



May 2025 GYA Newsletter

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GYA holds Special General Meeting, approves remote voting

In late May, the [GYA Executive Committee](#) called in a Special General Meeting (SGM), during which the GYA members voted on motions intended to strengthen governance and support a more inclusive and engaged Organisation.

One key outcome of the SGM was that GYA members are now able to vote remotely during GYA Annual General Meetings (AGMs). Previously, GYA members were only able to vote in person, but ongoing challenges associated with global travel and visa restrictions have highlighted the need for a different approach.

This change means that the upcoming AGM this June in Hyderabad, India, will be the first to allow online voting for Executive Committee elections.



Science for Global Change

GYA 2025 International
Conference of Young Scientists

Hyderabad, India



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The time has arrived for the 2025 International Conference of Young Scientists and GYA Annual General Meeting!

The 2025 GYA Annual General Meeting and International Conference of Young Scientists is happening soon, from 10-13 June 2025, hosted at the IIT Hyderabad, India.

Over 100 GYA members & alumni will join the meeting, together with international speakers and guests and representatives of the Indian National Young Academy of Sciences (IN-YAS).

At the upcoming AGM and Conference, GYA members will have the opportunity to meet and network, launch new collaborations and address pressing global issues from an international and interdisciplinary perspective.

[Visit the AGM Website](#) for more information.



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

If you will miss 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.](#)



In early June, the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina's "[Future of Scientific Publishing](#)" working group held a symposium identifying and discussing the associated organizational, financial, legal and subject-specific challenges associated with Open Access publishing.

GYA member [Hanjo Hamann](#) (EBS University of Business and Law, Germany; pictured speaking), took part in a panel discussion on the way forward, while GYA [Open Science working group](#) co-lead [Stephanie Jurburg](#) (German Centre for Environmental Research, Germany), who was part of a working group at the Leopoldina that published the statement "[A New Concept for the Direct Funding and Evaluation of Scientific Journals](#)", also attended the symposium and closed-door working group meetings.



60 years of diplomatic relations

In May 2025, the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina hosted a symposium to celebrate 60 years of diplomatic relations between Israel and Germany. The event focused on collaborations in science as well as in civil society and the arts. GYA EC member [Francesco Maurelli](#) (Constructor University, Germany) as well as Senior Project Officers Jennifer Plaul and Anna-Maria Gramatté attended for the GYA. Both countries' Young Academies, the [Israel Young Academy](#) and the [German Young Academy](#), were also represented, and listened to a variety of inputs, ranging from greetings by the Leopoldina President, Bettina Rockenbach, and the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt First Minister, Reiner Haseloff, to presentations on the Bauhaus architecture and its influence on Israel.

Comments by Israel's Ambassador to Germany, Ron Prosor, were followed by speeches on science collaboration by David Harel, President of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, on the need for science to work together in times of crises, and by Leopoldina Member Ángel Rubio on a current European Research Council Grant on quantum electronics which brings together scientists from both countries.

Items of interest



Futures thinking and strategic foresight in action: Insights from the Global South

This report, from the United Nations Futures Lab/Global Hub of the International Science Council, emerged from a shared dedication to amplify voices and experiences of the Global South in the global foresight landscape.

The report is built around 14 diverse case studies, collected through an open call, and presents foresight approaches developed and used in the Global South in decision-making, planning, and action.

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

News from members and alumni

GYA member [César de la Fuente](#) (University of Pennsylvania, United States) has been named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.

GYA Co-Chair [Chandra Shekhar Sharma](#) (Indian Institute of Technology, India) has been selected as Indian National Science Academy Associate Fellow for showing exceptional potential to be a leader in research.

National Champions” as a representative of Malaysia. His award-winning article, "Curbing global solid waste emissions towards net-zero warming futures," investigated how improved solid waste management could contribute to meeting the Paris Agreement's 1.5° and 2° C pathway goals and the Global Methane Pledge. The article was published in Science and featured on its cover.

GYA Activities



Interdisciplinary project 2024/2025 update

The Sasha Kagansky Interdisciplinary Grant group working on the project "[Scientific Thinking in Pre-Schoolers: A Regional Challenge \(2024/25\)](#)" has submitted a progress report. Updates can be found on their project page [linked here](#).



GYA group co-lead at SAM 2025 Science for Policy Conference

In May 2025, GYA [Science Advice working.group](#) co-lead [Jovana V. Milić](#) (University of Fribourg, Switzerland) participated in a panel discussion at the European Science Advice Mechanism (SAM) conference in Vienna, organized by the International Science Council (ISC) on the subject of “Unlocking science advice: building skills and practices for young scientists in Europe.” This interactive session explored innovative approaches and science-policy mechanisms to connect universities and municipalities, drawing on practical examples to address urban challenges like socio-economic development, inequality, depopulation or overpopulation, digital transformation, and climate change. Speakers came from several Young Academies, the Marie Curie Alumni Association, the IIASA, and the European Commission.

News from the Young Academies



German Young Academy member receives Madame de Staël Prize

At its annual General Assembly, the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities ALLEA (All European Academies) presented the Madame de Staël Prize to physicist Viola Priesemann, a Board member of the German Young Academy. She is being honoured with the prize for her scientific achievements in the field of physics, her leadership qualities and her strong commitment to European cooperation in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Read more here.](#)



In May 2025, the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists at the Royal Society of Canada held its annual meeting in Montreal, Canada, where “The Future of Academia”, in Canada and globally, was discussed.

The event included a keynote on Inclusive Excellence, an update on their “At-Risk and Displaced Artists and Academics (ARDAA)” programme, as well as meetings of the College’s Interdisciplinary Research Groups on “Ask Canada: Toward stronger quantitative social science in Canada”, “Ableism and Disabilities Dialogues (WADD)”, “Research Languages and Cultures as Liminal Spaces and Research Tools”, and “The State of Knowledge of Trans and Non-binary Youth Well being”.

On the second day, representatives from the Young Academy of Japan, the German Young Academy, and the Israel Young Academy joined remotely to discuss collaborative partnerships with other Young Academies.



Malaysia’s Young Academy Colloquium

The 2024 Young Scientists Network-Academy of Sciences Malaysia (YSN-ASM) Colloquium "Innovate to Impact: Mission-Oriented Science for a Better Tomorrow," was held in November 2024, bringing together members and affiliates of the YSN-ASM.

The event featured progress updates from all eight Working Groups of the Young Academy, strategic discussions on network restructuring, and a comprehensive SWOT analysis to align future initiatives with national Science, Technology, Innovation, and Economy (STIE) priorities. Participants also benefited from mentoring sessions with the President and CEO of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM), who reaffirmed YSN-ASM’s pivotal role in shaping science policy and driving innovation.

Chairperson, Chun-Wai Mai, who will lead the network from April 2025 until March 2027, in advancing STIE impact and strengthening Malaysia's scientific footprint. The YSN-ASM welcomes collaboration and cooperation - follow them on [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#) to connect!

German Young Academy climate lecture brings together 4 Young Academies

The [German Young Academy](#) organised the online lecture "[Which is the future for European climate policy?](#)" in May 2025. The lecture was part of a series and was the first time that speakers from other European Young Academies had been invited. The session was moderated by Linus Mattauch (German YA), and featured speakers from the Young Academy of Sweden, the Italian Young Academy, the Young Academy Ireland, and the German YA, who were joined by a climate researcher and a European policymaker.

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Events

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](#)

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 (INYNAS), 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](#)

The GYA is a nominating partner of the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings. For the 74th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting on Chemistry, GYA members and alumni nominated 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

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