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The GYA Office will close from 23 December to 3 January 2024.

The GYA Office and Executive Committee wish you and yours a restful holiday season, and a peaceful, healthy and prosperous 2024.

From the GYA Executive Committee

Celebrating our collective journey: an Executive Committee mid-term report

Dear esteemed colleagues,

As we near the end of 2023, we find ourselves reflecting on the remarkable journey we've shared as part of our vibrant GYA community. In the past six months, our Executive Committee (EC) has been steadfast in its efforts, leading to an array of accomplishments, for example:

This revision pinpointed strategic targets across four domains: empowering early-career researchers globally; contributing to societal solutions; enhancing the science system; and supporting Young Scientist Initiatives. Our vision is to empower GYA members, alumni, and young scientists worldwide to make impactful contributions to society within these domains.

New Member Selection: We've implemented substantial changes to our member selection process. We prioritized qualitative assessment over bibliometrics, introduced a commitment to the GYA as a pivotal criterion, requiring a minimum of 4 hours/month from our members. Additionally, we've overhauled reviewer assignment with a semi-automated process..

Communication Committee Establishment: We're pleased to announce the establishment of the GYA Communication Committee. We are currently engaged in discussions regarding its specific role and work plan, but we consider this committee a pivotal addition to our initiatives.

Looking forward to 2024 excites us! We're eager to delve into the coming year, which is brimming with new initiatives and ambitions, including the next Annual General Assembly in Washington, DC.

As we embrace the holiday season, we extend warm wishes to you and your loved ones. May the New Year be filled with joy, success, and meaningful connections, and may 2024 become more peaceful than 2023 has been.

With heartfelt appreciation,

The GYA Executive Committee 2023/2024



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GYA AGM 2024

Find current information on our upcoming Annual General Meeting in Washington D.C. here: [GYAAGM 2024](#).



The [Public Library of Science](#) (PLOS) and the GYA have announced a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishing cooperation between the two organizations. The purpose of the MoU is to create a strategic partnership between the parties to increase the awareness of Open Science, its principles, and its implementation into research practices.

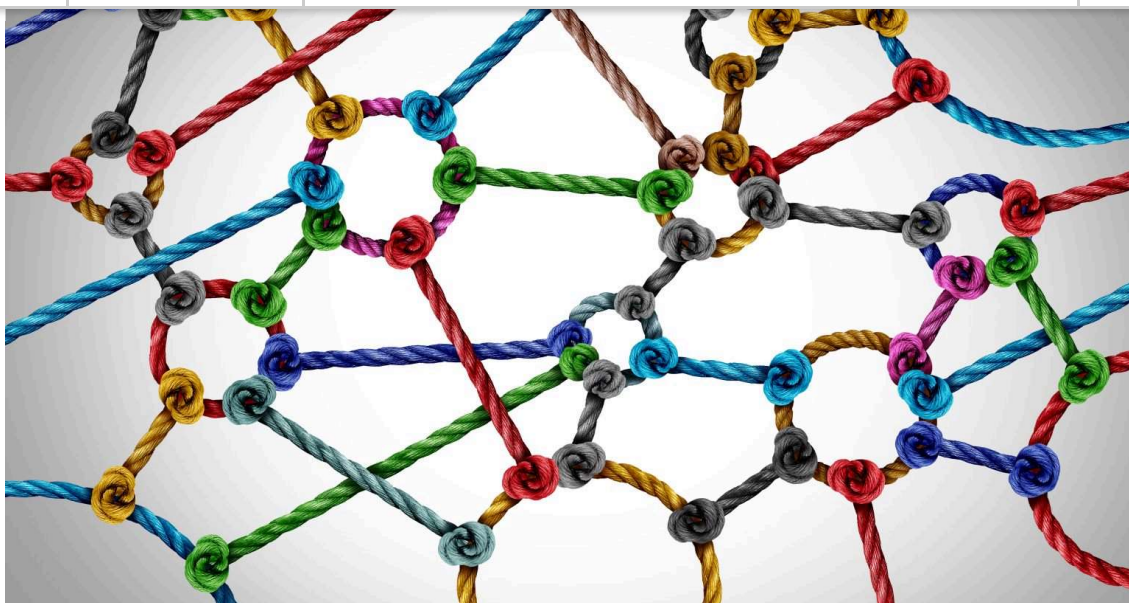
[Read more here.](#)



GYA and 30 Young Academies and Associations release statement on fundamental science and sustainable development

In a collective statement endorsed by 30 Young Academies and Associations and delivered by GYA member [Hiba Baroud](#) (Vanderbilt University, United States) during the closing ceremony of the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (IYBSSD) at CERN in Switzerland, the GYA underscored the pivotal role of fundamental science in achieving the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) with its "[Call for Action from Young Academies and Young Associations: Reaffirming the Role of Fundamental Sciences in Achieving Sustainable Development through Enhanced and Equitable Support of Fundamental Research and Early- to Mid-Career Researchers](#)".

[Read more here.](#)



GYA members and alumni named 2023 International Science Council Fellows

As a member of the [International Science Council \(ISC\)](#), the GYA is delighted to share news of the ISC's latest cohort of ISC Fellows, including 20 GYA members and alumni!

[Meet all the new GYA members and alumni among the 2023 ISC Fellows.](#)



GYA at COP28: The Role of Academies in Climate Policy Advice

GYA members [Jovana V. Milić](#) ([Science Advice working group](#) co-lead) and Executive Committee member [Hussam Hussein](#) (Royal Scientific Society, Jordan) participated in the event on "The Role of Academies in Climate Policy Advice" at the COP28 in Dubai. The session was dedicated to exploring the role of academies in providing

Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine.

[Read more here.](#)

GYA webinar on climate change policy at COP28

As part of the GYA's activities at COP28, the [Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction working group](#) organised a webinar on "Climate Change Policy: a non-specialist toolkit".

The webinar was organised and led by the working group co-leads [Hiba Baroud](#) (Vanderbilt University, United States) and [Ovie Edegbene](#) (Federal University of Health Sciences, Nigeria). The webinar discussed mechanisms and processes of climate change policy and how early- to mid-career researchers can get involved. Key players of global climate policymaking were discussed, as were the goals of international climate agreements.

[Read more here.](#)



Joint GYA/Rwanda Young Academy of Science statement

In June 2023, the GYA, in collaboration with the Rwanda Young Academy of Science (RYAS), convened its members and alumni along with early-career researchers (ECRs), students, and science policy stakeholders from Rwanda and around the world. The resulting GYA-RYAS joint statement contains recommendations on achieving global vaccine equity, fostering Young Academies, and ensuring community

Read the [GYA-RYAS Statement here](#).

A full report on the [2023 International Conference of Young Scientists and GYA Annual General Meeting](#) is available [here](#).



At-Risk Scholars co-lead presents during Canadian Science Policy Conference 2023

GYA [At-Risk Scholars Initiative](#) co-lead [Saja Al Zoubi](#) (Saint Mary's University, Canada) spoke at the [Canadian Science Policy Conference 2023](#) in November 2023. The conference brought together key stakeholders from the science and innovation communities—across various regions, sectors, and generations—to collectively discuss current emerging issues and how science, innovation, society, and public policy can play a role in the path towards sustainability.

[Read more here](#).



Co-Chair represents GYA at Hong Kong Young Academy Summit

In early December, GYA Co-Chair [Felix Moronta](#) (ICGEB, Italy) participated in the first [Young Academy of Sciences Summit \(YASS\)](#), organised by the [Hong Kong Young Academy](#), established in 2019.

[Read more here.](#)

Events

1-2 May 2024

[INGSA 2024](#)

This event will bring 500 delegates together from across academia, policymaking, diplomacy, and the private sector to comprehensively examine the role and function of science-policy-society mechanisms at, and between, all levels of government.

Delegates can expect a variety of enlightening and thought-provoking sessions across science advice, science diplomacy and the role of inclusion and diversity.

The GYA's [Scientific Excellence working group](#) will organize a session at the conference, and the GYA will be officially represented.

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 National Academies of Science, Engineering,

advances and current efforts toward diverse and inclusive science can create a sustainable future for all.

21-23 May 2024

2024 ENYA 2024 + ALLEA General Meeting

The European Young Academies Meeting will take place in conjunction with the ALLEA General Assembly 21-23 May 2024 in Berlin, Germany, and will be co-organised by the German Young Academy – Die Junge Akademie and the GYA. More details on this meeting will follow in January 2024.

13-14 September 2024

At-risk scholars professional skills workshop 2024

Every year, the GYA At-risk scholars initiative co-organizes a workshop that brings together at-risk scholars and volunteer experts in their fields. The event aims to support career development and professional skills in a broad academic context. Further details on this event will follow.



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