



March 2025

GYA Newsletter

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GYA warmly welcomes new members 2025!

June 2025.

The GYA new member cohort includes representatives from 32 individual countries, from all GYA general disciplines, and includes 23 females, 21 males and 1 non-binary. Two new countries have been added to GYA's 103 countries around the world being represented: Bolivia and Bulgaria.

The gender ratio of the GYA is now 102 female/95 male/1 non-binary/2 prefer not to say. The gender balance in the GYA is a result of ongoing efforts to recruit excellent applicants regardless of gender.

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



Confluence of Visionaries: Empowering Science for Global Change

GYA 2025 International
Conference of Young Scientists

Hyderabad, India



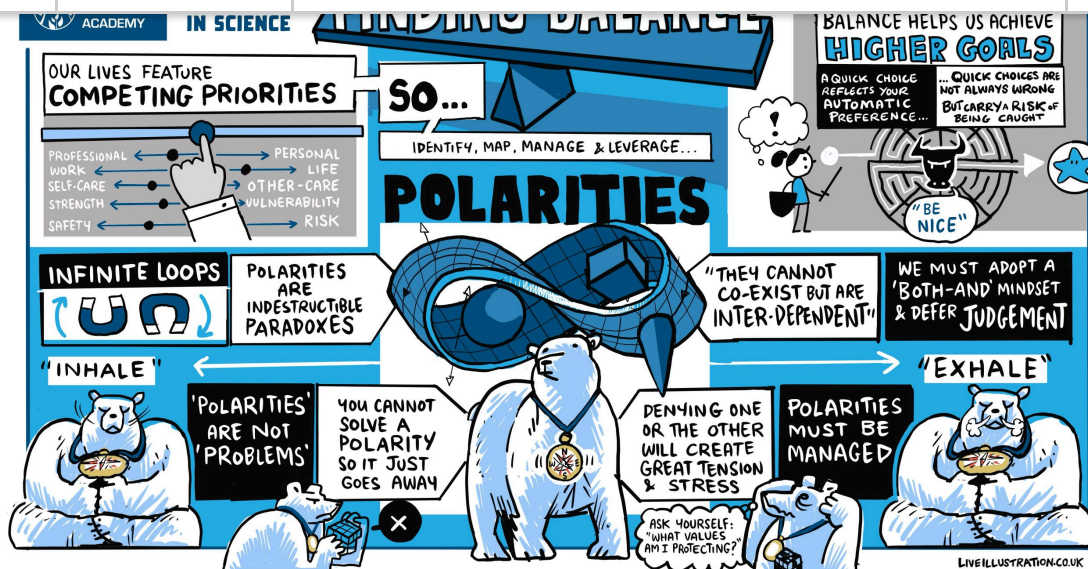
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2025 International Conference of Young Scientists and GYA Annual General Meeting

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.

Programme updates and more available on the [GYA AGM and Conference Website.](#)



Science Leadership Capacities Visualized

In 2024, the GYA Women in Science working group organized the online workshop series “Inclusive Leadership for Women in Science”, designed in partnership with the facilitation team at Inclusive Innovation.

Recordings and workshop resources are now available for any inspired early-career researchers interested in learning and applying the science leadership skills illustrated in the comics.

[Download the comics and resources here.](#)



GYA members contribute to UKYA workshop for at-risk scholars

GYA co-leads of the At-Risk Scholars Initiative, Saja Al Zoubi (Dalhousie University, Canada) and Nesrin Alrefaai (London School of Economics and Political Science, UK) advised and contributed to a recent workshop held by the UK Young Academy for at-risk scholars in the United Kingdom.

[Read more here.](#)

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Climate-neutral GYA air travel

approximately 1,388,000 kilometers of flights. The GYA's contribution to climate protection in the amount of 7,870 EUR will benefit a project that consists of two pioneer solar photovoltaic plants in western Senegal.

Senegal is a least developed country that is strongly affected by climate change and whose electricity production is heavily dependent on heating oil and diesel imports. Thus, solar plants help to replace fossil fuels with renewable energy and to develop a sustainable infrastructure, especially in the rural part of the country.

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



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.social/@GlobalYAcademy).

GYA blog

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Executive Committee members revisit the “Spirit of Asilomar”

The GYA was proud to have two of its Executive Committee members attend “The Spirit of Asilomar and the Future of Biotechnology” summit.

Alumnus and Immediate past Co-Chair Felix Moronta Barrios (ICEGB, Italy) and Executive Committee member Wasim Sajjad (National University of Medical Sciences, Pakistan) showed the commitment of early- and mid-career researchers to shaping science policy and fostering responsible innovation in the life sciences. [Read about their experience here.](#)

Items of interest



GYA member Encieh Erfani (Perimeter Institute, Canada) is featured in the Free to Think podcast from the Scholars at Risk Network.

In Episode 42, “Before being a scientist, I’m a human being”, Encieh discusses her exile and solidarity among Iranian academics abroad.

News from members and alumni

GYA member [João Borges](#) (University of Aveiro, Portugal) has been admitted as a Fellow of the Young Academy of Europe for the upcoming 7 years. The Young Academy of Europe is a pan-European bottom-up initiative of a dynamic and innovative group of internationally recognized European young scientists and scholars for networking, interdisciplinary and international scientific exchange.

GYA member [Antonia Morita Saktiawati](#) received The World Health Summit (WHS) Academic Alliance Award for Young Leaders in Global Health. Five awardees were selected globally, and will attend the WHS Regional Meeting in New Delhi, India, from 25-27 April 2025.

GYA member [Jingyuan Xu](#) (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany) has been honored with two awards recognizing her contributions to sustainable energy conversion technology: The Fraunhofer UMSICHT-Wissenschaftspreis, recognizing innovative research with strong practical relevance; and the Ökologiepreis of the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, given for research in ecological sciences.

GYA alumna [Maral Dadvar](#) (Frankfurt Goethe University, Germany) has been invited on behalf of the UN Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board to join an expert roundtable in the field of AI. Maral has published her input to the discussion, focusing on making AI globally inclusive, here: [Inclusive AI: The Need for a Global Strategy to Prevent Widening Inequality](#).

GYA Activities

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

Open Science First Fridays
First Friday of each month

4 April 2025 - 13:00 UTC

Meeting ID: 677 2847 5448

Passcode: opensci



Understanding Predatory Publishing and How Think. Check. Submit. Can Help

This presentation will discuss how researchers can protect their work by using Think. Check. Submit., a free resource that assists in selecting the appropriate journals or publishers for their research.



Lorraine Estelle
Outreach and
Communications Manager for
Think.Check.Submit



Registration
here

Open Science First Fridays talks continue in April!

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 **4 April at 13:00 UTC** for "Understanding Predatory Publishing and How 'Think. Check. Submit.' Can Help", presented by Lorraine Estelle, Outreach and Communications Manager for Think. Check. Submit.

[Register here for the meeting.](#)

BONUS: Suggestions for interactions with colleagues with a visual impairment

- Identify yourself when you approach.
- Do not assume that the person can or cannot see you.
- Ask permission before touching the person.
- Service animals are working and should not be distracted. Ask before petting.
- If you are leaving the presence of someone with a visual disability, be sure to let them know.
- If you are not sure what to do, ask, "Can I help?"



On 26 March, GYA member [Erin Maloney](#) (University of Ottawa, Canada) introduced practical approaches for enhancing accessibility and inclusivity in research presentations and dissemination. The presentation focused on identifying barriers faced by diverse audiences and offered methods to create content that accommodates a variety of visual, auditory, and cognitive needs.

Science Diplomacy course in Columbia

In March 2025, the [Science Diplomacy in the Americas group](#) started a pilot course on “Science Diplomacy, concepts and transdisciplinary practice” at the Universidad Simón Bolívar in Colombia. The purpose of the course is to teach the concepts of an emerging field of professional work, with impact at a national and international level, and its application in the resolution of simple and complex problems that involve different interested parties at a national and/or international level.

Through the study of real cases, role playing, literature review, study of main actors and investigative projects, the purpose is to form and strengthen critical, creative and innovative thinking skills focused on problem solving, ethical judgment and communicative competence. Training in science diplomacy, especially in the Global South, has been addressed through extracurricular training such as workshops but aimed at professionals; however, there is a need to have a course that systematizes these competencies and contextualizes their teaching in higher education institutions in the Global South. Members of the group have designed the curriculum, and it is open for universities to take and implement.

GYA working group receives InterAcademy Partnership Grant

The GYA's [Scientific Excellence](#) working group's grant application “Empowering Young Academies to Investigate and Re-think Research Assessments Practices for Equity and Inclusion in Africa,” has been accepted for funding by the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) at the level of USD 20,000.

Nominations

2025 Lindau Nobel Meetings

The GYA nominated young scientists to the 2025 Chemistry Meeting and the 2025 Economics Meeting of Nobel Prize winners in Lindau, Germany. For the [2025 Chemistry Lindau meeting](#), 5 young scientists nominated by GYA members and

News from the Young Academies



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.**

Partners

Security-relevant research in times of geopolitical polarisation – Leopoldina and DFG joint committee presents fifth report

The fifth activity and status report of the Joint Committee on the Handling of Security-Relevant Research of the DFG and Leopoldina builds on its previous reports to

assessment of the risks of international research cooperation and the strengthening of dual-use research in light of the politically proclaimed turning point.

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

America's Future Relies on Science, says National Academy of Sciences President

The U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine is raising urgent concerns about the impact of recent disruptions in science funding and policy in the United States.

In a new interview, NAS President Marcia McNutt emphasises the potential long-term consequences for the STEMM workforce, research innovation and the country's scientific leadership.

McNutt, in her conversation with journalist Molly Galvin, highlighted the significant uncertainty and disruption facing the United States scientific enterprise.

[Read the entire interview here.](#)

Statement from the Brazilian Academy of Sciences on Threats to Science and Education in the United States of America

The Brazilian Academy of Sciences (ABC) has shared a statement through the global network of the [InterAcademy Partnership](#) that expresses its deep concern regarding the recent attacks on science and education in the United States of America, including drastic cuts in research funding, restrictions and censorship of studies on climate change, among other topics.

[Read the entire statement here.](#)

Call for 2025 TWAS Young Affiliates is open

Every year, TWAS Regional Partners select up to 25 scientists younger than 40 as [Young Affiliates](#). The honor is given to researchers from developing nations who show potential for a high-impact career. During their six-year tenures, [Young Affiliates](#) build networks with other affiliates and with elected [TWAS Fellows](#) and attend international conferences such as the [TWAS General Meeting](#).

[Learn more about various deadlines and apply here.](#)

New Report and Webinar on Experiences Applying for U.S. Visas

In September 2024, the Board on International Scientific Organizations of the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine commissioned KGL Consulting to conduct a global survey of scientists, engineers, and medical professionals. The survey aimed to gather insights into their experiences applying for

countries.

Please [read the report here](#) and register for the [webinar](#) scheduled for 3 April.

Events

4 April 2025

[Open Science First Fridays](#)

Join the GYA's [Open Science](#) working group for "Understanding Predatory Publishing and How 'Think. Check. Submit.' Can Help", presented by Lorraine Estelle.

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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. The GYA and The [All European Academies](#) (ALLEA) launched a strategic partnership in early 2019, formalised in a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations.

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.

29 June - 4 July 2025

[74th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting on Chemistry.](#)

their PhD students and post-docs. Five nominees – Early-Career Researchers from around the world – were accepted as participants.

26-30 August 2025

[8th Lindau Nobel Meeting in Economic Sciences](#)

For the 8th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting on Economic Sciences, one GYA-nominated early-career researcher will participate in the meeting.

5-6 September 2025

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

Since 2019, the GYA At-risk scholars initiative has annually 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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