



GYA Newsletter

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GYA News



**GLOBAL
YOUNG
ACADEMY**

Technological Innovations for Discovering Solutions to
the World's Greatest Current Challenges

**13th International Conference
of Young Scientists**

June 2023, Kigali, Rwanda

You can find all information – including an updated programme on the AGM website here: agm.globalyoungacademy.net.

If you have any questions about the AGM or conference, please contact jennifer.plaul@globalyoungacademy.net.



GYA members contribute to Policy Brief for the United Nations 2023 Water Conference

GYA member **Stella Tsani** (University of Ioannina, Greece) participated in the United Nations 2023 Water Conference as part of the International Science Council Delegation and Community at the conference.

Stella also contributed to the Policy Brief: UN 2023 Water Conference prepared ahead of the conference alongside an interdisciplinary team of international experts that included GYA member **Ovie Edegbene** (Federal University of Health Sciences, Nigeria), as well as GYA alumni **Lahcen El Youssfi** (The National Higher School of Chemistry, Morocco) and **Shabana Khan** (School of Planning and Architecture, India).

[Read the full report here.](#)



GYA trains Inclusive science leaders

The **GYA Focus Group on addressing systemic discrimination** developed the GYA Inclusive Leadership Workshop, together with facilitators from Inclusive Innovation, which recently took place in two online sessions. The workshop aimed to foster reflection and understanding on how bias works, and allow participants to practice inclusive leadership skills that can be applied in academia and other contexts.

[Read more here.](#)

The Open Science working group of the
Global Young Academy presents:

Open Science First Fridays
First Friday of each month, 12:00 UTC

Meeting ID: 681 7668 0418
Passcode: opensci



Zoom:



Regional Open Science policy
implementation: snapshots from
science and technology regimes in
Germany, Indonesia and Mexico
5 May 2023



Benjamin Stewart

presenting "ChatGPT and Open Science" (recording available on [YouTube here](#)). First Fridays is a series of discussions presented by GYA members and Open Science experts on topics ranging from biodiversity to scientific publishing and how they relate to Open Science.

The next discussion, on **5 May**, is "Regional Open Science policy implementation: Snapshots from science and technology regimes in Germany, Indonesia, and Mexico."

Further upcoming events include:

8 June: Scientific Publishing: A global perspective from early-career researchers on open access dissemination of scientific discovery & data sharing

7 July: Biodiversity data and Open Science

4 August: Establishing open academic infrastructure.

Complete information and registration [available here](#).

News from our members and alumni

Dominika Latusek-Jurczak (Kozminski University, Poland) was one of the speakers at an event in March on "**Why do we need public trust in times of crisis?**", which was organised by SAPEA – Science Advice for Policies by European Academies and the Royal Irish Academy, and was part of the EU-funded PERITIA project's final academic conference on "Rethinking Policy, Expertise and Trust".

GYA alumnus **Simon Elsässer** (Karolinska Institutet, Sweden) has received the Svedberg Prize 2023 from the Karolinska Institutet - Svenska Kemisamfundet for his contributions to our understanding of epigenetic gene regulation. [Learn more here](#).

GYA Activities



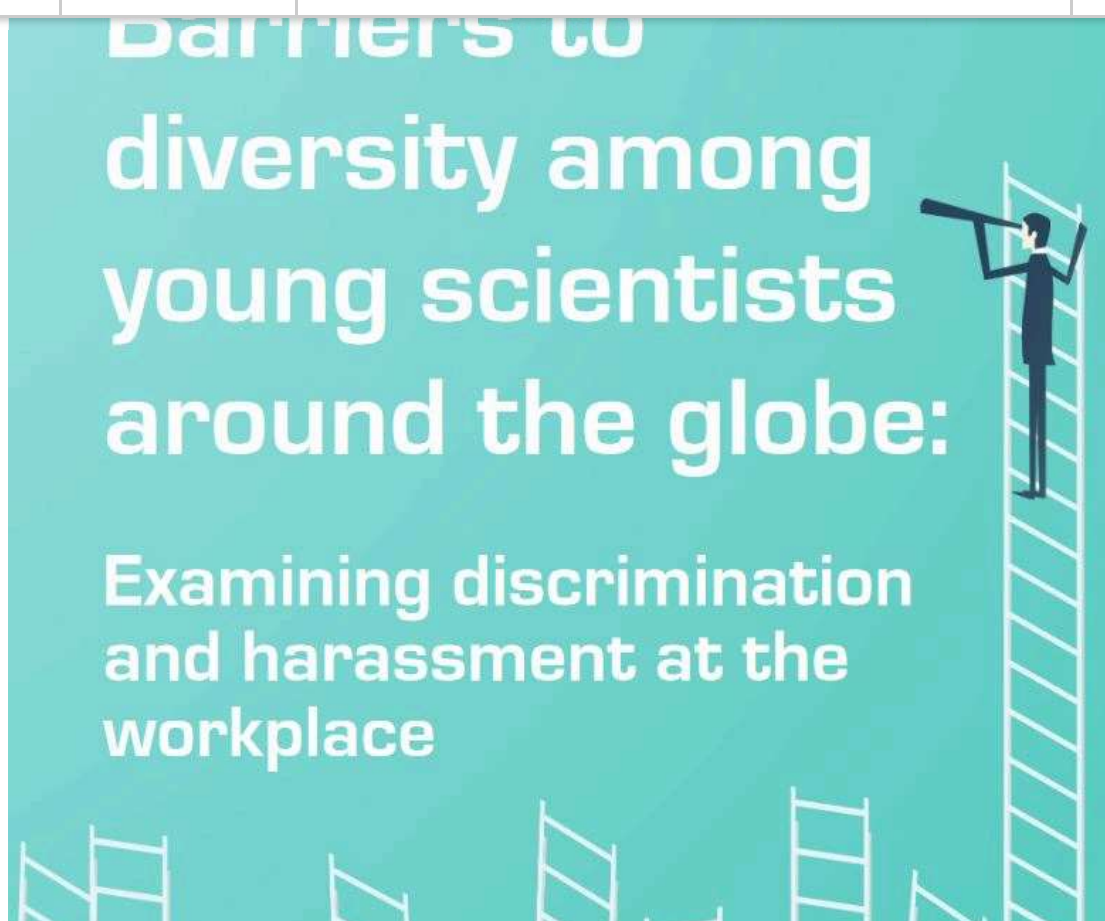
Fellows from Latin America and the Caribbean Science Leadership Programme spread the word

The 2022 LAC Science Leadership Programme brought together over 20 early- to mid-career researchers from the LAC region in Leticia, Colombia.

Fellows of this programme have since appeared on TV and radio speaking about their experiences, and a series of policy briefs and videos are in the works.

[Check out all the news and updates of our fellows here.](#)

Working Groups



Discrimination and harassment in the workplace survey by Women in Science working group

The [GYA Women in Science](#) working group conducted a survey in 2021 among GYA members on discrimination and harassment at their workplace, led by GYA member [Jonas Radl](#) (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain) and GYA alumna [Shaheen Motala-Timol](#) (Tertiary Education Commission, Mauritius).

The key findings are presented in an article published in the GYA Connections magazine ([available here starting on page 20](#)).

Nominations

[Stella Tsani](#) (University of Ioannina, Greece), applied and was nominated to be the next GYA Observer of the Young Academies Science Advice Structure (YASAS).

Following GYA nomination, Executive Committee member [Felix Moronta Barrios](#) (International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Italy) and alumnus [Wibool Piyawattanametha](#) (Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, Thailand) were selected to be part of an Expert Panel being assembled in an ISC- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) project to publish a Global Report in 2024. The report aims to inform deliberations of the 6th UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) and to include insights and recommendations on environmental horizon scanning and strategic foresight.

News from the Young Academies



First Executive Group of the UK Young Academy established

The **UK Young Academy** have recently elected the members of their inaugural Executive Group. This seven-member group will serve as an interim leadership team for 18 months, and will work together with members, tapping into their collective knowledge and expertise to set the foundations of the new young academy and shape its strategy.

2023 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". This 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 by 22 May 2023. Nominations should include a short CV and a statement) 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](#).

Irish Young Academy Induction Meeting

At an Induction Meeting in April 2023, the newly-established **Young Academy Ireland** welcomed its **first cohort of 40 members** who will play a key role in shaping the strategy and focus of the young academy in its first few years. During the meeting, the new members heard from representatives of their parent academy, the Royal Irish

Chisholm from the Young Academy of Scotland, joined a panel discussion on “What is it like to be a Young Academy member?”, and GYA Senior Project Officer Anna-Maria Gramatté shared information about the worldwide young academy landscape, and invited the members of the new young academy to become an active part of the worldwide network of young academies.

GYA member **Yensi Flores Bueso** (University College Cork, Ireland; University of Washington in Seattle, United States) is one of the YAI’s first cohort.

Young Academy of Scotland Grand Challenges

The **Young Academy of Scotland** recently confirmed their new Grand Challenges, which give extra focus to the Young Academy’s work, and serve to ensure that their work meets their mission and responds to urgent social issues within Scotland and beyond. In coming months, the YA Scotland will focus on facilitating an inclusive and equitable transition towards a sustainable society in the Grand Challenge "**Environment**: Enabling people in Scotland to thrive sustainably”; will look at amplifying and elevating the voices of communities and individuals who face barriers to effective participation in decision-making forums in "**Equity**: Enabling a more equitable, diverse, and just Scottish society”; and will strive to facilitate open and inclusive exchange of ideas and perspectives among individuals and diverse groups to encourage dialogue, foster understanding, and support informed decision-making in their Grand Challenge on "**Exchange**: Enabling a respectful and inclusive societal exchange”.

Find more information on their [website](#).

Partners



INGSA-Africa developing regional Hub in Rwanda

The INGSA-Africa Hub Rwanda, a collaboration between the INGSA-Africa Regional

Rwanda is developing their national capacity in evidence-to-policy mechanisms, and the INGSА-Africa Rwanda Hub will be an important element in helping Rwanda to build a cohesive, interconnected ecosystem.

The hub is expected to grow into a regional centre for training at the science-policy nexus, starting in East Africa.

INGSА-Africa mentorship programme

Over the course of 3 months in 2022, INGSА-Africa coordinated a mentorship program for 10 African researchers, matching them with mentors from across the continent and the world.

The Science Advice Skills Development Program (SASDP) was a success and the [report is now out](#) on the first cohort through the program, and the projects they undertook.

New mentors sought!

INGSА-Africa will be accepting a new cohort of mentors and mentees in 2023, and **are seeking experienced science advice practitioners to act as mentors** - if you would be interested in being a mentor please email [INGSА-Africa](#).

Events

3-4 May 2023

[European National Young Academies \(ENYA\) 2023](#)

Young Academies from all over Europe will meet from 3-4 May 2023 at ENYA 2023, organised by the [Young Academy of Sweden](#). The GYA will be represented by Executive Committee member [Filippo Rossi](#) (Politecnico di Milano, Italy), GYA member [Markus Prutsch](#) (European Parliament, Austria), and GYA Senior Project Officer [Anna-Maria Gramatté](#).

10-12 May 2023

[International Science Council Member Networking Event](#)

ISC Members and Affiliated Bodies are invited to this in-person event which forms part of the ISC Global Knowledge Dialogue series. This will be the first occasion for all ISC Members to meet in person since the founding General Assembly in 2018 and will be an important opportunity for Members to network, share needs and learning, and discuss the strategic and organizational objectives of the ISC. The GYA will be represented by Executive Committee Member [Monika Kedra](#) (Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland) and GYA Senior Project Officer [Jennifer Plaul](#).

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, 6-9 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".

Lindau Nobel Meeting (Physiology and Medicine)

The 72nd Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting will be dedicated to Physiology and Medicine. GYA member **Suraj Bhattarai** (Global Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, Nepal) and alumnus **Huanyu Cheng** (Pennsylvania State University, USA) were selected as in-person participants.

7-10 September 2023

Interdisciplinary Research Leadership Workshop

The GYA **At-Risk Scholars Initiative** is holding an Interdisciplinary Research Leadership Workshop, co-hosted by Wolfson College, University of Oxford, and the GYA from 7-10 September 2023 at Wolfson College, University of Oxford, UK. The aim of the workshop is to preserve the research potential of outstanding at-risk or refugee academic researchers, by imparting the practical skills needed to succeed in their new higher education environments.

7-10 May 2024

2024 AGM and International Conference of Young Scientists

The 2024 AGM and International Conference of Young Scientists will take place in Washington, D.C., United States, at the U.S. National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM). The conference topic “Transformative and Inclusive Science for a Sustainable Future” provides an opportunity to rethink how recent technological advances and current efforts toward diverse and inclusive science can create a sustainable future for all.

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