

GYA Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE!

The GYA Annual General Meeting & International Conference of Young Scientists “Technological Innovations for Discovering Solutions to the World’s Greatest Current Challenges” will take place 5 - 9 June 2023 in Kigali, Rwanda.

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GYA 2022 Executive Committee In-person meeting

Co-Chair **Priscilla Kolibea Mante** (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana) provides an overview of activities and outcomes of the 2022 EC In-person meeting in Trieste, Italy.



GYA News



AGM 2023

Kigali, Rwanda

Save the Date!

The GYA's International Conference of Young Scientists "Technological Innovations for Discovering Solutions to the World's Greatest Current Challenges" will take place 5-9 June 2023 in Kigali, Rwanda.

Further information will be updated when available on our [website](#), and invitations to register for the Conference will follow in early 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact jennifer.plaul@globalyoungacademy.net.

GYA Statement

GYA Statement on state violence in Iran

The members of the Global Young Academy, are extremely concerned about the imminent danger to students' and scholars' lives at schools and universities in Iran, and call for an immediate cessation of violence against students and all other peaceful protests which have evolved since mid-September in Iran.

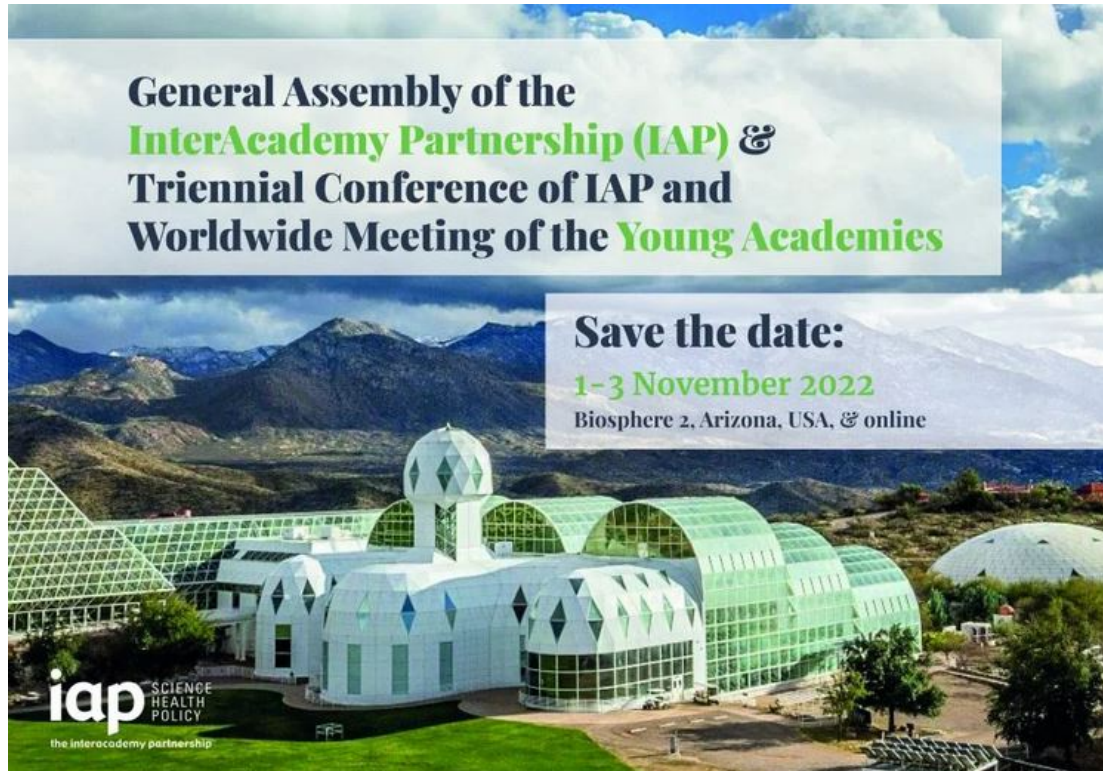
[Read the complete Statement here.](#)

The GYA also stands in solidarity with Executive Committee member [Encieh Erfani](#) (Iran), who in September resigned from her academic position because of what is presently happening in her country.



in Nature titled "["I could not keep silent': Iranian physicist resigns to join protests"](#)".

Encieh was also interviewed in Die Zeit, for an article titled "[Most are silent.](#)" (*in German*)



Update on the Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies and meetings with the InterAcademy Partnership

Registration for the [fully-hybrid 2022 IAP General Assembly & Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies & Joint Conference](#) from 1-3 November 2022 is now open!

The meetings will be hybrid, tailored to both in-person (at Biosphere 2, Arizona, United States) and remote (via Zoom) participation for optimal experiences.

In-person participation is limited and has already reached capacity. Young academy representatives from 19 countries from all over the world will be present in Arizona. They will receive separate communications regarding travel arrangements and on-site logistics etc. There will also be separate communications about attendance in the Young Academies session, and in the IAP General Assembly session.

[Register here for the Joint Conference](#): online participation in the Conference is open to anyone interested!



Registration now open for the ALLEA – GYA – STM joint webinar on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility in Scholarly Peer Review

The second joint event by the GYA with [ALLEA](#), the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities, and [STM Publishers](#) is scheduled for Thursday, 17 November 2022, from 11.30-13:30 UTC. The online webinar on "IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility) in scholarly peer-review" will examine -and plan for- ways to expand Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility in scholarly peer review. The online webinar is scheduled for Thursday, 17 November 2022, from 11.30-13:30 UTC, and will examine ways to expand Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility in scholarly peer review.

More information and how to register can be found [here](#).



Back to Basics report launches

The GYA's [Importance of fundamental research](#) (FUN) working group launched its report titled "Back to basics: researcher's perception on the global state of funding for fundamental research" during an online event. ([Download available here](#).)

The report delivers the outcomes of a survey of researchers from around the world on the state of our research system, specifically regarding funding for fundamental, use-



Professional development for at-risk scholars

The third GYA professional development workshop for at-risk scholars was held from 9-11 September, hosted at **Wolfson College, University of Oxford**. The in-person workshop, aiming to support the career development of outstanding early-career at-risk scholars and scientists, was conceptualised and run by the GYA **At-Risk Scholars Initiative**, in cooperation with the **Young Academy of Scotland** and **Cara**, the Council for At-Risk Academics.

[Read more here.](#)



United Nations Science Summit 77

On the occasion of the Science Summit of the United Nations General Assembly, the GYA held an online event titled "Young and Global – A perspective on today's challenges".

[Read more and watch the video here.](#)



GYA releases joint statement on EU Council conclusions on research assessment and open science

The GYA, along with the European Council for Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers (Eurodoc), the Marie Curie Alumni Association, the International Consortium of Research Staff Associations (ICoRSA) and the Young Academy of Europe, has released a [Joint Statement on the Council of European Union conclusions on Research Assessment and Open Science](#).

GYA online



Check out the new SCISO videos

The [Science with Society](#) (SCISO) project has unveiled a new series of interviews with science communicators, including GYA member [Markus Prutsch](#) (European Parliament Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union, Austria).

SCISO is a [Trust in \(Young\) Scientists](#) working group project in collaboration with the German National Institute for Science Communication (NaWik) and funded by the Volkswagen Foundation.

The #SCISO videos are available on our [YouTube channel here](#). If you haven't already, subscribe our channel!

GYA alumnus **Naim Rashid** (COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Pakistan) has published "**I avoided authorship discussions with collaborators until I learned some hard lessons**" in Science Careers.



News from our members and alumni

Goran Bandov (University of Zagreb, Croatia) has been elected to the InterAcademy Partnership Development and Programme Committee on Policy Advice. [Read more here.](#)

Karen Cloete (University of South Africa) has been elected to the InterAcademy Partnership Advisory Committee, which is responsible for synthesizing recommendations from the Development and Programme Committees and advising the IAP Board. [Read more here.](#)

Executive Committee member **Encieh Erfani** (Iran) has been elected to the InterAcademy Partnership Development and Programme Committee on Communication, Education and Outreach. [Read more here.](#)

Upasana Ray (CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata, India) was recently selected for inclusion in "She Is: Women in STEAM", a collaborative work of the Reddot foundation, the British High Commission and the office of Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India. She also attended the book launch at the residence of the British High Commissioner [Read more on that here.](#) Further, Upasana was appointed as Associate Editor for the journal Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology.

Yoko Shimpuku (University of Hiroshima, Japan) was featured in the Japan Science and Technology Agency Science Portal, where she spoke about Hiroshima University appointing a young female researcher as vice-president, as well as the importance of making women's childbirth experience a positive one by delivering information from a young age. [Read the article here](#) (in Japanese).

GYA alumnus **Meghnath Dhimal** (Nepal Health Research Council) was interviewed by the IHME/University of Washington Team about his motivation towards environmental health and the importance of environmental health for reducing the global burden of diseases and sustaining the existence of human beings. You can watch the [full interview here](#), and the [short interview here](#).

Alumnus **Martin Dominik** (University of St. Andrews, United Kingdom) recently published "**Research Assessment: Recognizing the asset of diversity for scholarship serving society**".

Alumnus **Robert Lepenies** (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany) was

elected President of Karlsruhe International University in Karlsruhe, Germany.

[Read more here.](#)

Alumnus and Past Co-Chair **Bernard Slippers** (University of Pretoria, South Africa) was awarded the Christiaan Hendrik Persoon Medal by the Southern African Society for Plant Pathologists. The medal, which has been awarded only seven times in the 60-year history of the Society, is in honour of the highest level of scientific achievement at an international level as well as service to the Society. [Read more here.](#)

Alumna and founding member **Nguyen TK Thanh** (University College London and The Royal Institution of Great Britain) was awarded the Royal Society of Chemistry Interdisciplinary Prize for outstanding contributions to interdisciplinary research on fundamental understanding of chemical syntheses, physical studies of plasmonic and magnetic nanomaterials for biomedical applications. [Read more here.](#)

Please use [this form](#) to send us your stories and accomplishments - we'll include them in social media and in the newsletter!

GYA Activities

Executive Meeting In-person meeting



The GYA's 2022 Executive Committee (EC; pictured above) In-person meeting took place from 22-23 September in Trieste, Italy, on the premises of the InterAcademy Partnership.

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to cooperate with our current EC, you can find all of the [EC's contact information here.](#)

Working Groups Updates

New top-up activities by GYA groups

For the funding period July 2022 – June 2023, GYA members will be active in 14 working groups and two Incubators within the three GYA Themes of [Science & Society](#), [Research Environment](#), and [Science Education and Outreach](#).

The [Science Diplomacy in the Americas](#) incubator has been promoted to working group status now.

In addition to regular base funding, top-up funding for specific additional activities has been granted to the following GYA working groups for the period July 2022-June 2023:

- [Bio2Bio](#) – activities at UN Biodiversity Conference (COP-15)
- [Science Advice](#) – a workshop on “Scientific Policy Advice: Theory and Practice”
- [Scientific Excellence](#) – This group will finalise and publish their research report titled “Global View of Institutional Promotion Criteria for Professorship”
- [GloSYS LAC](#) – hiring a part time research assistant
- [Science Education for Youth](#) – A joint project with the [Trust in \(Young\) Scientists](#) and the [Women in Science](#) groups, on Increasing the effectiveness of girls’ empowerment in science outreach activities & youth’s trust in science
- [Women in Science](#) – Book/article on challenges faced by women in science in developing and developed nations

The [Importance of Fundamental Research](#) working group and the [incubator on the UN SDGs](#) are still looking for a second co-lead to come on board, please contact [Anna-Maria at the GYA Office](#) should you be interested.

GYA represented at ALLEA Science and Ethics working group

In September 2022, GYA alumna-plus [Lisa Herzog](#) (University of Groningen, Netherlands) took part in a two-day meeting with members of the ALLEA permanent working group on science and ethics in Berlin. The task of this ALLEA group is to revise ALLEA’s European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity, an important document that states principles of research ethics. As one of the co-leads of the GYA’s [Trust in \(Young\) Scientists](#) working group, Lisa focused especially on the perspective of young researchers in building trust in science by supporting research integrity.

Bio2Bio activities in Cyprus

In September 2022, co-leads [Yensi Flores Buesco](#) (University College Cork, Ireland) and [Myrtani Pieri](#) (University of Nicosia, Cyprus) from the GYA Bio2Bio working group conducted a number of activities at the University of Nicosia and in Nicosia, Cyprus. The group members gave a synthetic Biology *in silico* workshop to introduce students and lecturers of Cyprus universities to Synthetic biology principles and techniques. They also participated in the [European Researcher’s Night](#) and attended local events to inform on policy and society. Read the full report with detailed information about the activities [here](#).

Swedish and Dutch Young Academies publish Guide to Academia

Several members of the Young Academy of Sweden have co-authored [A Beginner's Guide to Swedish Academia](#), a resource for researchers coming to Sweden, to help them navigate Swedish academia and the country's research system.

The Swedish Guide was inspired by and is based on the Dutch Young Academy's [Beginner's Guidebook to Academia](#), which guides international researchers through the Netherlands's research system, and has just been published in a revised 2022 version.

German Young Academy call for new members

The [German Young Academy](#) (Die Junge Akademie) are looking to take on 10 new members (with a sound knowledge of the German language) interested in interdisciplinary exchange and seeking new approaches to unsolved problems. Members engage in joint projects and Research Groups at the intersections of science, art, society and politics. Young scientists and artists from all disciplines who can present a doctoral thesis or a work of artistic qualification can apply for membership, by 15 November 2022. Appointed members will be expected to actively participate in *Die Junge Akademie's* events, most of which take place in Germany.

The call for applications for the 2023 selection can be downloaded [here](#) (in German only). Further information on the criteria, the selection procedure and the application platform can be found [here](#).

German Young Academy and ALLEA at Berlin Science Week

The [German Young Academy](#), together with the network of All European Academies, ALLEA, will organise a panel on [Towards Climate Sustainability – Taking the Academic System from Evidence to Action](#), on Wednesday, 2 November 2022, 16-20h UTC, as part of the Berlin Science Week. The event will take place at the Swiss Embassy in Berlin, Germany, and online; and is a follow-up event to their panel on [Climate Sustainability in the Academic System](#) earlier this year. Registration is open for in-person and online participation [here](#).

Partners

Medicine and health: Topics and trends on Open Research Europe

Thursday 20th October 2022
11am BST | 12pm CET

Open Research Europe

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webinar



Open Research Europe webinar on medicine and health

On Thursday 20 October, our colleagues at Open Research Europe are hosting a webinar on trending topics within open research such as changes in research assessment, pre-publication checks, and opportunities for collaborations between European and Asian-based research groups in the context of European Commission funding programmes.

[Find more information and register here.](#)



IAP Statement on Implications of Urbanization in Low- and Middle- Income Countries

InterAcademy Partnership Yearly Report

Our colleagues at InterAcademy Partnership have recently released two new publications:

- [IAP Annual Report 2021](#)
- [IAP Statement on Implications of Urbanization In Low- And- Middle-income Countries](#)

Conference on the Ukraine Crisis

RESPONSES FROM THE EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH SECTORS



**International
Science Council**
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**Kristiania
University
College**



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ALLEA co-authors "Responses from European Higher Education to the Ukraine Crisis"

The report, published on 31 August 2022, summarises the discussions of the conference 'The Ukraine Crisis: Responses from the European Higher Education and Research Sectors,' organised jointly between ALLEA, [Science for Ukraine](#), [Kristiania University College](#) and the [International Science Council \(ISC\)](#) in June 2022.

The report highlights 7 key principles for national governments, multilateral organisations and the global science sector to support the academic system in countries that have been affected by conflict.

[Read the report here.](#)

Events

16-18 October 2022

[World Health Summit](#), Berlin, Germany

The GYA is organizing the session New Voices in Global Health session "COVID-19 and Antimicrobial Resistance: Connections and Consequences" on 17 Oct. from 09:00-10:30 (UTC), where members of young academies and similar early to mid-career scientist networks will discuss connections between COVID-19 and antimicrobial resistance and possible consequences for global health.

1-3 November 2022

[Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies and meetings with the InterAcademy Partnership](#)

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There will be 12 Conference sessions in all, and several of those will have GYA or young academy members as speakers, with two core young academies sessions.

17 November 2022

[Joint online panel with STM Publishers & ALLEA on equity in peer review](#)

Along with STM publishers & ALLEA, the GYA will co-organize an online workshop on

6-9 December 2022**World Science Forum, Cape Town, South Africa**

The World Science Forum is one of the most ambitious conference series worldwide. Every two years, scientist from all over the world, gather for the World Science Forum with focus on the social and economic relevance, influence and responsibilities of science.

The GYA was invited to nominate an Early-career researcher to be a speaker for every main panel of this event. More information will be available in November.

5-9 June 2023**2023 GYA Annual General Meeting and International Conference of Young Scientists**

After three years of virtual meetings, the 2023 GYA AGM will take place in-person in Kigali, Rwanda, from 5-9 June 2023, in connection with the International Conference of Young Scientists on the topic “Technological Innovations for Discovering Solutions to the World's Greatest Current Challenges.

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