



# GLOBAL YOUNG ACADEMY

## March 2021 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

What an interesting month March has been. First, we were able to meet and introduce our new member cohort, which includes representatives from 28 individual countries, from all GYA general disciplines, and includes 19 females and 12 males. An important development is that when the new cohort is inducted, the gender ratio of GYA members will be 101 female/98 male/1 non-binary. Such gender balance is a development that we've been moving towards for the last few years, and is a reflection of the excellent female/non-binary applicants to the GYA.

In March the GYA also released, along with the InterAcademy Partnership, a joint communique laying out recommendations to mitigate the harms inflicted by COVID-19 on early-career researchers. Please do circulate this publication within your networks.

Another publication on early-career researchers was also released in March: the Global State of Young Scientists Latin America and the Caribbean (GloSYS LAC) released a working paper highlighting substantial disparities on the region, and setting out a clear agenda for future research.

The GYA International Conference also got underway in March, when we hosted the Virtual Satellite Panel Trust in Climate Science. If you missed the event, the recording is now available - just follow the link below.

Speaking of the GYA International Conference, please do save the dates for the 2021 GYA Annual General Meeting and International Conference of Young Scientists from 1–4 June.

There's much more below of course, and we hope you enjoy this month's news and events from the GYA.

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

Beate Wagner (Managing Director)

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## GYA News



### **SAVE THE DATES: 1-4 June 2021** **GYA Annual International Conference of Young Scientists**

The 2021 GYA International Conference of Young Scientists will be held online on 2 June 2021, on the topic "Trust in Science".

The evolving conference programme, panel and speaker information can be found here: [Annual International Conference of Young Scientists](#). Additional presentations by GYA working groups from 1 – 4 June will be opened to the public. Updated information on these sessions will be available on the conference website.



### **Trust in Climate Science panel kicks off GYA International Conference**

Read more, and check out the recorded event [here](#).

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## GYA achieves gender parity of membership with new member cohort

Read more [here](#).

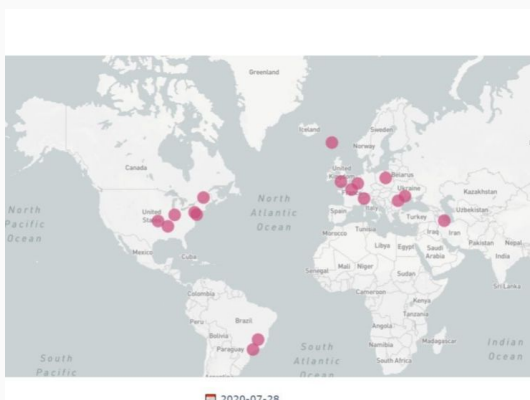


## COVID-19 threatens to lead to a “lost generation” of researchers: InterAcademy Partnership and GYA issue joint communique

Read more [here](#).

## GloSYS Latin America and the Caribbean working paper highlights substantial disparities in the region

Read more [here](#).



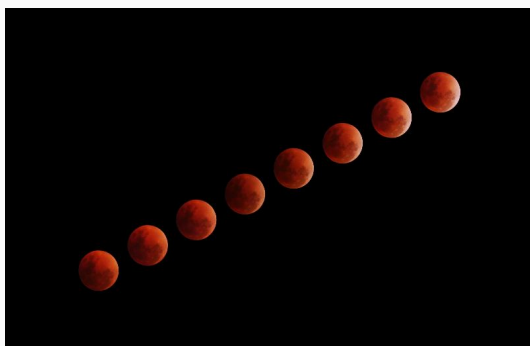
## 19andART project output, funded by the GYA North-South Interdisciplinary Grant, is now available.

Read more [here](#).



## ***GYA online***

### ***Items of interest***



#### **Reality is peer reviewed**

On Mars, and in Texas, Engineering is Peer-Reviewed by Reality; article by GYA alumnus Guru Madhavan (National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, United States) .

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#### **Science article asks: Should reviewers be paid?**

The \$450 question: Should journals pay peer reviewers?



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### ***News from Our Members and Alumni***

Mona Abdel-Mottaleb (Ain Shams University, Egypt) and Menattallah Elserafy (Zewail City of Science and Technology, Egypt) have both been selected to The African Academy of Sciences (AAS) sixth cohort of the Affiliates Membership Programme, which is designed to recognise, mentor and develop early-career researchers into world-class research leaders. More information available here.

Executive Committee members Shalini Arya (Institute of Chemical Technology, India) and Almas Taj Awan (Zika Lab Diagnostics, Brazil) represented the GYA at the 8th MCAA Annual Conference in March, where they discussed the topic "Research in times of Crisis".

Co-Chair Anindita Bhadra (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Kolkata) was recently interviewed by Frontiers Policy Labs. The video in which she discusses education, open science, and the GYA is available here.

Lisa Herzog (University of Groningen, Netherlands) is one of eight winners of the Ammodo Science Award for fundamental research, which supports outstanding internationally-recognised mid-career scientists working in the Netherlands. More information is available here.

Wataru Iwasaki (University of Tokyo, Japan) recently won the Mid-career Researcher Award from the Society of Genome Microbiology, Japan.

Patrick Roberts (Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Germany) is one of ten researchers to receive the Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Preis 2021, the most important

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## GYA Activities

### *Working Group and Strategic Project highlights*

#### **Global Migration and Human Rights webinar on 10 April**

The GYA working group on [Global Migration and Human Rights](#) is organising a webinar titled "UNRWA after Trump: The way forward" on Saturday 10 April 2021, from 15:00-16:00 (UTC +1).

One of the decisions of the U.S. government during the Trump Administration was to cut funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), which has supported Palestinian refugees since 1948. This webinar discusses how such decisions affected the work of UNRWA.

Speakers for the event include GYA member [Sami Miaari](#) (Tel-Aviv University, Israel), Ibrahim Frihat (Doha Institute) and Daniela Huber (Istituto Affari Internazionali). The event Moderator will be Nuria Masdeu (Researcher).

To register for the webinar, please [email Abdalhadi Alijla](#).

## National Young Academies



#### **Indian National Young Academy of Sciences celebrates International Women's Day**

For the first time, INYAS celebrated International Women's Day on 8 March 2021.

The goal was to showcase the challenges women face in the roles of a mentor and a protégé, specifically in Indian STEM, and emphasise the importance of mentorship for and by women. The full report, which includes video links, is [available here](#).

#### **2021 Arab-German 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

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.

## 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". The YAE 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 [yae-prize@yacadeuro.org](mailto:yae-prize@yacadeuro.org) by **15 April 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](#).

## NYAs and COVID-19

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

The GYA has a page on its website (<https://globalyoungacademy.net/covid19/>) 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 [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



publishing platform, the GYA is pleased to announce that the European Commission has now officially launched this open access publishing platform for scientific articles that present the results of research funded by Horizon 2020, and soon Horizon Europe. You can read more about this new publishing venue [here](#).

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## Events

### 26-27 April 2021

[Philipp-Schwartz Initiative and InspireEurope Stakeholder Forum](#) - Berlin/virtual

The GYA [At-Risk Scholars Initiative](#) partners with Scholars at Risk and the Philipp Schwartz Initiative to support early career at-risk scholars in continuing their careers through an international mentoring programme. Representatives from the GYA Initiative will participate.

### 5-6 May 2021

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

ALLEA and the GYA established a strategic partnership in 2020. [For more details, please read here.](#)

### 7-8 May 2021

Meeting of the European Young Academies, hosted and organised by the Young Academy of Scotland, online

### 1-4 June 2021

[2021 International Conference of Young Scientists and GYA Annual General Meeting](#) - online

The 2021 GYA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and International Conference of Young Scientists will be held online from 1-4 June. The public Conference on 2 June 2021 will address the topic 'Trust in Science'.

### 27 June - 2 July 2021

[70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting](#) - Lindau, Germany

GYA members [Suraj Bhattarai](#) (Global Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, Nepal) and [Huanyu Cheng](#) (Pennsylvania State University, USA) were nominated and selected to participate in the 2021 meeting, which will be held in hybrid form this year.

### 9-11 September 2021

[2nd GYA Research Leadership Workshop](#) - Oxford, United Kingdom

The GYA [At-Risk Scholars Initiative](#) Research Leadership Workshop is organised in cooperation with Wolfson College, University of Oxford, UK.

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