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GYA News

2025 Call for New Members Now Open!!

New GYA Members 2025 in Hyderabad, India

Applications are sought from early-career scholars who combine the highest level of research excellence with a demonstrated passion for delivering impact.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is 18h:00 UTC 15 September 2025. No late entries will be accepted.

**2025 Call for GYA members is now open!**

Please share the call with your networks and any early-career researcher with a drive to make a difference!

[Complete information on the membership application process is available here.](#)



GYA members elect new leadership during the 2025 Annual General Meeting

The 2025 GYA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and International Conference of Young Scientists in Hyderabad, India, wrapped up with a burst of new interdisciplinary projects, the induction of 45 new members, the election of fresh leadership, and the setting of the organization's strategic direction.

This year, GYA members elected a diverse Executive Committee (EC) to guide the organization forward. The EC, consisting of 11 members, will be Co-Chaired by Yensi Flores Bueso (University College Cork, Ireland) and Sam Chan Siok Yee (Universiti Sains Malaysia). Yensi served as Co-Chair last year, while Sam served as an EC member.

[Meet the entire EC here.](#)



Meeting

The GYA warmly welcomed 45 new members to its ranks during the Opening Ceremony of the AGM on 10 June 2025. The GYA new member cohort includes representatives from 32 individual countries, from all GYA general disciplines, and comprises 23 females, 21 males and 1 non-binary. Two new countries have been added to the GYA's approximately 100 countries around the world being represented: Bolivia and Bulgaria. A hearty welcome to all!

[Learn more about the 2025 new member cohort here.](#)



2025 International Conference of Young Scientists

In Indian culture, light symbolizes knowledge. In this tradition, the 2025 International Conference of Young Scientists was ceremoniously opened with the lighting of the lamp (shown above), followed by words of welcome from esteemed guests including Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education, Government of India.

Over 150 members, alumni of the GYA, Indian National Young Academy of Science (INIAS) members, partners and speakers from industry, government and the science policy interface participated in sessions during the week-long event, which was hosted at the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH).

The Conference also featured a [Statement from the Secretary-General of the United Nations](#), as well as participation by representatives from GYA partner organizations the International Science Council and the International Network for Governmental Science Advice, among other esteemed speakers and guests.

A summary of the week's events is available on the GYA website here: [2025 GYA Annual General Meeting and International Conference of Young Scientists.](#)

Browse and download photos from our [2025 AGM and Conference photo album on Flickr here](#).

Recordings of Conference sessions and Inauguration

If you weren't able to attend the Conference, want to share the Inauguration Ceremony, or re-watch any of the panel discussions, you can find recordings of the panels on the GYA YouTube channel below:

- 2025 Conference Playlist: [GYAGM 2025 IND](#)
- [Opening Ceremony, including New Member inauguration](#)
- Panel 1: [Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Global Landscape](#)
- Panel 2: [Building Awareness on Environment, Social and Governance \(ESG\) in a Global Context](#)
- Panel 3: [Industry 5.0 Augmenting Human-Machine Interface](#)
- Panel 4: [Health and Nutrition for Global Wellness](#)



2025 Science Leadership workshop for new GYA members

At the GYA's 2025 AGM and International Conference of Young Scientists in Hyderabad, India, over 35 [newly selected GYA members](#) took part in a Science Leadership Workshop (SLP), practicing effective and creative problem solving and collaborative leadership tools.

The workshop brings incoming GYA members together to create space for reflection on how to be leaders in diverse contexts – within the GYA and in the institutions and communities where they live and work. Early-career researchers already exercise leadership in different contexts, and through this workshop, they explore how to harness diversity in teams, and use creative processes to find better solutions.



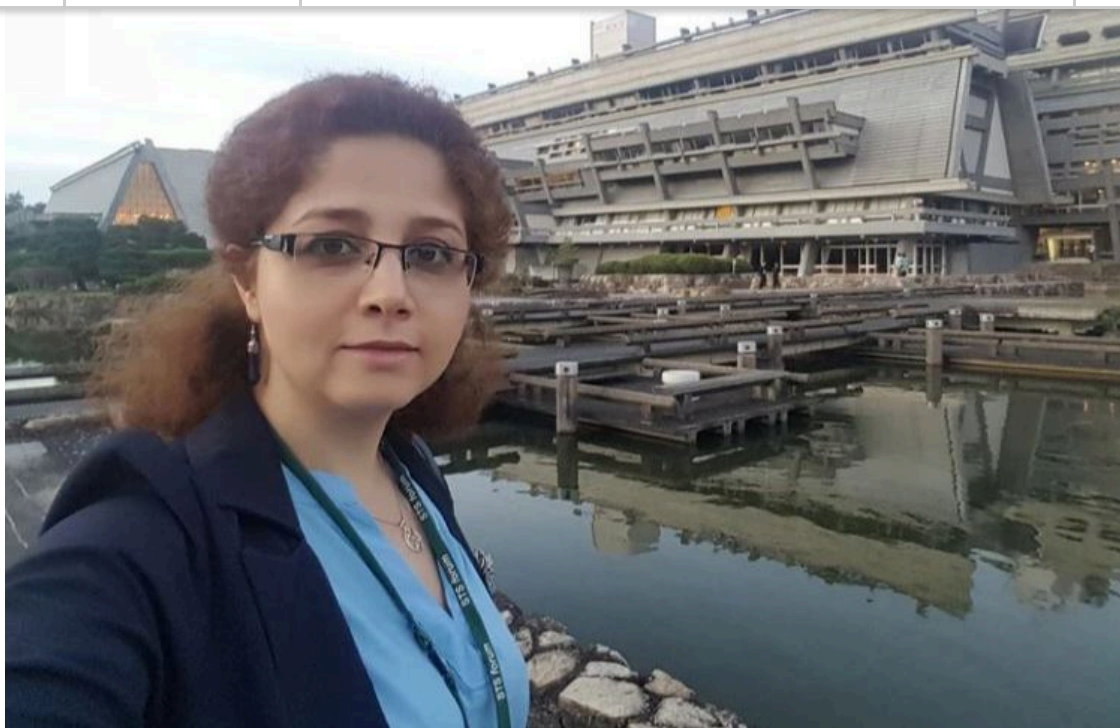
Save the date - 2026 GYA AGM and International Conference of Young Scientists in Bremen, Germany

If you missed our AGM in Hyderabad, you can start planning ahead for our 2026 GYA AGM and Conference from 30 June-3 July 2026, featuring pre-Conference workshops from 28-29 June 2026, at the Constructor University, in Bremen, Germany.

The 2026 International Conference of Young Scientists will focus on the topic “Machine Intelligence for Society and for all Sciences”. Machine intelligence – or AI – is rapidly transforming how research is done and what it can achieve, while at the same time affecting all other areas of society and individual lives.

[Learn more here.](#)

Items of interest



“Science saved my life” — and it must save other at-risk scholars

In this essay in *Nature*, GYA member [Encieh Erfani](#) (Perimeter Institute, Canada) recounts how science became her lifeline after she was forced into exile for protesting during Iran’s Woman, Life, Freedom movement.

Encieh calls on the global scientific community to expand and equalize support systems for at-risk academics, especially those from underrepresented regions, to ensure that science remains a safe haven and a force for freedom.

[Read her *Nature* article here.](#)

News from members and alumni

GYA member [Alexandra Milanova](#) (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) was recognized with an award by the State Institute for Culture under the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of its establishment. The award was given for her contribution to the institute’s mission to make Bulgarian culture part of the global dialogue. [Read more here.](#)

GYA members [Encieh Erfani](#) (Perimeter Institute, Canada) and [Jane Yau](#) (Leibniz Institute for Research and Information in Education, Germany) will be SILBERSALZ Science & Media Festival 2025 Science & Media Awards preliminary judges. This

GYA member Jia Chen (Technical University of Munich, Germany) received the Timothy Oke Award from the International Association for Urban Climate for her unique contributions to greenhouse gas monitoring and measurement in urban areas: [Read more here](#).

GYA member Mojtaba Abdi Jalebi (University College London, United Kingdom) has been awarded the Fellowship of the Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (FIMMM) by IOM3. The FIMMM is a recognition of professional excellence and leadership in the field of materials science and engineering. [Read more about the Fellowship here](#).

GYA Co-Chair Yensi Flores Bueso (University College Cork, Ireland) joined experts from science, policy and international institutions in Washington, DC for a workshop titled “Preventing Creation of Mirror Life through Effective International Governance,” hosted by the Mirror Biology Dialogues Fund and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Yensi joined on behalf of the UN Scientific Advisory Board.

GYA alumnus Simon Elsässer (Karolinska Institutet, Sweden) has been selected as one of four researchers to be awarded [the Alexander von Humboldt Professorship](#) to conduct cutting-edge research on the “Signals of Life” in Germany.

GYA Activities

Joint workshop on Science for Policy and Diplomacy at ENYA 2025

In June 2025, [Science Advice working.group](#) co-lead Jovana V. Milić (University of Turku, Finland) together with several Young Academies from Europe, organised a workshop on “[Science for Policy and Diplomacy for Early-Career Scientists in Europe](#)” during the 2025 meeting of Young Academies in Europe ([ENYA](#)), with group members Laura Zimmermann (University of Georgia, United States) and Estrella Diaz Sanchez (University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain), as well as GYA YASAS Observer Stella Tsani (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece) contributing as panellists.

UK Young Academy call for new members

Applications are now open to become a member of the UK Young Academy – the deadline is 23 July 2025, 14:00 UTC.

[Read more and apply here.](#)

U.S. New Voices calling for new members

The US New Voices in Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine are now [accepting applications for their 2026–2028 cohort!](#) They are seeking U.S.-based mid-career scientists, engineers, and medical professionals with a strong record of professional excellence and a demonstrated commitment to service beyond their immediate discipline or institution. Individuals interested in science communication, international collaboration, and policy engagement are encouraged to apply; the deadline is 3 September 2025, 23:59 (UTC -4).

Call for second cohort of Young Academy Ireland

The [call for new members for the Young Academy Ireland](#) happens every 2 years and will open for its second member cohort on 18 July 2025.

All details, application deadline and application form will be available on their website.

Network of Asia-Pacific Young Academies established

In June 2025, the constitutive meeting of the [Network of Asia-Pacific Young Academies \(NAYA\)](#) took place in Hyderabad, India, and online. Organised and hosted by the [Indian National Young Academy of Science](#), the meeting brought together representatives from 12 national young academies from the Asia-Pacific region, as well as from the GYA.

[Read more here.](#)



2025 European Young Academies Meeting

In June 2025, the European National Young Academies (ENYA) Meeting 2025 took place in Bern, Switzerland, hosted by the [Swiss Young Academy](#). The meeting brought together representatives from 23 young academies from all over Europe, again making this the largest ever ENYA meeting to date.

[You can read more here.](#)

2025 Nordic-Baltic Meeting of Young Academies

In April 2025, the Estonian Young Academy of Sciences hosted the Nordic-Baltic Meeting of Young Academies, which brought together young academies from across the Nordic and Baltic region for two days of engaged dialogue and exchange on academic careers, ethics and AI. [Details are available here.](#)

More Young Academies joining established science academy networks

In June 2025, the [Young Academy of Portugal](#) and the [Young Academy of Finland](#) became category 3 members at the International Science Council, joining 19 other young academies that are already part of the ISC.

The Young Academy of Finland also joined [ALLEA](#) – the network of All European Academies. This makes the YA of Finland ALLEA's 60th member, and the seventh young academy from Europe to join ALLEA.

Insights from the Young Academies' multiverse

academies and – building on these experiences – on the different levels of young academies as such: university-based young academies, national young academies, world-regional young academies, the Global Young Academy. The article, co-authored by GYA Senior Project Officer Anna-Maria Gramatté, can be found on pages 36- 41 in [Connections #13](#).

First-ever National Young Academy celebrates 25th anniversary

In June 2025, the [German Young Academy](#) celebrated its 25th anniversary in Berlin, Germany. When it was established in the year 2000, it was the first National Young Academy to be set up and has during the past quarter century grown into an important part of Germany's scientific and research landscape.

The event included reflections on past achievements as well as discussions about the future and fresh perspectives with the help of a "Utopiamobile".

At the same time, [10 new members](#) were inducted, and the Young Academy's [new Board](#) started its work, led by Speaker Philipp Rothmund.

Furthermore, the winners for the [inaugural "Best Research Environment" award](#) were announced. Ten teams from various scientific and academic disciplines were selected for this award, which is a collaboration between the Young Academy and the Volkswagen Foundation and honors the importance of a good research environment in academic and scientific performance, and the effort required to actively shape inspiring, supportive, and fair working conditions.

Nature correspondence on support for Sudanese young scientists

In July 2025, Nature published a Correspondence on "[Support Sudan's displaced young scientists](#)" by one of the co-founder of the [Sudanese Academy of Young Scientists](#), Hisham Hassan. This short piece reflects on the devastating impact of the ongoing war in Sudan on the country's scientific and academic landscape, including the country's Young Academy – which, when it was established in 2007, was the first young academy in a developing country and the third in the world, following the Netherlands and Germany. The author calls on the world's young academies to raise our collective voice to support young scientists who have been displaced and to advocate for scientists affected by conflict, not only in Sudan but across other regions facing similar crises.



Sri Lanka 2025 Three-Minute Thesis competition successfully launched

In May 2025, the Sri Lankan Academy of Young Scientists (SLAYS), in collaboration with the University of Queensland, Australia, successfully launched the 2025 edition of the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition at the gap HQ in Colombo – this will be followed by national finals. Now in its seventh consecutive year, the SLAYS 3MT® continues to evolve as a vibrant forum that strengthens research culture and fosters interdisciplinary dialogue among early-career researchers.

This competition takes science beyond labs and papers, making it accessible to all, one three-minute story at a time – thereby providing a powerful platform for Sri Lanka's young researchers to shine.

This year's competition attracted an impressive 85 applications from passionate MPhil and PhD candidates representing universities and research institutions across the country. Following a rigorous eligibility screening, 50 candidates were shortlisted, with 46 participants ultimately taking the stage in the opening round.

Each contestant rose to the challenge of presenting their complex research in just three minutes, with only one static slide — a true test of clarity, creativity, and communication. Presentations spanned a wide array of disciplines, including Natural Sciences, Engineering, Medical and Health Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, and Social Sciences, highlighting the rich and diverse research landscape of Sri Lanka. A distinguished panel of ten expert judges evaluated each presentation based on comprehension, engagement, and effective communication of research significance. After an intense and inspiring round of competition, ten exceptional finalists have been selected and notified to proceed to the next stage.

Five years after it was established, the [Swiss Young Academy has published its first public Annual Report](#), which offers interested readers a comprehensive insight into key aspects and objectives of the Young Academy in 2024 and the composition of its interdisciplinary membership.

Vietnam Young Academy newsletter

[Check out the latest edition of the Vietnam Young Academy newsletter here.](#)

Partners



Strengthening the Biological Weapons Convention through science

This series of discussion papers presents science-based recommendations to inform ongoing discussions on strengthening the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC). Developed by a dedicated ISC Expert Group, the papers focus on three key themes: compliance and verification, international cooperation and assistance, and science and technology.

[Read more here.](#)

GYA broadly represented by its alumni in the ISC “Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science”

D'Alessandro (Utrecht University, The Netherlands) and alumnus Jorge Huete-Perez (Universidad Centroamericana, Nicaragua) are new members. Roberta was nominated by the GYA to serve on the committee.
[Read more on the committee here.](#)

International scientific collaboration: Vital yet vulnerable

The ISC Governing Board has issued a statement to underscore the urgent need to protect and strengthen global cooperation in science.

[The statement can be found here.](#)



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The U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine is pleased to announce the next [U.S.-Africa Frontiers of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Symposium](#), held in partnership with Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar on February 2-4, 2026, in Dakar, Senegal. The opportunity is now open for scientists,

2025, 23:59 (UTC -4).

A new strategy for ALLEA for the years 2025–2030

The recent ALLEA General Assembly has adopted ALLEA's new strategy for 2025–2030 — a bold and forward-looking roadmap that will significantly enhance ALLEA's collective mission. They have also launched a dynamic and flexible process for creating and reviewing new task forces, enabling the organisation to respond more effectively to emerging scientific and policy challenges.

ALLEA publishes Activities Report for 2024-2025

The ALLEA Activities Report provides a snapshot of the notable activities of the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities from June 2024 to May 2025. The publication covers the initiatives, events, statements, and reports of ALLEA's working groups, task forces, expert committees, and projects focused on its seven strategic priorities, in three broad areas: Research Policy, Science Advice, and Science & Society.

[Read the report here.](#)

Report published on the Eurodoc Postdoc Survey

The Postdoc survey examined the working conditions, career prospects, and work-life balance of postdoctoral researchers working in Europe to make an in-depth characterisation of this population. The survey was developed by Eurodoc and the data were collected between October 2018 and February 2019.

Over 1,700 postdoctoral researchers based in more than 30 European countries participated in the study.

[Read the report here.](#)

Events

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](#)

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.

30 June - 3 July 2026

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