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GYA News



GYA 2024 AGM and International Conference

Over 145 members, alumni and external partners of the GYA participated in various sessions of the week-long 2024 GYA AGM and International Conference of Young Scientists, joined by over 60 members and alumni of the U.S. National Academies' New Voices in Science, Engineering, and Medicine program, as well as locally-based Mirzayan Fellows, hosted at the U.S. National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine.

Early- and mid-career researchers led lively discussions around the Conference topic "Transformative and Inclusive Science for a Sustainable Future", and engaged in cross-disciplinary and international exchange during panels, workshops and networking events.

[Read more about all aspects of this inspiring event here.](#)

Many thanks to all individuals, partners and sponsors who made the event such an enjoyable success!



Welcome new GYA members, farewell outgoing members!

The GYA warmly welcomed 44 new members to its ranks during the opening of this year's AGM on 7 May 2024.

[Learn more about the new members here.](#)

[Read about the 2024 New Member Science Leadership workshop here.](#)

This year we bid a warm farewell to 48 outgoing members, while 17 have stayed on in the [AlumniPlus category](#), set up to accommodate all members whose membership was limited by the COVID-19 pandemic.



GYA members select new Executive Committee

GYA members elected leaders hailing from Africa, Asia, Europe and North America to the Executive Committee (EC).

Co-Chairs for the upcoming year are [Chandra Shekhar Sharma](#) (Indian Institute of Technology, India) and [Yensi Flores Bueso](#) (University College Cork; University of Washington in Seattle, Ireland/United States).

[Learn more about the entire EC here.](#)



Providing personal and professional insights into young researchers' experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic, the narrative book "[COVID-19 Pandemic Up Close](#)" was launched at the GYA's [2024 Annual General Meeting](#) in Washington D.C. and at the [2024 European Network of Young Academies meeting](#) (ENYA) in Berlin, Germany. [Read the news item here.](#)



Women in Science for Peace workshop

One of seven AGM workshops this year was the "Women in Science for Peace" workshop, part of a series led by the GYA [Women in Science](#) working group. The workshop was funded by a grant from the [Henry Luce Foundation](#). With this grant, the GYA was able to offer financial support for the first time to mothers with small children to attend the event with their child and a supporting caretaker. [Read more about the workshop here.](#)



United Nations accepts GYA member and alumni policy brief on capacity building for young science leaders

GYA members published a policy brief on capacity building of young science leaders, accepted by the United Nations for the Multistakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs.

The initiative was led by GYA alumna [Paulina Carmona-Mora](#) (University of California at Davis, United States), GYA members [Luciana Balboa](#) (Instituto de Investigaciones Biomédicas en Retrovirus y Sida, Argentina) and [Nadia De León Sautú](#) (Centro de Investigación Educativa Panamá and Sistema Nacional de Investigación, Panama), along with alumna [Sandra López-Vergès](#) (Gorgas Memorial Institute for Health Studies, Panama).

[Read more here.](#)



GYA members and alumni shine at the INGSA Conference 2024

Several GYA members and alumni participated in the International Network for Governmental Science Advice (INGSA) Conference 2024, which took place for the first time in the Global South and was held at the Convention Center in Kigali, Rwanda, in May 2024.

Co-leads of the Scientific Excellence working group, Enciehf Erfani (Mainz University, Germany) and Edmond Sanganyado (Northumbria University, United Kingdom) co-organised a session with the Comité Intersectoriel Étudiant (CIE) titled “Towards a Global Definition of Excellence in Research” on 1 May, which aimed to explore good practices implemented by funding, research, and policy institutions to reward policy engagement and redefine research excellence.

(photo by INGSA)

[Read more here.](#)



Ethics dumping cases – ongoing work of the 2023/24 Sasha Kagansky Interdisciplinary Grant project

The project “An interdisciplinary database of ethics dumping cases” was awarded the 2023/24 Sasha Kagansky Interdisciplinary Grant in August 2023, led by GYA member Mohammad Hosseini (Northwestern University, United States) and including Muhammad Zaffar Hashmi (The University of Lahore, Pakistan), Lelia Niamir (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria), Estrella Díaz Sanchez (University of Castilla-La Mancha), and Sandra López-Vergèz (Gorgas Memorial Institute for Health Studies, Panama).

Over the past months, project co-leads, in collaboration with a research assistant, have worked to refine their working definition of “ethics dumping” and to develop a schema and code book for collecting ethics dumping cases. The project now distinguishes between two forms of ethics dumping: International and domestic.

[Read more about the project here.](#)

Calling all web developers!

The GYA is looking for a web developer to remotely work for our Team for various development and maintenance tasks regarding our website. The following areas/skills will be of relevance:

- WordPress architecture (WordPress Multisite environment) using Elementor Pro
- PHP / MySQL, CSS / HTML / JavaScript
- WordPress optimization (loading times, query load, etc.)

[Read the call and learn more about the process here.](#)

GYA Office capacity lessened in July/August 2024

The GYA Office continues to operate under reduced capacity, with our full-time Membership and Finance Officer on extended sick leave. With other staff members being on alternating leave during July and August, the GYA Office will remain open throughout, though with additional reduced capacity. For urgent matters, you can always email info@globalyoungacademy.net.

Items of Interest



bWhy trust science?"

Former GYA Advisory Board member [Bruce Alberts](#) and co-authors explain, defend, and herald the power of science (*Photo by TWAS*).

[Read more here.](#)



“I was prevented from attending my own conference: visa processes need urgent reform”

Immediate Past-Co-Chair [Felix Moronta Barrios](#) (International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Italy) writes in Nature about being denied a visa to visit the United States for the 2024 GYA AGM and International Conference of Young Scientists in Washington, D.C.

[Read the correspondence here.](#)

GYA in the media

[Open Science at the Global Young Academy - Federation of European Biochemical Societies](#)

News from members and alumni

Executive Committee member [Devina Lobine](#) (Higher Education Commission, Mauritius) was a speaker during the session “Horizon Scanning and Foresight to support planetary health” during the Sustainability Research & Innovation Congress 2024 in collaboration with Sustainability Science Days.

Anticipator (GESDA) program 2024, held during the Geneva Science Diplomacy Week.

GYA members [Jovana Milic](#) (University of Fribourg, Switzerland) and EC member [Markus Prutsch](#) (European Parliament, Belgium) also participated in the Geneva Science Diplomacy Week at an interactive session on science diplomacy and emerging technologies at the Impact Hub Geneva hosted by the Swiss Young Academy and foraus.

Executive Committee member [Justine Germo Nzweundji-Khumbah](#) (Institute of Medical Research and Medicinal Plants Studies/ Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation, Cameroon) was invited by the Mauritius Academy of Science and Technology (MAST), in partnership with the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), to participate as a speaker on behalf of the [GYA Science Advice working group](#) during the webinar “Strengthening science advice capability of the Mauritius Academy of Science and Technology: focusing on food security”.

GYA members [Lydia Rhyman](#) (University of Mauritius), [Prabhat Singh](#) (Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, India), and Executive Committee member [Sri Fatmawati](#) (Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Indonesia) are among the new class of TWAS Young Affiliates selected in 2023 and now listed in the TWAS online directory. [Learn about all the Young Affiliates here.](#)

[Trust in Young Scientists working group](#) Co-lead [Mohammad Hosseini](#) (Northwestern University, United States) published "[Investigation of Ethics Dumping Cases](#)" in the Northwestern University monthly newsletter.

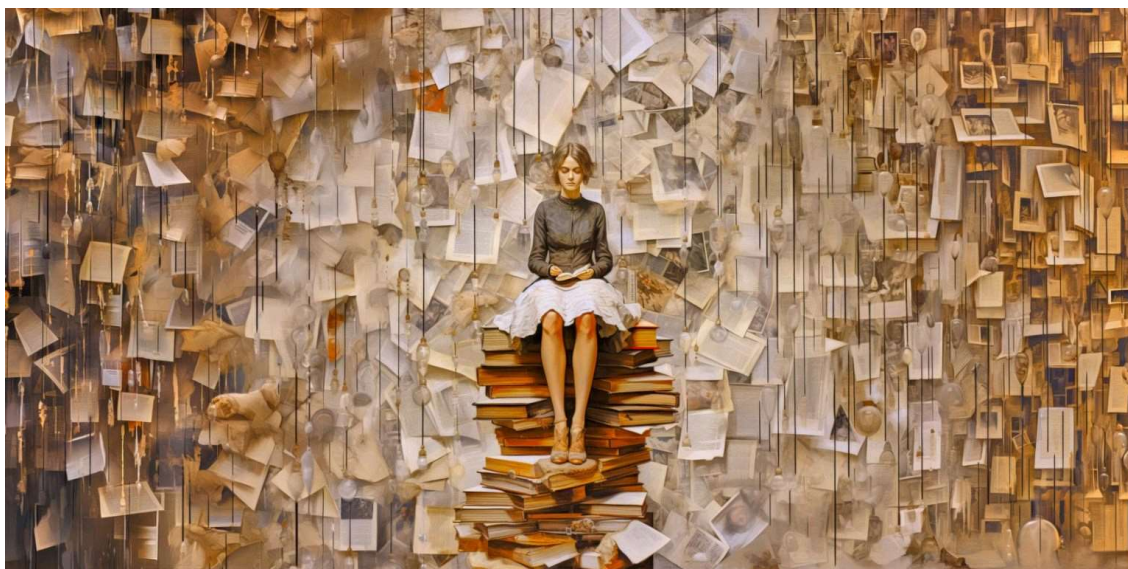
GYA member [Luisa Maria Diele Viegas](#) (Federal University of Bahia, Brazil) recently published an article in Nature titled "[How I run a virtual lab group that's collaborative, inclusive and productive](#)".

As part of the London School of Economics (LSE) Festival, the LSE hosted a public event titled "The Drama of Displacement: The Journey of a Syrian Refugee Through Theatre", which featured GYA member [Nesrin Alrefaai](#) (London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom). The event included a staged reading of scenes from a new play by Nesrin and Matthew Spangler, titled "A Handful of Lentils". The play explores how theatre can illuminate life experiences during political upheaval.

GYA alumna and founding member [Nguyen TK Thanh](#) (University College London and The Royal Institution of Great Britain, United Kingdom) was elected as a member of Academia Europaea, a pan-European Academy of Humanities, Letters, Law, and

Executive Committee member [Sri Fatmawati](#) (Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Indonesia) was chosen as a [Female Science Talents Champion 2024](#) by The Falling Walls Foundation, in collaboration with Bayer Foundation, The Elsevier Foundation and the German Research Foundation.

GYA Activities



Women in Science WG unveils booklet on challenges faced by women researchers

The [Women in Science](#) working group compiled stories on the overlooked experiences of women researchers worldwide. The publication, "[Challenges faced by Women Researchers: Stories from all around the Globe](#)", is a necessary step to nurture a scientific community that is inclusive and cognizant of these challenges. [Read more about the publication and download it here.](#)

Nominations

GYA member [Anderson Shum](#) (University of Hong Kong, China) was selected as a GYA nominee to be a member of the [International Science Council's Nominations and Elections Committee](#) from 2024-2028.

Immediate Past Co-Chair [Priscilla Kolibea Mante](#).

News from the Young Academies



2024 European Young Academies meeting

Young Academies from all over Europe met in Berlin, Germany, in May 2024. The meeting, organized and hosted by the German [Junge Akademie](#), and co-hosted by the GYA, brought together representatives from 22 Young Academies and 2 Young Academy initiatives, and again was the largest ever ENYA meeting to date (*photo: Bernd Brundert for the Junge Akademie*).

[See here for a brief meeting report.](#)

2024 Nordic-Baltic Meeting of Young Academies

In April 2024, the [Young Academy in Denmark](#) hosted the Nordic-Baltic Meeting of Young Academies, which brought together the Young Academies from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia. [Details are available here.](#)

Winner of the 2024 YAE André Mischke Prize

who is the Immediate Past Chair of the [Polish Young Academy](#) and Immediate Past President of the Board of YASAS, the Young Academies Science Advice Structure in Europe. [Read more here.](#)

Young Academy Finland organizes “Meet a Researcher” service

The [Young Academy of Finland's](#) Meet a Researcher service has recently received confirmation of additional three-year funding support from the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture. This funding will continue to support the growth and development of the Meet a Researcher service, which is a science education programme that provides remote visits from researchers to schools from elementary school to high school. [Read more here.](#)

German Junge Akademie and Israel Young Academy hold AcadeMix event

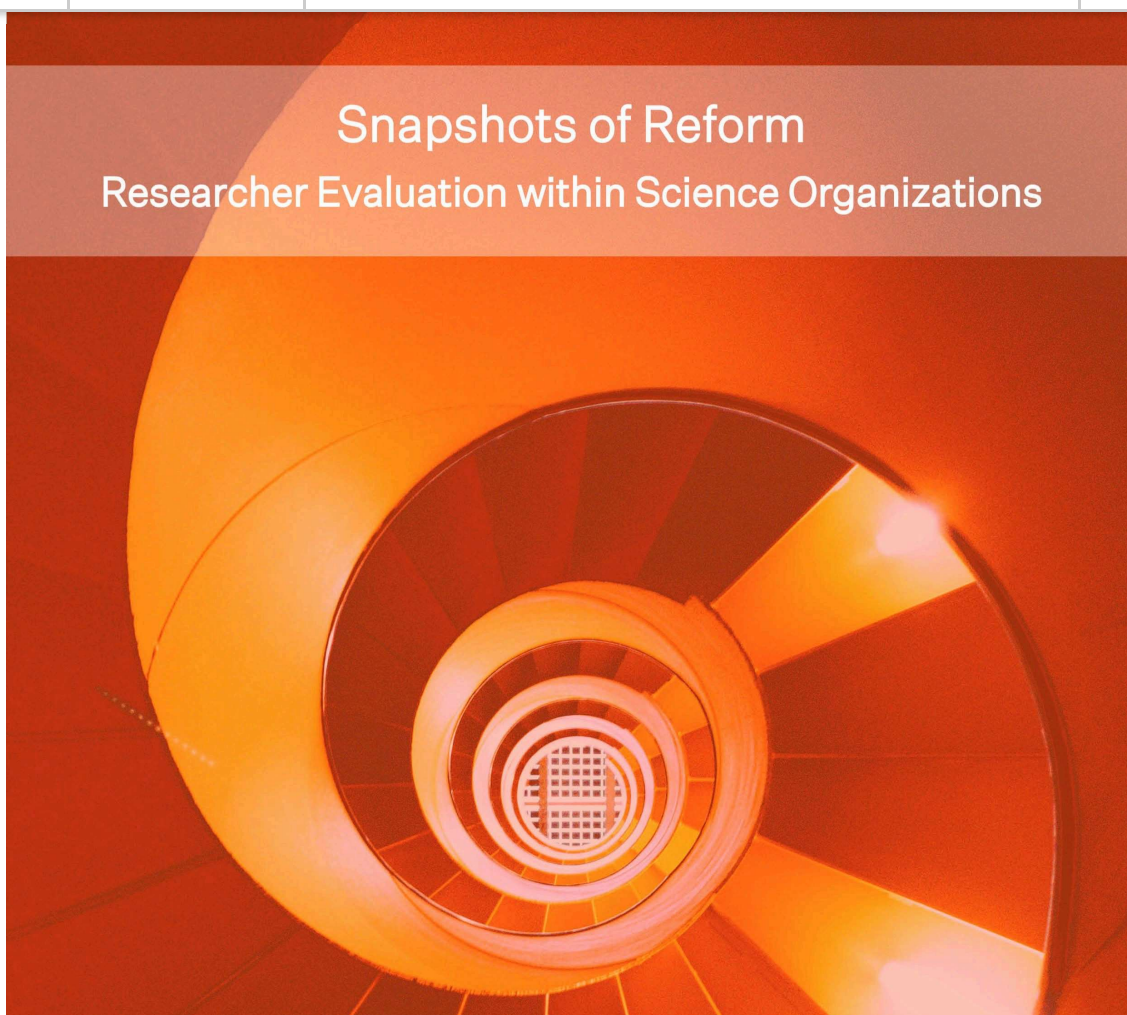
The [German Junge Akademie](#) in collaboration with the [Israel Young Academy](#) held a three-day AcadeMix seminar which aimed at fostering inter- and multidisciplinary collaborations among scholars, as well as scientific exchange between members of Young Academies. [Read more here.](#)

German Junge Akademie selects new Board

In June 2024, the [new Board Members of the German Junge Akademie](#) were elected, with Julia Gurol-Haller as the new Speaker for 2024/25. Ten new members also joined the Junge Akademie in June, for their 5-year membership term.

Moreover, and nicely illustrating the increasing collaborations between the young and established science academies in Europe, two members of the Junge Akademie were [re-elected as a tandem to the ALLEA Board](#) at the ALLEA General Assembly in May 2024.

Partners



Snapshots of Reform

Researcher Evaluation within Science Organizations

IAP/ISC/GYA collaborate on “Snapshots of Reform” publication

In 2023 the GYA, the [InterAcademy Partnership \(IAP\)](#) and the [International Science Council \(ISC\)](#) released the report “[The Future of Research Evaluation: A Synthesis of Current Debates and Developments.](#)”

Building on this, the GYA further cooperated with the IAP and the ISC looking into how science organizations, including Young Academies, go about assessing their members. We felt that, before discussing the necessity of reform at other organizations, it would be best to take stock of our own practices.

The new report “[Snapshots of Reform – Researcher Evaluation within Science Organizations](#)” was introduced in two webinars in June and reflects the practices and aspirations of IAP and ISC membership – including Young Academies – and is meant to be the groundwork for future actions.

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



What's the state of hiring researchers in science? Share your insights with Nature

Nature seeks your opinion as someone who hires researchers in science. We want to know what works to hire the best people for your team and what are your biggest frustrations with hiring?

We are conducting a 15-minute survey, hosted by our research partner, Thinks Insight & Strategy, and we hope you will share your views on recruiting in science. Your anonymous responses will help craft a series of articles about best practices in STEM hiring. *(Photo: Sanjeri/Getty)*

The survey will close on Friday 12 July. We look forward to hearing from you before then!

[Take the survey here.](#)

[Read a more detailed story on the survey here.](#)

Events

30 June - 5 July 2024

[73rd Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting - Physics](#)

The GYA, a nominating partner of the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, nominated GYA member [Encieh Erfani](#) (Mainz University, Germany), who was selected by the Lindau organisation to attend the meeting.

24-25 July 2024

“Inclusive Leadership for Women in Science” will be held on 24 and 25 July. The workshops will be designed so that you can join both or only one, depending on your time zone availability. Interactive online sessions will address topics such as imposter syndrome and self-advocacy, work-life balance and resilience-building.

Find out more: info@globalyoungacademy.net.

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

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, Immediate Past Co-Chair Priscilla Kolibea Mante will represent the GYA and young scientists worldwide.

10-13 June 2025

GYA Annual General Meeting

The 2025 GYA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and International Conference of Young Scientists will take place in Hyderabad, India from 10-13 June 2025.

The meeting will be hosted by the Indian National Young Academy of Sciences (INYNAS), and co-organised by the GYA, INYNAS and the Indian National Science Academy (INSA), and the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad.

[Read more here.](#)



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