the GYA and [Maison Française d'Oxford](#). The workshop was livestreamed (and stored) on our [Facebook](#) page, and videos of both the launch and the workshop are available on our YouTube channel [here](#).

CIFAR workshop co-organised by Women in Science

The GYA Women in Science Working Group co-organised a 22-24 March CFAR Women in Science Leadership Workshop titled '[Fostering diverse and inclusive leadership in academia](#)', which took place as a pre-event to the [2018 Global Gathering of the Next Einstein Forum](#) in Kigali, Rwanda. GYA Members [Ghada Bassioni](#), [Federico Rosei](#) and [Fridah Erastus](#) participated. At the conclusion of the workshop, attendees had not only strengthened their individual (co-)leadership skills but also extended their respective personal networks with other workshop participants.

GloSYS Africa team holds session at Next Einstein Forum in Kigali

Members of the GloSYS Africa team held a side-session at this year's Next Einstein Forum Global Gathering in Kigali, Rwanda, on 28 March. During the session, the team presented preliminary data collected using the [GloSYS survey](#) and interviews of young scientists across Africa. This presentation was followed by an interactive session, in which all present explored implementable strategies to address the challenges facing young scientists in Africa. The session was well attended by key stakeholders in science and higher education, as well as by policymakers.

Expedition Mundus

In February 2018, GYA alumnus [Oded Hod](#) (Israel) and members from the [Israel Young Academy](#) translated the [Expedition Mundus](#) game into Hebrew. A limited number of hardcopies has been printed and the Hebrew version of the game is currently being tested and evaluated in several elementary, middle, and high schools in Israel. See [here](#) for the Hebrew version of the game. A translation into Arabic is planned for 2018. Further, the [Working Group](#) has printed a number of copies of the English-language version

Summer school on science advice

The [Science Advice Working Group](#) is co-organising a summer school on science advice with the theme 'The role of population and migration for sustainable development in the European neighbourhood', together with the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, the European Commission Joint Research Centre, and the International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA). If you want to join us in this effort, please contact the Working Group Co-Leads: [Koen Vermeir](#) (France) or [Mari-Vaughn Johnson](#) (United States). The group is also exploring the possibility of organising a workshop with INGSA, in Europe and perhaps other regions. You can join the intranet group [here](#). Please also send an email to Koen or Mari-Vaughn if you want to join the email list.

[Your Feedback on Working Group, Incubator and Flagship Projects](#)

National Young Academies

Meeting of European Young Academies

Young Academies from all over Europe met in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on 23 and 24 March 2018. The meeting, organised by the [Dutch Young Academy](#), was the group's largest gathering so far with more than 35 participants representing 17 young academies and academy initiatives. The GYA was represented by its Co-Chair [Moritz Riede](#) (UK), as well as members [Eva Alisic](#) (Australia) and [Gergely Toldi](#) (Hungary), and alumnus [Marc Creus](#) (Switzerland). Visit our page [here](#) for more information.

Letten Prize for young researchers

The Young Academy of Norway has joined forces with the Letten Foundation and are now announcing the Letten Prize for young researchers. The purpose of the prize is to recognise young researchers' contributions in the fields of health, development, environment and equality in all aspects of human life. The deadline for applications is 31 May 2018. More information can be found here: <https://lettenprize.com/>

Israel Young Academy publishes survey of early-career scholars

During the course of 2015, the [Israel Young Academy](#) conducted a survey among scholars in Israel in order to understand their main needs. The survey targeted academics who had begun their work on a tenure track during the preceding 10 years at one of the research universities in Israel or at the Weizmann Institute of Science. Taken from the survey findings, the report also lists a number of recommendations for policy-makers. The report has now been published [in English](#). For more information and related links, visit our website story [here](#).

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News from Our Members

of Sciences [Leopoldina](#) about his research on inequality in higher education on 6 March 2018. As an Associate Professor in Geography at the University of Iceland, Benjamin uses so-called cartograms to map social data. In his presentation, he showed the effects of social inequality on the field of higher education, for example, the number of graduates per region or country, or the mobility rates of students within Europe.

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Dar-es-Salaam Declaration on Women and Sustainable Development in Africa

GYA members [Connie Nshemereirwe](#) (Uganda) and [Shaheen Motala-Timol](#) (Mauritius), as well as alumna [Amal Amin Ibrahim](#) (Egypt) attended the '[International Forum on Women and Sustainable Development in Africa](#)' in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. The forum was organised by the [Network of African Science Academies](#) (NASAC), the Académie des sciences (France), and the [Tanzania Academy of Sciences](#) from 8 to 10 March 2018. The conference focused on the contribution by women to social and economic progress in African countries. More information is available [here](#).

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GYA Strategic Conferences Updates

Next Einstein Forum

As we went to press, the NEF has successfully concluded. A full report will appear in the April newsletter.

25-27 April 2018. The GYA Working Group [Global Migration and Human Rights](#) will hold an International Conference titled 'Global Individual Responsibility – The Role of the Citizen in Refugee Integration' at the Munich Center for Ethics, University of Munich. The conference is funded by the [Fritz Thyssen Foundation](#), and will open with a public keynote lecture by Professor Alison Philipps, who holds a UNESCO Chair for Refugee Integration at the University of Glasgow.

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GYA External Partners

Co-Chair meets with UNESCO

Building on earlier discussions at the World Science Forum, on 19 February [Tolu Oni](#) (South Africa) met with UNESCO representatives to discuss synergies and potential partnerships. Further discussions are now underway to explore partnership on the GYA [At-risk and](#)

'No Women, No Panel' initiative of the EU Commissioner for the Single Digital Market

'No Women, No Panel' is a campaign with the goal of raising awareness on attaining gender balance in panels and public events. EU Commissioner Mariya Gabriel committed to ensuring that for every panel or public event she is invited to, there should be at least one other woman panellist. This campaign is inspired by the initiative of the [BrusselsBinder](#), which provides a database of female experts and a platform for women experts to connect. More information can be found [here](#).

WEF young scientists Code of Ethics for Researchers

As society gains access to more sources of information and diverging opinions, and as a growing number of reports are throwing the reliability of scientific research into question, scientists are under scrutiny, questioned and mistrusted. To address this issue, the [World Economic Forum Young Scientists Community](#) — a group of leading researchers under the age of 40 from diverse fields and all regions of the world — came together to identify and reflect on the cross-cutting ethical issues they are faced with. This universal [Code of Ethics](#) — endorsed by the GYA — is the result of their extensive reflections and consultations with researchers and ethicists. It serves as a tool to nurture a positive change of culture in the research world by not only guiding and shaping the behaviour of individuals but also the processes of the scientific institutions that are to facilitate this cultural shift.

Upcoming Events

10 April 2018	IAP SEP Council Annual Meeting in Islamabad, Pakistan
19-20 April 2018	2 nd Global Bioeconomy Summit in Berlin, Germany
25-27 April 2018	Global Individual Responsibility: The Role of the Citizen in Refugee Integration (GYA Global Migration and Human Rights Working Group meeting) in Munich, Germany
7-11 May 2018	GYA Annual General Meeting and 8th International Conference for Young Scientists 'Forever Young: sustainable and healthy longevity through science and technology' in Pattaya, Thailand
16 May 2018	International Day of Light inauguration at UNESCO in Paris, France
16-18 May 2018	ALLEA 2018 General Assembly in Sofia, Bulgaria
21-25 May 2018	ASSAf-TWAS-AAAS Workshop on Science Diplomacy in South Africa
29-30 May 2018	IAP regional SDG meeting, the Americas in Mexico City, Mexico
24-29 June 2018	68 th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting Physiology or Medicine, Lindau, Germany
25-29 June 2018	AAAS Science Diplomacy & Leadership Workshop 2018, Washington D.C., USA
3-5 July 2018	Founding General Assembly International Science Council (ICSU/ISSC) in Paris, France

6 July 2018	Young African Scientists in Europe / Jeunes chercheurs africains en Europe Conference 2018, Toulouse, France
9-14 July 2018	European Science Open Forum (ESOF), Toulouse, France
9-18 July 2018	UN High Level Political Forum in New York, USA
20-24 August 2018	AAAS-TWAS Science Diplomacy course in Trieste, Italy
4-7 September 2018	IIASA-JRC-INGSA-GYA Evidence for Policy Summer School 2018 "Science, Policy and Demography" in Vienna, Austria
25-28 September 2018	World Social Science Forum "Security and Equality for Sustainable Futures" in Fukuoka, Japan
7-9 October 2018	STS Forum 2018 in Kyoto, Japan
14-16 October	World Health Summit, Berlin, Germany
22-24 October 2018	CILAC, Open Science Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean in Panama City, Panama
5-8 November 2018	International Data Week 2018 , Gaborone, Botswana
6-7 November 2018	Third INGSA Biennial Conference in Tokyo, Japan

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