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## World Health Summit 2024 roundup; GYA member selected for IAP Young Physician Leadership Programme

The GYA was represented at the World Health Summit 2024 (WHS) in Berlin, Germany, by GYA member Thao Thi Phuong Nguyen (Hanoi Medical University, Vietnam), and alumni Isil Kurnaz (Gebze Technical University, Turkey) and Stefan Kohler (Heidelberg University, Germany).

Additionally, Thao was honored as one of 24 physicians selected to take part in the IAP 2024 Young Physician Leaders (YPL) programme.

Read more about the World Health Summit 2024.



The GYA's <u>Science and Education for Youth Working Group</u> (WG) and <u>The GYA and</u> <u>the UN SDGs</u> WG have launched a series of talks and training sessions aiming to raise awareness of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and put them into practice in higher education institutions.

As part of this collaboration, <u>Science and Education for Youth</u> WG Co-Lead <u>Reem</u> <u>Abou Assi</u> (Al-Kitab University, Iraq) and <u>UN SDGs WG</u> Co-Lead <u>Wilson Alavia</u> <u>Medina (</u>Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile) co-designed the content for the talks, based on materials developed by UN SDGs WG Co-Lead <u>Stella Tsani</u> (University of loannina, Greece) and <u>Jane Yao (</u>Leibniz Institute for Research and Information in Education, Germany).

Read more about the collaboration and workshops here.



#### **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 (INYAS), and co-organised by the GYA, INYAS and the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad.

The Conference theme "Confluence of Visionaries: Empowering Science for Global Change" aligns with the many facets of the city of Hyderabad, which is an academic, IT, and pharmaceutical hub.

Read more about the 2025 AGM and International Conference of Young Scientists.

### **GYA Town Hall Meeting**

Thank you to all the members and alumni who attended the October GYA Town Hall Meeting, where the <u>GYA Executive Committee</u> presented their various work portfolios, and discussed member engagement and the ongoing restructuring process of the GYA Activities Groups. Another Town Hall Meeting is planned for January 2025.

## Items of interest



### **ISC article: "In the face of gender apartheid: Dr. Erfani's path"** Amid Iran's oppressive regime towards women, GYA member <u>Encieh Erfani</u>'s (Mainz University, Germany) resignation from her job in Iran in 2022, following Mahsa Amini's

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This International Science Council article is part of the series "Women Scientists Around the World: Strategies for Gender Equality," which explores the drivers and barriers to gender representation in scientific organizations. Read the full article here.

# GYA in the media

The next generation of researchers will lead the world's major transformations (in French) - The Conversation

## News from members and alumni

GYA Executive Committee member Hussam Hussein (Jordan) co-authored a correspondence article titled Jordan's green-energy vision requires refinement in Nature. You can read the article here.

GYA alumnus Tonni Agustiono Kurniawan (Xiamen University, China) has been rated among the World's top 2% of scientists in his field of engineering. See his ranking page here.

## **GYA** Activities

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## **Global Health Policy & Practice speakers sought!**

The GYA <u>Global Health working group</u> is organizing a one-day hybrid Conference on "Global Health Policy & Practice" on 30 November 2024. The event will take place online (from 09:00 UTC), and in person in Pakistan, Egypt and Indonesia. The conference aims to foster academic and research collaborations, and to amplify the voices of young researchers on the multitude of current global health challenges, e.g., monkeypox outbreak, climate change impacts on health, regional conflicts. Call for speakers: Should you want to contribute to addressing these critical issues, you can submit your abstract to group co-lead <u>Muhammad Qasim</u> (Premium International Hospital, New Zealand Pakistan) at <u>mqasim@ayyanmp.com</u> by 20 November 2024.

Proposed discussion topics should related to one of the following three themes: health equity, control and management of diseases, safeguarding health in armed conflict.

Participation.

Register here for online participation.

### Webinar on Energy and the SDGs

The GYA working group on <u>Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction</u> is organizing an online panel on "The Interconnectedness of Energy Industries, Communities, and the SDGs" on 3 December 2024, from 11:00 - 13:00 UTC. GYA members will act as speakers and lead a discussion on the global energy landscape's Past Issues

traditional and green energy sectors can engage with communities for mutual benefit, balance the competing demands of energy development and resource use, manage conflicts and contribute to the UN SDGs.

Register here for the event.



#### Communication Skills online symposium

The GYA working group on Science Education for Youth, in collaboration with the Women in Science group, are organising a two-part online symposium on "Communication skills" on 18 and 19 November 2024 (15:00-17:00 UTC each day). Early-career researchers are invited to attend presentations on how to craft a professional CV, effective posters, or work emails, and learn how to enhance their professional communication skills and build a standout personal researcher brand. GYA members and alumni will act as speakers and moderators. You can register using this link.

Deadline is 17 November 2024.

# Committee Spotlight

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#### **Membership Selection Committee**

The GYA <u>Membership Selection Committee</u> takes care of the selection process of GYA and plays a vital role in maintaining the excellence and diversity of new members. All GYA members are asked to review incoming applications for new membership and approximately 40 new members are selected each year. The process is run by a small management team of the committee (with co-leads <u>Alma Cristal Hernández Mondragón</u> (Center for Research and Advanced Studies of the National Polytechnic Institute, Mexico, and <u>Éva Dékány</u> Hungarian Research Centre for Linguistics, Hungary), who organize the assessment of applications by reviewers in several rounds. Each application is reviewed by several reviewers to ensure consistency in the assessment results. Applications that receive contradictory scores are re-evaluated to ensure fairness.

GYA Co-Chair <u>Yensi Flores Bueso</u> University College Cork; University of Washington in Seattle) is Ex-Oficio of the committee.

# Nominations

## ISC scoping meeting for IPCC Seventh Assessment Report

The ISC sought experts from among its members to participate in the scoping meeting for the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report. Eleven GYA members and alumni self-nominated with support from the GYA. <u>Stella Tsani</u> (University of Ioannina, Greece) was selected from among the applicants to participate in the meeting.

## Falling Walls science event

Germany.

### Lindau Nobel Meeting – Chemistry 2025

The GYA may nominate up to 5 young scientists as applicants to participate in the Lindau meetings. For this opportunity, the GYA received 10 applications; following Nominations and Opportunities Committee selection, 5 ECRs (post-docs and PhD scholars) were nominated.

# **News from the Young Academies**

### 2025 Letten Prize call for applications

Are you a young researcher working within the fields of health, development or environment in any aspect of human life?

Then apply to the Letten Prize, which is open to researchers under the age 45 from all corners of the world.

The Letten Prize is a collaboration between the <u>Letten Foundation</u> and <u>The Young</u> <u>Academy of Norway</u>. The prize of 2.5 million NOK (ca. 235,000 USD) is awarded biannually.

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed, and the winner will be awarded the prize at a ceremony taking place in Oslo, Norway, in September 2025.

More information, eligibility criteria, and how to apply is available here.

#### Deadline is 6 February 2025.

### Launch of ISC project for EMCRs

The ISC has recently launched a new project on "Empowering and Elevating the Voice of Early- and Mid-Career Researchers in International Science and Global Policy Processes". This two-year project is supported by the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), an ISC member organization.

The project aims to provide opportunities for EMCRs to attend global science events, participate in capacity-building modules, and to create and support platforms for young researchers to engage in international scientific exchanges. The project has a special focus on Early- and Mid-Career Researchers from low- and middle-income countries.

Read more about the project here.

## Meeting of Young Academies from Asia

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meeting, the Young Academies from Asia also met during a hybrid networking session on the "Role of Neighbouring National Young Academies to Build Scientific Temperament among Asian Countries", which brought together representatives from various national young academies, the GYA, and the ISC. Read more here.

### Scottish Young Academy's parliamentary pairing scheme

The Young Academy of Scotland (YAS) has launched the third round of its YAS-MSP Pairing Scheme, bringing together policymakers from the Scottish Parliament and young professionals to build bridges for evidence-based policy collaboration. Read more about this scheme here.

### YA Germany publishes science communication guidelines

The German Young Academy's research group on Engaged Science have produced a booklet on "Communicating Science: Guidelines from the Junge Akademie" (in German), containing guidelines and practical advice on science communication for scientists.

The booklet discusses 5 key guidelines for effective communication and addresses guestions of how to deal with phenomena such as "false balance", false statements by colleagues, or"fake news", or how to communicate a lack of information, uncertainties and limitations of scientific findings and contradictory points of view.

### Meeting of the regional young academies in Germany

In early October, the German Young Academy hosted a meeting of regional young academies from all over Germany at the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina in Halle/Saale, Germany. Participants discussed aspects of abuses of power within the science system, as well as guidelines and recommendations for science communication.

### Navigating early-stage STEM Careers

In September 2024, members of the US New Voices in Science, Engineering and Medicine participated in a session on "Perspectives from New Voices: Navigating Early-stage STEM Careers Across Sectors", hosted by the U.S. Board on Higher Education and Workforce. T e session focused on how experiences as graduate students and post-docs aid in the transition to careers in STEM and on shared lessons learned on how to prepare for the transition. The session was one of two conversations with US New Voices members intended to provide deeper insight into current hurdles that graduate students and postdocs face to prepare for and land into their own successful career. Read more and watch a recording of the event here.

The Vietnam Young Academy's October Bulletin is available for download here.

## **Partners**

#### ISC Resource pages support displaced scholars

In light of the continuing severe humanitarian crises in Afghanistan, Palestine, Ukraine and Sudan, the ISC's resources pages highlighting support materials for local displaced scientists, academics, researchers and scholars.

Recent additions to the pages include free online access to selected academic journals via the Research4Life platform, which is an initiative that provides institutions in low and lower-middle income countries with free or low-cost online access to subscription research content.

- Offers of assistance and resources for Afghanistan
- Offers of assistance and resources for Palestine
- Offers of assistance and resources for Ukraine
- Offers of assistance and resources for Sudan

You can send support materials, including offers of assistance, programmes, fellowship and research grants, scholarships, funding directories and other initiatives and recommendations for displaced scholars to vivi.stavrou@council.science.

## Happy 10-year anniversary to the Africa Science Leadership Programme

The Africa Science Leadership Programme celebrated 10 years in an October event. The ASLP was launched in 2015 by founding GYA members with funding from the Robert Bosch Stiftung, and is hosted at Future Africa at the University of Pretoria. The unique Africa-wide leadership programme promotes early-career researchers (ECRs) in their leadership skills and mentoring networks, with the aim to drive scientific progress across Africa and beyond.

The ASLP has inspired spin-off regional programmes and workshops globally, also initiated by GYA members, reaching over 600 additional ECRs to date.

## ISC online training session for social media content creation

ISC Members in the Asia-Pacific region and early- and mid-career researchers are invited to an online training session on 13 November 2024 (05:00-06:30 UTC) exploring how scientists can navigate social media to promote and communicate their Science Council Regional Focal Point for Asia and the Pacific to build capability in science communication, improve digital storytelling and use of social media platforms. Learn more and register here.

## Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator Science Breakthrough Radar

The Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator has published its <u>2024 GESDA</u> <u>Science Breakthrough Radar</u>, which provides an overview of science trends and breakthrough predictions for a number of emerging topics in science and technology, as well as a synthesis of the related fundamental debates and actions in society, and an exploration of opportunities for concerted actions for international affairs, global challenges, and the SDGs.

## EASAC "scrollytelling" microsite aims to reach European Parliament members

The <u>European Academies Science Advisory Council</u> newly-designed "scrollytelling" microsite aims to inform (new) members of the European Parliament and Brussels Policymakers about EASAC's work.

Check out the site here, and learn what challenges face European policymakers.

## Combatting Predatory Academic Journals and Conferences: The Role of Stakeholders in the Global Fight

The InterAcademy Partnership-funded consortium "Roadmap to improve ethics in science and curb predatory publishing" (RESCUE) will hold a webinar on best practices for combating predatory academic journals and conferences.

Speakers include GYA member <u>Victorien Dougnon</u> (University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin), Tereza Simova, and Kutubuddin Molla.

<u>Registration for the 4 November 2024 event (13:00-14:30 UTC) is available here</u>. For any queries, please <u>email Sophia Nordt</u>.

### **ALLEA Statement on secondary publication rights**

The European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities (ALLEA), recently published the <u>ALLEA Statement in Support of Secondary Publication Rights</u> <u>for Scholarly Articles</u>, highlighting the importance of Open Access. In this release, timed with International Open Access Week 2024, ALLEA urges the European Union to enact legislation granting SPRs to researchers across all 27 Member States.

You can access the full statement here.

#### Evaluation Report

The Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) and the European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers (Eurodoc) have published a joint statement on the Horizon Europe interim evaluation report. This statement outlines the MCAA and Eurodoc vision for strengthening the MSCA, and underscores the importance of the recommendations made by the independent expert group.

### PLOS receives grants totaling \$2.5 Million

PLOS, a non-profit, Open Access publisher, has received \$2.5m in funding that will enable the organization to provide more equitable access to scholarly publishing. The grants will support a PLOS Research and Design project that will demonstrate outcomes for science "beyond the article" and build a business model that goes "beyond the Article Processing Charge (APC)".

More information is available here.

# **Events**

#### 7-9 November 2024

#### Falling Walls Science Summit

GYA member <u>Antonia Saktiawati</u> (Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia) is a 2024 Falling Walls Winner of the Women's Impact Award for Breaking the Wall of Tuberculosis Screening in Indonesia and will participate in the Falling Walls Science Summit in Berlin, Germany.

#### 20-23 November 2024

#### World Science Forum 2024

The GYA, in cooperation with the Inter Academy Partnership (IAP), is co-organizing a capacity building workshop for approximately 35 early-career researchers on Trust in Science, to take place in tandem with the 2024 <u>World Science Forum</u> (WSF). GYA members and alumni will be well-represented at the WSF, speaking in plenary panels and thematic sessions, and taking part in the ECRs workshop. A GYA panel on Research Assessment, in cooperation with the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA) will also be featured.

#### 26-30 January 2025

#### International Science Council General Assembly

As a member of the ISC, the GYA will be represented at its <u>General Assembly</u>, an occasion for cross-disciplinary, strategic discussions on challenges and priorities for

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#### 10-13 June 2025

#### **GYA Annual General Meeting**

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