

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 2023 GYA Annual General Meeting and International Conference of Young Scientists in Kigali, Rwanda successfully concludes
- GYA members select new Co-Chairs and Executive Committee
- GYA remains committed to reforming scientific evaluation and assessment

This bulletin provides an overview and highlights of the activities of the Global Young Academy in the second quarter of 2023, and complements our monthly newsletters (archive available [here](#); [subscribe here](#)), which provide more comprehensive details.

GYA MEMBERS ELECT NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The GYA's 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference successfully concluded on 9 June ([full report forthcoming here](#)), and included the election of new leadership. For the 2023/24 GYA year, GYA members elected Executive Committee (EC) members hailing from Africa, Asia, Australia and Europe – a majority of whom are women. The EC is comprised of 11 members, of which two are Co-Chairs.

As Co-Chairs for the upcoming year, members chose [Priscilla Kolibea Mante](#) (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana) and [Felix Moronta Barrios](#) (International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Italy). Priscilla served as Co-Chair and Felix served as a member of the EC last year.

Further EC members are as follows: [Yensi Flores Bueso](#) (University College Cork, Ireland; University of Washington in Seattle, United States); [Sri Fatmawati](#) (Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Indonesia); [Hussam Hussein](#) (Royal Scientific Society, Jordan); [Monika Kędra](#) (Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland); [Devina Lobine](#) (Higher Education Commission, Mauritius); [Andreea Molnar](#) (Swinburne University of Technology, Australia); [Markus Prutsch](#) (European Parliament, Belgium); [Clarissa Rios Rojas](#) (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom); and [Arya Shalini Subash](#) (Institute of Chemical Technology, India).

After being re-elected, Co-Chair Priscilla Kolibea Mante stated, "This is a tremendous responsibility, and I am grateful for the trust members have placed in me. I am committed to fostering an inclusive and collaborative environment where the voices and ideas of young researchers can flourish. Together, I am confident we can make a significant difference."

Co-Chair Felix Moronta adds, "I agree with Priscilla. It is a tremendous responsibility to represent the diverse and innovative membership of the GYA, a community at the forefront of advancing scientific knowledge with significant societal impact. I fully recognise the challenge

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- [Learn more about our new Executive Committee members](#)
- [Download GYA Connections 11, which examines the theme Innovative Technologies](#)
- [Explore the GYA Yearly Report 2021/22](#)

that lies ahead of me. Together with Priscilla and the EC, we can ensure that the perspectives and contributions of early-career scientists are recognised and integrated into decision-making processes that shape our global scientific landscape."

[Read more about our Executive Committee here.](#)

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF DORA, THE GYA TEAMS UP WITH IAP AND ISC ON RESEARCH EVALUATION

Ten years after the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA), the GYA, [InterAcademy Partnership](#) and [International Science Council Centre for Science Futures](#) have released a synthesis paper titled "[The Future of Research Evaluation: A Synthesis of Current Debates and Developments](#)", which sets out the major drivers, opportunities and challenges for research evaluation reform and collates illustrative examples of change happening at global, regional, national and institutional levels.

This paper demonstrates the GYA's support of and involvement with both DORA and the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA) in Europe.

Indeed, the GYA was one of the first CoARA signing organisations, and GYA EC member and Co-lead of the Scientific Excellence working group, Yensi Flores Bueso, was selected to the Steering Committee of CoARA, as a GYA nominee.

Additionally, the GYA has endorsed the [FOLEC-CLASCO Statement on research assessment in Latin America and the Caribbean](#), which promotes removing obstacles and reviewing the incentives of research assessment systems.

These developments, coupled with our recent joint publication, illustrate the GYA's clear commitment to reforming the way that researchers and scientific excellence are assessed.

[Learn more about the GYA and DORA here.](#)

[Read about the GYA's CoARA involvement here.](#)