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GYA News



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GYA International Conference of Young Scientists 2024

The Programme for the GYA's International Conference of Young Scientists, which will take place from 8-9 May in Washington, D.C., United States, is shaping up. Invitations to GYA partners will be sent soon.

[Further information here.](#)



GYA signs Stockholm Charter for Academic Freedom

Along with 18 other Young Academies and similar initiatives, the GYA is pleased to share the launch of The Stockholm Charter for Academic Freedom. This document serves as a reminder and a guide for protecting the rights of academics and researchers worldwide, and represents a step towards ensuring that academic freedom remains respected and maintained.

[You can read the Charter and sign it here.](#)



GYA Co-Chair attends Thai Young Science Academy SLP

During a recent trip to Thailand, GYA Co-Chair [Felix Moronta](#) (ICGEB, Italy) attended a Science Leadership Programme organised by the Thai Young Scientists Academy in Bangkok, and also delivered a talk at Kasetsart University International College (KUIC) about his work in the ICGEB on environmental biosafety and emerging agricultural biotechnologies.

[Read more here.](#)

GYA blog



A GYA Outlook on 2024 Scientific and Social Trends

The United Nations Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board recently sought the GYA's perspective on the outlook for 2024. In response to this high-level request, GYA leadership convened a thoughtful internal consultation, which resulted in the report titled "A GYA Outlook on 2024 Scientific and Social Trends".

[Read more and download the report here.](#)

GYA podcast

Global Young Academy Podcast



Voices of Young Scientists

Transforming STEM in Latin America and the Caribbean

Episode 7 of “Voices of Young Scientists” features a discussion with GYA member and [Science Leadership Program-Latin America and the Caribbean \(SLP-LAC\)](#) Project Lead [Paulina Carmona-Mora](#) (University of California Davis - United States) and SLP LAC fellow from Ecuador, Xavier Chiriboga.

Xavier shares a proposal of one of the policy briefs that make up the Declaration of Leticia on “Transforming the STEM future: Visibilizing the social responsibility of young academics in Latin American and Caribbean”.

[Listen to Voices of Young Scientists here.](#)

News from members and alumni

GYA alumnus and past Executive Committee member [Michael Backes](#) (University of Namibia) is lead of the AMT Mobile Planetarium Team at the University of Namibia, which was recently awarded The Royal Astronomical Society Annie Maunder Medal

GYA Activities

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
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Zoom:



Back to the drawing board: APCs
and sustainable scholarly publishing

2 February 2024



Agata Morka
Regional Director,
Publishing Development,
PLOS

First Fridays discussion on Article Processing Charges

The GYA's Open Science working group presents “Back to the drawing board: APCs and sustainable scholarly publishing” featuring Agata Morka of PLOS on 2 February at 12:00 UTC.

The event is open to the public, and free to attend – do join us and [register here!](#)

Women in Science session on diversity in science

On the occasion of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science on 11 February, the GYA Women in Science working group is organizing an online event on diversity and inclusivity in science on 16 February 2024, from 13:00-14:00 UTC.

Alice Kayongo from the Center for Global Health Policy & Politics at the O’Neill Institute at Georgetown University, Washington D.C., United States, will talk about “Catalyzing Diversity in Science”, followed by Q&As from the audience.

GYA member and co-lead of the working group Mareli Claassens (University of Namibia) will moderate the Zoom meeting.

Registration is open to GYA members and non-members, [via this link](#).

Lecture on climate change impact on the environment

In December 2023, as part of a climate change advocacy programme, [Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction](#) working group co-lead [Ovie Edegbene](#) (Federal University of Health Sciences, Nigeria) organized a lecture on the impact of climate change on the environment to selected high school students in Benue State, Nigeria. A brief report is available [here](#).

GYA signs action against paper mills

The GYA has signed a [United2Act Consensus Statement on the problem of paper mills](#). The statement outlines five key areas of action against the impact of paper mills on the integrity of academic research and publishing.

United2Act is a group of international stakeholders committed to addressing the collective challenge of paper mills in scholarly publishing.

GYA AlumnaPlus and member of the [Scientific Excellence](#) working group [Stefania Mondello](#) (University of Messina, Italy) was part of the group of authors.

During 2024, five United2Act [working groups](#) will develop and execute plans to deliver the actions in the statement around the key areas of education and awareness, improve post-publication corrections, research paper mills, enable the development of trust markers, and continue to bring together the many voices in this area through joint projects and initiatives. Stefania will continue to be involved in working group 2 on Improving post-publication corrections; she will also serve as a Vice Chair of the U2A Steering Group.

Meeting of GYA activities groups co-leads

In January 2024, the co-leads of GYA working groups, incubators and strategic projects met with EC members and Office staff to discuss recent accomplishments and also look at common challenges such as low member engagement in some groups, or the shrinking funding that is available to GYA groups. Preparations for the [2024 AGM](#) were also discussed; some groups will organise pre-workshops and all groups will be present at the Activities Groups poster fair to network, plan next collaborations among groups and attract new GYA members.

Nominations

2023 Nominations overview

In 2023, the GYA nominated members and alumni to dozens of posts with our international partner organizations.

International Science Council (ISC) Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) – Scientific Committee of the IRDR

As an Associate Member, the GYA could nominate experts through ISC to the Scientific Committee of the IRDR. Following a call to members and alumni, the GYA Office received two Expressions of Interest from qualified candidates. With confirmation from the GYA Co-Chairs, the following candidates have been nominated and are now subject to further selection rounds: [Saja Al Zoubi](#) (Saint Mary's University, Canada), [Khamarrul Razak](#) (Universiti Teknologi Malaysia).

United Nations (UN) Secretary General's Senior Management Group

Through direct invitation to the GYA Co-Chairs, the GYA was invited on very short notice to nominate an environmental or climate change expert, who is also a woman scientist currently in the Global South, to speak at an online meeting of the UN Secretary General's Senior Management Group on scientific breakthroughs. A call was sent to GYA members fitting the request (through a database filter), and two Expressions of Interest were submitted. The decision was made by the Co-Chairs to nominate [Ramia Al Bakain](#) (TheUniversity of Jordan).

European Commission Science Advice Mechanism – One Health

The GYA was invited to nominate experts to take part in evidence gathering activities on the topic Cross sectoral evidence-based governance for One Health in the EU. Following a call to members based in Europe, the GYA received one Expression of Interest. [Tomislav Meštrović](#) (University North, University centre Varaždin, Croatia) was nominated.

News from the Young Academies



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Young Academy of Argentina concerned over current state of Argentinian science system

The [Young Academy of Argentina](#) has published a [statement on the future of science](#) in the country. In it, they express deep concern about the present and future of the scientific sector in Argentina. The statement aims to highlight key aspects that jeopardize the scientific and technological system and calls for reflection on the importance of framing science and technology as a state policy, sustained over time and transcending any government or political affiliation. The authors believe that this is the only way to achieve a fair and sustainable development of Argentina. The scientific community is invited to share the statement, or support it by adding individual or organisational signatures to the [text](#).

2024 André Mischke YAE Prize for Science and Policy open for nominations

Deadline: 29 February, 2024

Young Academy of Europe

Nominations open for André Mischke Prize

awarded annually to early to mid-career researchers with excellent, and internationally recognized scientific and science policy-related activities.

More information on eligibility, general award criteria and the nominations process is available [here](#).

Deadline to apply is 29 February 2024.

New members for the National Young Academy of Nepal

In December 2023, the National Young Academy of Nepal (NaYAN) convened its Annual General Meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal, where it welcomed 10 new members and further bolstered its commitment to fostering excellence in science and innovation in the country.

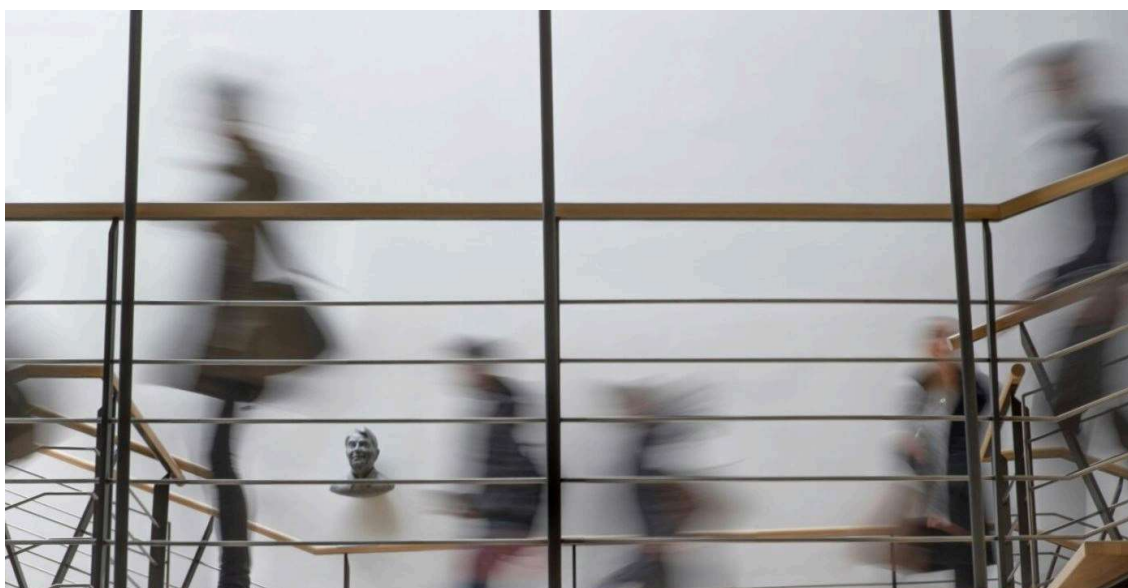
NaYAN members also elected a new [Executive Committee](#), with Mohan Bahadur Chand and Nirina Khadgi leading the young academy as Co-Chairs for the next year.

ISC newsletter for early-career researchers

Following the invitation to young academies to become members of the ISC in 2023, the ISC closed 2023 by publishing its first edition of a dedicated [early- to mid-career researchers newsletter](#).

The newsletter is intended to serve as a communication and engagement tool between the ISC and its [Young Academies](#) and [Young Associations](#) members.

Partners



policy interface

The GYA [Science Advice](#) working group and [Executive Committee](#) joined forces with the International Science Council on the Declaration on Future Generations for the United Nations, calling for a stronger multilateral science-policy interface that meaningfully engages early-career scientists.

[Read more on the ISC's blog here.](#)

2024 / Italy
World Forum
for Women
in Science
(W/FWS)

8th Forum
Women
in Science
Without
Borders (WISWB)

ONLINE CONFERENCE
15/17 APRIL 2024

NETWORKING EVENT
19 APRIL 2024
- ROME, ITALY -

**ENVISIONING
TOMORROW**
Science for the SDGs and New
Partnerships for Sustainable Future

Women in Science Without Borders 8th Forum

The Women in Science Without Borders (WISWB) 8th Forum “Envisioning Tomorrow: Science for the SDGs and New Partnerships for Sustainable Future” will take place from 15-19 April 2024, with an online conference 15-17 April and a networking event in Rome, Italy, on 19 April.

WISWB invites submissions (abstracts) from scientists and all stakeholders (not restricted to females) for 15-minute presentations, which may include research papers, case studies, and policy analyses that address the conference focus on the United Nations SDGs. They also invite proposals for panels on relevant topics. Deadline is 18 February 2024.

[More information is available here.](#)

Events

Open Science First Fridays - Back to the drawing board: APCs and sustainable scholarly publishing

Save the date and join us on 2 Feb. 2024 at 12:00 UTC for “Back to the drawing board: APCs and sustainable scholarly publishing” featuring [Agata Morka](#) of PLOS. The GYA’s [Open Science](#) working group is organising Open Science First Fridays – a series of discussions on current topics impacting Open Science, ranging from ChatGPT to Open Science policies on every first Friday of the month at 12:00 UTC. Open Science First Fridays is open to the public, and free to attend – do join us! [Register for First Fridays here.](#)

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, and Medicine. 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.

21-23 May 2024

2024 ENYA 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. The meeting will see discussions on “Young Academy Collaboration in a dynamic geopolitical landscape”, the YASAS General Assembly Meeting, joint workshops with ALLEA representatives and members from the young academies, as well as SAPEA science advice workshops.

13-14 September 2024

At-risk scholars professional skills workshop 2024

support career development and professional skills in a broad academic context. Further details on this event will follow.

20-23 November 2024

World Science Forum 2024

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. In 2024, this internationally renowned event takes place in Budapest, Hungary.

The GYA has been part of the WSF Steering Committee since 2019; for the 2024 meeting, GYA Co-Chair Priscilla Kolibea Mante (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana) will represent the GYA and young scientists worldwide.



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