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GYA News



The GYA warmly welcomes the 45 early-and mid-career researchers who will become GYA members in May 2024 for a tenure of five years. The GYA's new member cohort includes representatives from 30 individual countries, covering all GYA general disciplines, and includes 25 females, 19 males, and 1 member who prefers not to identify.

Get to know the new members here.



GYA AGM 2024

Registration and plans for the GYA's 2024 AGM and International Conference of Young Scientists is well underway. Find out more about panels and renowned speakers, special formats including the U.S. Partnerships Expo and more here, Home-Annual General Meeting and International Conference, or contact us at info@globalyoungacademy.net.

Ombudsperson team welcomes new member

After careful consideration and in accordance with the <u>GYA Code of Professional Conduct</u>, the EC have selected <u>Estella Carpi</u> (University College London, United Kingdom) to join the <u>Ombudsperson team</u> as a replacement for past Co-Chair <u>Roula Inglesi-Lotz</u> (University of Pretoria, South Africa), who resigned in November 2023. Estella's term as an Ombudsperson will run till the AGM 2026.

The primary role of the Ombudsperson Team is to act as a neutral and confidential resource for the entire GYA family, providing a safe space for discussions, offering guidance, and assisting in resolving conflicts or disputes.

News from members and alumni

GYA member <u>Stella Tsani</u> (University of Athens, Greece) has been invited as lead author of the United Nations Global Environment Outlook 7 (GEO-7). As part of an interdisciplinary team of experts, Stella will develop the chapter on economic and finance systems transformation to meet the necessary environmental and socioeconomic sustainability by 2050. Stella attended the second global authors meeting for GEO-7 in Vienna, Austria, in January 2024.

GYA Member <u>Wasim Sajjad</u> (National University of Medical Sciences, Pakistan) has been selected as a distinguished member of the Governing Board of Directors at the Foresight Institute of Research and Translation (FIRAT). Wasim was also invited by the East African Community Regional Center of Excellence for Vaccines, Immunization and Health Supply Chain Management, Rwanda, to finalize the curriculum for a Master's programme in Vaccinology.

Please use <u>this form</u> to send us your stories and accomplishments - we'll include them on social media and in the newsletter!

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 Passcode: opensci



Good science needs good working conditions - Perspectives from Open Science and Good Research Practice

1 March 2024



Rima-Maria Rahal Senior Research Fellow Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods

Open Science First Fridays continues with 1 March session on working conditions and good research practice

In February 2024, the <u>Open Science working group</u> successfully organised the next lecture in their Open Science First Fridays lecture series. You can watch the recording from the session on "Back to the drawing board: APCs and sustainable scholarly publishing" with Agata Morka from PLOS on YouTube <u>here</u>.

The series continues on 1 March 2024 with "Good science needs good working conditions – Perspectives from Open Science and Good Research Practice" by Rima-Maria Rahal, Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Germany.

These discussions are open to the public, and free to attend – do join us! Register for First Fridays here.

At-risk Scholars Initiative matches mentors and mentees

The GYA At-risk Scholars Initiative has recently matched 15 new mentees with GYA peer mentors. Mentees are scholarship holders with GYA partner organisations such as <u>Scholars-At-Risk</u>, <u>The Scholar Rescue Fund</u>, or the <u>Council for At-risk Academics</u>, and are early-career researchers who have left their home country because of conflict or persecution and are navigating a new academic environment.

The GYA mentorship programme provides support with professional skills needed in the new host country, such as research and career strategy, CV writing, networking and more.

On the occasion of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science on 11 February, the Women in Science working group organised an online event on diversity and inclusivity in science. Alice Kayongo from the Center for Global Health Policy & Politics at the O'Neill Institute at Georgetown University, Washington D.C., United States, talked 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) moderated.

News from the Young Academies

News from INYAS

The Indian National Young Academy of Science recently welcomed <u>30 new members</u>, 37% of whom are female and 63% male. They also elected a new <u>Core Committee</u>, with Nishant Chakravorty as the INYAS Chair for 2024/25.

GYA past Co-chair <u>Anindita Bhadra</u> (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Kolkata) spoke at an INYAS-organised session on "<u>Role Models and Possible Career Paths in STEM and Sports</u>" on the occasion of the International Day for Women and Girls in Science in February 2024.

Dutch Young Academy knowledge mission to South Africa

The chair of the <u>Dutch Young Academy</u>, Marie-José van Tol, together with the President of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Marileen Dogterom, travelled with board members from leading Dutch knowledge institutions on a knowledge mission led by Robbert Dijkgraaf, the Dutch Minister of Education, Culture and Science to South Africa in October 2023. The Netherlands and South Africa have a long history of collaboration in, e.g., astronomy, TVET colleges, Open Science, and water disaster management.

The Dutch Young Academy and the <u>South African Young Academy of Science</u> (SAYAS) collaborated on multiple meetings and workshops, e.g., a session on the creation of multilateral partnerships based on shared academic values with a specific focus on Open Science and recognition and rewards, co-hosted with the National Research Foundation (NRF) and Dutch Research Council (NWO). A bilateral meeting was also held with both countries' young academies and the respective established science academies, to discuss possible partnerships and joint activities by these academies. GYA member <u>Pradeep Kumar</u> (Wits University, South Africa), who is also a member of SAYAS, also attended.

Swiss Young Academy starts four new projects

The Swiss Young Academy have decided on four new projects for 2024, to address

women leave the academic world after earning a doctorate than men; what challenges early-career academics face when navigating the media; how the use of innovative teaching formats could be promoted; and where artificial intelligence is being used in education and healthcare. In addition, members of the Swiss Young Academy will continue to work on four projects that were launched in 2023.

TWAS-TYAN - Ensuring a chance for young scientists to flourish

In an editorial for the latest <u>TWAS Newsletter</u>, TWAS-TYAN Chair Franco Cabrerizo discusses the first seven years of TWAS-TYAN, the network's growth and its work for young scientists in every corner of the developing world.

TWAS-TYAN is also running their 15th Thematic Workshop on "Scientific partnerships in Latin America and the Caribbean: food, environment, and biotechnology" from 4-6 March 2024.

Partners

SAPEA Survey: Science for Policy

SAPEA - part of the European Commission's Scientific Advice Mechanism - is working to increase the participation of early- and mid-career researchers (EMCRs) in all its activities. To support this effort, they are conducting a survey to highlight the opportunities and understand the challenges that EMCRs face when engaging in science-for-policy work.

The survey is led by the Young Academies Science Advice Structure (YASAS) network in Europe, of which the GYA is a member academy.

If you are a researcher based in Europe, please consider filling out <u>this survey</u>, which is an online 15-minute questionnaire and will be open until 30 April 2024.

All research career stages are welcome to participate to provide data for comparison. The findings of this survey will be publicly accessible as a published report on the hurdles EMCRs face in engaging with science-for-policy (summer 2024).

Take the survey

Learn more at the SAPEA website



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UNESCO and EMBL invite female scientists from Africa to apply for 2024 residency in infection biology

UNESCO and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) are launching their second call for applications from young female scientists working on infection biology in Africa. The successful candidates will conduct a short-term research project at one of EMBL's European sites later in 2024.

The call targets PhD students and postdoctoral fellows, as well as early-career faculty whose primary affiliation is with a research group based in Africa. The call is open until 31 March 2024.

Learn more and apply here.

Events

1 March 2024

<u>Open Science First Fridays - Good science needs good working conditions – Perspectives from Open Science and Good Research Practice</u>

Join us on 1 March at 12:00 UTC for "Good science needs good working conditions – Perspectives from Open Science and Good Research Practice" featuring Rima-Maria Rahal, Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Germany.

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 <u>Scientific Excellence working group</u> 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 coorganised by the <u>German Young Academy – Die Junge Akademie</u> 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

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.

20-23 November 2024

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 <u>Priscilla Kolibea Mante</u> (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana) will represent the GYA and young scientists worldwide.



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