



GLOBAL YOUNG ACADEMY

October 2018 Newsletter

This month the Media Office introduces a new format for the newsletter that is designed to be more graphic-oriented and reader-friendly. The newsletter will still include text-based information as before, but now it will primarily feature items with links to the main stories that appear on the GYA website.

In preparation for the GYA's independent evaluation in early 2019, we compiled an Evaluation Report and share a link to this in the newsletter. This report charts highlights of the GYA's activities over the last few years, and will inform our next 10.

GYA members have been particularly busy in the last month representing the GYA at regional and global events and writing Op-Eds and statements on topical issues from Open Science to Ageing Scientists. We are also pleased to share news from National Young Academies.

As ever, do please get in touch to share your news and events, and we'll share these with our readers.

Happy reading!

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

On behalf of the GYA Executive Committee

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GYA news

GYA evaluation report

To inform the external evaluation, we compiled an evaluation report that was submitted to the evaluators at the end of September ([Report available here](#); [Annex available here](#)). The report, titled 'The Journey so far: Global Young Academy Developments and Activities', illustrates the impressive development of the GYA in past years and highlights the breadth of members' engagement and manifold activities.

GYA Annual General Meeting 2018 Report available

The GYA has published the report on the 8th International Conference of Young Scientists & GYA Annual General Meeting in Pattaya, Thailand titled 'Forever Young? Sustainable and healthy longevity through science and technology'. This can be downloaded for the [web](#) or for [print](#).

The Global Young Academy is hiring!

The GYA is seeking a part-time (50%) Office Assistant to begin work on January 1 2019. Contract ends 31 December 2020. Location: Halle (Saale), Germany. Contract and salary is in accordance with the German labour agreement for public services TVöD, depending on the appointed candidate's level of education and experience.

Interested applicants may apply online in English or German using our online application form at <https://globalyoungacademy.net/jobs-and-bids/>.

For further information, please consult www.globalyoungacademy.net or call Franziska Güntner at ++49 0345/47239-170.

Deadline for application is 19 November 2018.



Young Academies Release Statement in Response to 'Plan S' on Open Access of Scientific Output

Publicly funded research output should neither be hidden behind paywalls nor be a 'pay-to-publish' game. This is one of the core tenets of the Position Statement titled 'Opportunities and Challenges for Implementing Plan S – The View of Young Academies', which is the result of discussions among several European young academies and the Global Young Academy (GYA).

The joint Statement was released on 15 October 2018, and has stimulated quite a lot of media buzz. Please help keep this going by retweeting the original message [here](#).

You can download the Statement [here](#).

[Read more here](#)



Executive Committee member speaks at International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

During the 64th session of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Geneva, Switzerland, GYA Executive Committee member [Koen Vermeir](#) (France) delivered a statement on 'the right to science'.

[Read more here](#)



GYA report urges embracing the creativity of scholars to foster a diverse and efficient global research ecosystem

The Global Young Academy released a report on 29 October titled 'Publishing models, assessment, and open science'. The report is the outcome of a workshop that explored the links between scholarly publishing, research evaluation, and open science. A key conclusion of the report is that a new global culture of dialogue and debate is necessary, and the research community should be in the driving seat of change.

[Read more here](#)

GYA online



New Press Briefing page added to website

Two months ago the Media Office added a new webpage – the GYA Press Brief. This is a collection of current and curated events that you can share with a media contact or public relations office at your institution. The [page](#) is updated throughout the month.

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Readings of interest



Paths to success for African scientists

GYA Advisory Board member Linda Nordling has published an article in Nature that explores the challenges faced by African researchers as they return home after their studies abroad.

[Read more here](#)

GYA and the UN Sustainable Development Goals



Regional IAP/EASAC meeting – how can academies help implement the SDGs?

In September 2018, an [IAP](#) / [EASAC](#) workshop at the Leopoldina in Halle, Germany, addressed how academies can support the implementation of the UN SDGs. Representatives from 21 European Academies' Science Advisory Council (EASAC) member academies and 4 National Young Academies (NYAs) from Europe participated in the workshop, along with GYA members from the region, and several representatives of the policy-making community.

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Regional engagement on the UN SDGs

Since April 2018, national young academy and GYA members have participated in UN regional Annual Fora on Sustainable Development, hosted by the respective UN Regional

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GYA in the media

The recently published national academies statement on Plan S is discussed in a For Better Science article, available [here](#).

Plan S is further featured in an article from Research Europe, available [here](#).

The GYA's 2018 AGM report is in focus in the Leopoldina's recent newsletter, 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 sending us an [email](#).

News from our members

GYA member [Aysha Fleming](#) (Australia) was selected from applicants by the Nominations and Opportunities Committee to represent the GYA on the Scientific Committee of the IAP Conference and General Assembly (2019).

For an upcoming overarching IAP joint project, 'Respect and Dialogue', the GYA nominated [Egle Sumskiene](#) (Lithuania) to the steering committee (selected from among applicants by the Nominations and Opportunities Committee).

An Op-Ed titled '[When should scientists retire](#)' was recently published by GYA members [Gergely Toldi](#) (Hungary) and [Anna Harris](#) (Netherlands). The article addresses themes discussed at the 2018 GYA International Conference of Young Scientists 'Forever Young? Healthy and sustainable aging through science and technology'.

GYA Co-Chair [Connie Nshemereirwe](#) (Uganda) is featured in a *Nature* article titled '[Paths to success for African scientists](#)'.

GYA member [Michael Saliba](#) (Germany) recently co-authored a paper published in Science titled '[Methylammonium-free, high-performance and stable perovskite solar cells on a planar architecture](#)'.

[Shamsun Nahar Khan](#) (Bangladesh) recently published an article in Nature Communications titled '[HIV-1 Tat interactions with cellular 7SK and viral TAR RNAs identifies dual structural mimicry](#)'.

GYA alumna [Sabina Leonelli](#) (United Kingdom) is the recipient of the 2018 Lakatos Award for her book titled 'Data-Centric Biology: A Philosophical Study'. The award is given by The London School of Economics and Political Science for outstanding contributions to the philosophy of science.

[Mahesh Kumar](#) (India) delivered a lecture at Samarkand State University, Uzbekistan.

GYA member [Meghnath Dhimal](#) (Nepal) attended the 9th [World Health Summit](#) on "Science – Innovation – Policies" from 15-17 October 2017 in Berlin, Germany.

As part of the Skype A Scientist Program, [Clarissa Rios Rojas](#) (Peru) spoke with 12th grade students from the O'Bryant School of Math and Science in Boston, Massachusetts, United States.

GYA activities

Global Health working group has a fruitful month

Working group lead [Meghnath Dhimal](#) (Nepal) participated in the [Fifth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research](#) in Liverpool, UK, in October 2018. The theme of the Symposium was 'Health Systems for All in the SDG Era', which captured the spirit of these commitments and brought them forward into current debates and actions on the SDGs, particularly regarding Universal Health Coverage.

Moreover, [Stefan Kohler](#) (Germany), [Stefania Mondello](#) (Italy) and Meghnath participated in the World Health Summit in Berlin, during which they discussed the possibility of co-organising a workshop during next year's summit with Programme Director Mr. Julian Kickbush and other senior organisers.

National Young Academies updates



ASEAN Young Scientists Network Officially Launched

On 19 October 2018, the official platform for young scientists in the ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) region, the ASEAN Young Scientists Network, was officially launched in conjunction with the 75th ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology Meeting in Cebu, the Philippines.



Sri Lanka Young Academy organised Open Forum

The [Sri Lanka Academy of Young Scientists](#) (SLAYS), together with the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka (NSF) and in collaboration with the Coordinating Secretariat for Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI), co-organised the 2nd SLAYS Open Forum on “Research for Impact – March of the Sri Lankan Young Scientists” in Colombo, Sri Lanka, at the beginning of October 2018.

[Read more here](#)



Austrian Young Academy celebrates 10th anniversary

On 27 September 2018, Austria's Young Academy celebrated its tenth anniversary with current and former members at the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW) in Vienna. Established in 2008 as the 'Junge Kurie', as it was then known, the Young Academy comprises up to 70 excellent up-and-coming scientists from all disciplines and actively contributes to the strengthening of innovative research and the promotion of young researchers.

[Read more here](#)

4th Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies 2019

The [4th Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies](#) will take place from 31 July to 2 August 2019 in Da Nang, Vietnam. The meeting will be hosted by the Vietnam Young Academy and co-organised by the GYA. It will be preceded by a 2-day conference on Nanomaterials for Health. Reflecting the global nature of this meeting, the Programme Organising Committee has members not only from the Vietnam Young Academy and the GYA, but from an additional 11 national young academies and academy initiatives: the Dutch Young Academy, the Nigerian Young Academy, the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists, the Indian National Young Academy of Science, the Sri Lanka Academy of Young Scientists, the Thai Young Scientists Academy, the Young Academy of Japan, the Bangladesh NYA Initiative, the Nepal NYA Initiative, the Cameroon Young Scientists Academy Initiative, and the Hungarian NYA Initiative.

NYA updates – spread the news!

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

GYA strategic conferences updates



Young scientists active at 2nd CILAC Forum

GYA members and young scientists and scholars from around the globe were actively involved in the second CILAC Forum (Latin America and Caribbean Open Science Forum), which took place in Panama City, Panama from 22-24 October 2018. Further, a pre-conference Science Leadership workshop for young scientists was co-organised by the GYA and the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) on 20-21 October 2018.

[Read more here](#)



Evidence and Policy Summer School

Members from the GYA Science Advice working group co-organised an Evidence and Policy Summer School together with the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC), and the International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA) in Laxenburg, Austria, in September 2018. The summer school's theme was 'The role of population and migration for sustainable development in the European neighbourhood'.

Women in Science without Borders Conference 2019

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.

GYA external partners

International Network for Government Science Advice biennial conference

[Science Advice](#) working group members, as well as GYA member [Roberta D'Alessandro](#) (Netherlands) and Co-Chair [Connie Nshemereirwe](#) (Uganda) will attend the 3rd biennial conference on '[Science Advice in a changing world](#)', organised by the [International Network for Government Science Advice](#) (INGSA) from 6 to 7 November 2018 in Tokyo, Japan.

In partnership with the [Young Academy of Japan](#), the GYA is organising a satellite event on science leadership for science advice for young scientists. More information is available [here](#).

Other upcoming events

Young Scientists Conference on Genomics

The Sudan Academy of Young Scientists (SAYS) together with the Sudanese National Academy of Sciences (SNAS) and the TWAS Regional Office for Sub-Saharan Africa (TWAS-ROSSA) will hold a Young Scientists Conference on 'Genomics and Human Health in Africa' from 2 to 7 December 2018 in Khartoum, Sudan. The conference will bring together a group of talented young African scientists to present their latest research activities in the rapidly advancing field of genomics. More information is available [here](#).

6-7 November 2018	Third INGSA Biennial Conference, Tokyo, Japan
12-13 December 2018	Science Forum South Africa
12-13 March 2019	3rd Women in Science without Borders Conference, Egypt
18-20 March 2019	International Open Science Conference Berlin
29 Apr-3 May 2019	GYA Anniversary Conference and Annual General Meeting /Alumni Reunion, Halle, Germany
30 June – 5 July 2019	69th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting - Physics
29 July – 2 August 2019	4th Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies, Vietnam



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