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GYA News



GYA is 15 Years Young!

As you may have noticed from your calendars and social media, we're commemorating #GYA15yearsYoung in 2025!

To help spread the word, you can like or re-share various posts: our [Blue Sky post](#); our [X post](#); our [LinkedIn post](#); our [Facebook post](#); our [Instagram post](#).

Further plans include creating a video to be shared at the 2025 AGM with short messages from you, our partners, on how the GYA has impacted you or your organization in the last 15 years.

Please reply to james.curtiss@globalyoungacademy.net, who will provide you with further details on submitting videos.



GYA host institution German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina welcomes President Bettina Rockenbach

The Leopoldina's first female President in its 373-year history, President Bettina Rockenbach, took office on 1 March 2025.

GYA Co-Chair [Chandra Shekhar Sharma](#) (Indian Institute of Technology) and Managing Director Beate Wagner, along with GYA Office staff members, attended the celebration event and warmly welcomed President Rockenbach on behalf of GYA membership and the Executive Committee.

[Read more here.](#)



Assembly

In January 2025, the GYA participated in the Muscat Global Knowledge Dialogue and Third General Assembly of the International Science Council, which was hosted by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation of Oman, in Muscat, Oman. Over 400 representatives from 132 countries gathered in Oman to discuss science's role in advancing sustainability and global development.

The GYA was represented by Co-Chair [Chandra Shekhar Charma](#) (Indian Institute of Technology, India), Executive Committee member [Hiba Baroud](#) (Vanderbilt University, United States), Managing Director [Beate Wagner](#), and Senior Project Officer [Anna-Maria Gramatté](#).

Many more GYA members and alumni attended in various roles, as ISC Fellows, or representing a National Young Academy.

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



2025 International Conference of Young Scientists and GYA Annual General Meeting

The GYA's 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and International Conference of Young Scientists - "Confluence of Visionaries: Empowering Science for Global Change" - will take place in Hyderabad, India from 10-13 June 2025.

Find programme updates on the AGM website, and look out for the first AGM Ticker and registration link coming soon: [Annual General Meeting and International Conference](#).



Follow us on BlueSky!

To allow the GYA to shift between social media platforms, we have established an account on BlueSky. Do give us a follow there: [@GlobalYAcademy.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/@GlobalYAcademy.bsky.social).

News from members and alumni

GYA member Encieh Erfani (Perimeter Institute, Canada) has received the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility. [Read more about Encieh and the award here.](#)

GYA member [Jovana Milic](#) (University of Fribourg, Switzerland) has been named an emerging investigator by the Nanoscale Horizons Emerging Investigators Series. [Read more about Jovana and her work here.](#)

GYA alumnus and Immediate Past Co-Chair [Felix Moronta Barrios](#) (International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Italy) successfully led an IAP Small Grant on "[Advancing Global Biosecurity Governance through the Promotion of the Tianjin Biosecurity Guidelines](#)".

GYA alumna plus and co-lead of the Science Diplomacy in the Americas WG and Fundraising Committee, [Paulina Carmona](#) (United States), has been selected to serve on the ORCID Researcher Advisory Council (ORAC) for a three-year term.

America and the Caribbean", which appeared in Issues in Science & Technology. The article calls on the international scientific community to support universities and research centers in Latin American and Caribbean countries to leverage the region's rich natural, cultural, and intellectual resources, and to counteract the increasing restrictions on academic activities imposed by governments in the region.

GYA alumna and past Executive Committee member Cristina Blanco Sío-López (Universidade da Coruña, Spain) has received the María Moliner National Research Award in the Humanities (Young Talent Modality) from the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation.

GYA Activities

Accessibility & Inclusivity in Research Dissemination

This online presentation focuses on identifying barriers faced by diverse audiences and offers methods to create content that accommodates a variety of visual, auditory, and cognitive needs.

Date: 26 March 2025

Time: 14:00 UTC

Registration:



Presented by:

GYA member Erin Maloney
(University of Ottawa, Canada)



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This presentation focuses on identifying barriers faced by diverse audiences and offers methods to create content that accommodates a variety of visual, auditory, and cognitive needs.

Topics include designing more accessible slides, using alternative formats and assistive technologies, and optimizing audiovisual components. By considering these practices, researchers can broaden the reach and impact of their work while

When: Mar 26, 2025 14:00 UTC.

[Register in advance for this meeting here.](#)

The Open Science working group of the
Global Young Academy presents:

Open Science First Fridays
First Friday of each month

7 March 2024 14:00 UTC

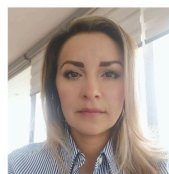
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detriment of the sustainability of
scientific journals.



Arianna Becerril García
Executive Director,
Redalyc.org
Professor, UAEM



Registration
here

Open Science First Fridays talks continue in March!

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.

Join us on **7 March at 14: 00 UTC**:for “What do we lose when scientific journals cease to be global public goods? The alarming adoption of the “APC” business model in Latin America to the detriment of the sustainability of scientific journals,” presented by Arianna Becerril García, Executive Director of Redalyc.

[Register here for the meeting.](#)

Biodiversity for New Medicine

Is this how YOU see biodiversity?

This poster competition is looking for your perspectives on the issue of biodiversity as a future hub for medicine from all over Egypt.



Bio2bio working group Biodiversity Poster Competition

In 2024, the GYA [Biodiversity for Survival via Biomedicine](#) working group organised a youth project led by group co-lead [Shymaa Enany](#) (Suez Canal University, Egypt). For the contest, students from high schools and universities in Egypt were invited to contribute to a poster design competition on “Biodiversity for New Medicine: Youth Grasp” to enhance youth involvement, understanding and awareness of the significance of biodiversity in biomedicine.

[Read more and view the winners here.](#)

Flood prevention, mitigation and management workshop

In February 2025, the GYA working group on [Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction](#), together with the Institute of Global Health and Health Security (IGH & HS), Federal University of Health Sciences Otukpo (FUHSO), Nigeria, organised a workshop on “Flood prevention, mitigation and management” online and on location in Nigeria. The workshop was organised by group co-lead [Ovie Edegbene](#) and featured GYA members as speakers. It looked at the development of strategies to prevent, mitigate, and manage global challenges such as increased flooding events. [You can read a report here.](#)

WOMEN IN SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

In February 2025, on the occasion of International Women and Girls in Science Day, [Women in Science](#) group members together with members from the [Science Education for Youth](#) group compiled [a video](#) of inspirational messages.

The group also organised a talk on “From sun to sun, a window into the typical daily life of a STEM woman scientist” by Professor Olubukola Oluranti Babalola, OWSD Africa Vice-President and TWAS Africa Vice-President, on the occasion of the Global Women’s Breakfast on 21 February 2025.

News from the Young Academies

Sudan Young Academy calls for support

The [Sudanese Academy for Young Scientists](#) (SAYS), who are facing unprecedented challenges due to the ongoing crisis in Sudan, recently shared a call for support for Sudanese scholars and academics with the world’s young academies. In the Call, they propose that young academies in particular should join their efforts to raise awareness, facilitate opportunities, and advocate for support mechanisms that can make a real difference in the lives of Sudanese scholars. Their Call suggests that academics and policymakers should 1) open their doors to Sudanese scholars by providing opportunities such as scholarships or research placements; 2) support Science Diplomacy through continued collaboration and scientific exchanges, thereby ensuring that Sudanese researchers remain connected to the global scientific community; and 3) protect and support displaced scholars and students by extending humanitarian aid and academic opportunities to Sudanese students and researchers at risk. Drawing on the fact that a number of Young Academies are already actively involved in supporting scholars at-risk, they suggest that Young Academies collaborate to amplify collective impact. To do so, please get in touch with the President of the Sudanese Academy of Young Scientists, [Ali Mohamed Elhassan Ali Abdalla](#).

*The Arab-German Young Academy
of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA)*



CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS 2025

CONNECT. COLLABORATE. CO-CREATE.
Apply now until 10 April 2025.



Arab-German Young Academy calls for new members

The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) has opened its Call for Membership Applications 2025. Interested scholars from Germany and Arab countries from all disciplines can apply for AGYA membership. You can learn more on their dedicated website – the application deadline is 10 April 2025.



Young Academies Symposium on Strengthening Global Scientific Collaboration

In February 2025, representatives from Young Academies in Israel, South Korea, Poland, Austria, Germany, the GYA, India, and Canada (via zoom) gathered in Berlin for a Young Academies Symposium on “Strengthening Global Scientific Collaboration”, organized by [The Israel Young Academy](#) and by the [Young Academy of Germany “Die Junge Akademie”](#).

The GYA was represented by Co-Chair [Chandra Shekhar Sharma](#) (Indian Institute of Technology, India) and Executive Committee Member [Francesco Maurelli](#) (Constructor University, Germany).

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

Young Academy of Colombia signs Stockholm Charter for Academic Freedom

In February 2025, the Young Academy of Colombia signed the [Stockholm Charter for Academic Freedom](#), becoming the first young academy from Latin America to do so, based on an initiative by *Juan Carlos Rocha, a Colombian scientist from the Young Academy of Sweden*.

Edwin Reyes, the Chair of the Young Academy of Colombia, emphasised that for the Young Academy it was an honor to support and contribute to the collective efforts in defense of academic freedom. He said that “academic freedom is essential for

research and securing stable and transparent academic career paths. Providing access to resources and promoting scholar-led governance are essential steps toward building a more autonomous and resilient academic system. By endorsing the Stockholm Charter, we reaffirm our commitment to these principles and to fostering an inclusive, collegial, and responsible academic environment that upholds the freedoms of teaching, research, and dissemination.”

Young Academies from all over the world are invited to sign [the Charter](#). If your Academy is interested, please contact [Jesper Ahlin Marceta](#) at the Young Academy of Sweden.

New Young Academy in Pakistan

In December 2024, a new young academy was established in Pakistan, the [Pakistan Young Academy](#). They aim to promote scientific excellence, to foster collaboration among young researchers, and to contribute to evidence-based policy-making in Pakistan and beyond.

A call for their first member cohort will go out soon, and membership is envisaged to be for 5 years. GYA member [Muhammad Qasim](#) is the young academy's first President, with EC member [Wasim Sajjad](#) taking on the role as Vice-President, and GYA member [Hussain Wahedi](#) acting as the General Secretary. The Pakistan Young Academy's founding members plan for the new young academy to enhance the visibility and impact of young scientists, while building bridges between academia, industry, and government; and they foresee the young academy to focus on capacity building, interdisciplinary collaboration, and science policy advocacy and science diplomacy in its work.

The GYA is looking forward to working with the new young academy in Pakistan, in addition to renewed links with the previously created National Academy of Young Scientists Pakistan.

Young Academies Science Advice Structure in Europe publication on EMCRs

YASAS – the Young Academies Science Advice Structure in Europe – have recently launched their latest publication on a "[Strategy to increase the involvement of early- and mid-career researchers in SAPEA](#)". This strategy outlines concrete steps to enhance the representation and engagement of EMCRs in the European Commission's Scientific Advice Mechanism. It also represents a step towards a much broader EDI Strategy for SAPEA, which is currently being developed with the help of the continent's young academies through YASAS.

German Young Academy exhibition looks to Infinity

which will run until 31 May 2025. This science and arts journey through the universe asks whether the imagination of infinity can be an essential motor for scientific and sustainable development, and if so, how it could be critically updated with a view to history. It brings together positions and scientific models on imaginations of boundlessness from artistic, mathematical and physical perspectives.

New Chair elected at the Danish YA

The [Danish Young Academy](#) have recently elected a new Chair and Co-Chair. [Janus Juul Eriksen](#) will serve as the Chair during 2025, with [Alexandra Brandt Ryborg Jønsson](#) as his co-chair.

Partners



International Research Collaboration in the United States

Recent restrictions on science and scholarship by the new U.S.

Administration's executive orders freezing billions in federal research funding and censoring research on topics such as climate change and gender has prompted ALLEA to respond with this statement calling for its members, partners, and like-minded organisations, and urging national governments and international institutions in the U.S., Europe and beyond to remain vigilant and strengthen ongoing efforts to safeguard academic freedom and the autonomy of scientific institutions.

If you would like to join the efforts to stand up for Academic Freedom, consider:

- Endorsing the statement on behalf of your organisation by clicking on the link below.
- Sharing the statement with your networks to raise awareness.
- Engaging with national and regional policymakers to reinforce the importance of academic freedom.

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



The Right to participate in Science

The [International Science Council](#) believes that there is a universal human right to participate in and enjoy the benefits of science, and that it is a responsibility of governments to create and sustain the opportunities of citizens to use this right.

application in research, policy, and global access to scientific knowledge.

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

INGSA awards seed grants for six workshops

[The International Network for Governmental Science Advice \(INGSA\)-Asia](#), supported by the [ISC Regional Focal Point for Asia and the Pacific \(ISC RFP-AP\)](#), has awarded seed grants to six selected applicants, including GYA Executive Committee member [Sri Fatmawati](#) (Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Indonesia) and alumnus [Aftab Ahmad](#) (University of the Punjab, Pakistan), for their proposals to organize workshops promoting science advice at an institutional or national level in their respective countries in 2025.

[Read more about their respective workshops here.](#)

Maintaining the EU's science-policy interface

A recent Joint Research Centre science for policy (S4P) report explores the perceived challenges for establishing and maintaining a well-functioning science–policy interface in the EU.

[Learn more and download the document here.](#)

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3-4 June 2025

[ALLEA General Assembly](#)

The ALLEA General Assembly annually convenes academies of sciences and humanities from 40 countries across the Council of Europe region. General Assemblies are hosted by ALLEA Member Academies and the programme typically consists of the internal business meeting of academy delegates, and a scientific symposium open to the public.

5-6 June 2025

[2025 ENYA Meeting](#)

Young Academies from all over Europe will meet for this year's ENYA meeting in Bern, Switzerland, on 5-6 June 2025. The meeting will be organised and hosted by the [Swiss Young Academy](#), and will continue discussions from [previous meetings](#), including discussing best practices and areas of joint interest.

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, co-organized by the GYA, the Indian Young Academy of Sciences (INYAS), the Indian National Science Academy (INSA), and the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad.

5-6 September 2025

[Professional Skills Workshop for At-Risk Scholars 2025](#)

Since 2019, the GYA At-risk scholars initiative has co-organised a workshop that brings together at-risk scholars based in the United Kingdom and volunteer experts in their fields, to support career development and professional skills in a broad academic context. The workshop takes place at Wolfson College, University of Oxford, supported by funding from an anonymous grant to the College.



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