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## A word from the GYA Co-Chairs

This year's AGM and Conference abounded with energy – from early morning yoga to conversations late into the night, the GYA spirit was palpable. As always, the core aim of the meeting – bringing together GYA members to meet and forge long-lasting connections – was at the heart of activities throughout the week. The 2025 AGM and Conference again gave us the chance to showcase our projects and accomplishments, work together, and initiate new collaborations. The warm welcome and hospitality by co-organisers from the Indian National Young Academy of Science (IN-YAS), volunteers and leadership of the IIT Hyderabad, the state of Telangana, and the Indian Ministry of Education were extraordinary, and contributed to an overall well-rounded event.

During the International Conference days, speakers from across sectors and borders brought in diverse perspectives, which encouraged dialogue across generations on pressing current issues. Workshops provided space to address cross-cutting topics that affect our research environment and scientists' role in society. Several workshops were

organised in collaboration with other National Young Academies, and a new regional Young Academy network was launched. Watching Member Research Talks, we gained impressions of what our colleagues are working on at their home institutions, opening our minds to novel ideas and questions.

During General Assembly sessions, we applied our focus to the institutional work, holding in-person Committee meetings, and deploying design thinking to generate and filter ideas for fundraising. As part of this big “family” of young scientists, we take the responsibility seriously to ensure the sustainable future of the GYA for members to come. We are extremely grateful to the many individuals and organisations who made the 2025 AGM and Conference an inspiring event. As we look to the coming year, we are excited to work with GYA members, alumni and partners to empower collaborations, ultimately advancing the voices of young scientists around the world.



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## Confluence of Visionaries: Empowering Science for Global Change - 2025 GYA Annual General Meeting and International Conference of Young Scientists

Over 200 participants from 60 countries joined the GYA 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and International Conference of Young Scientists “Confluence of Visionaries: Empowering Science for Global Change” from 10-13 June in Hyderabad, India. Hosted at the India Institute for Technology, Hyderabad (IITH), the event brought together GYA members and alumni, members of the Indian National Young Academy of Science (IN-YAS), representatives from (National) Young Academies and GYA partner organisations from around the world, and stakeholders from science policy, government and industry.

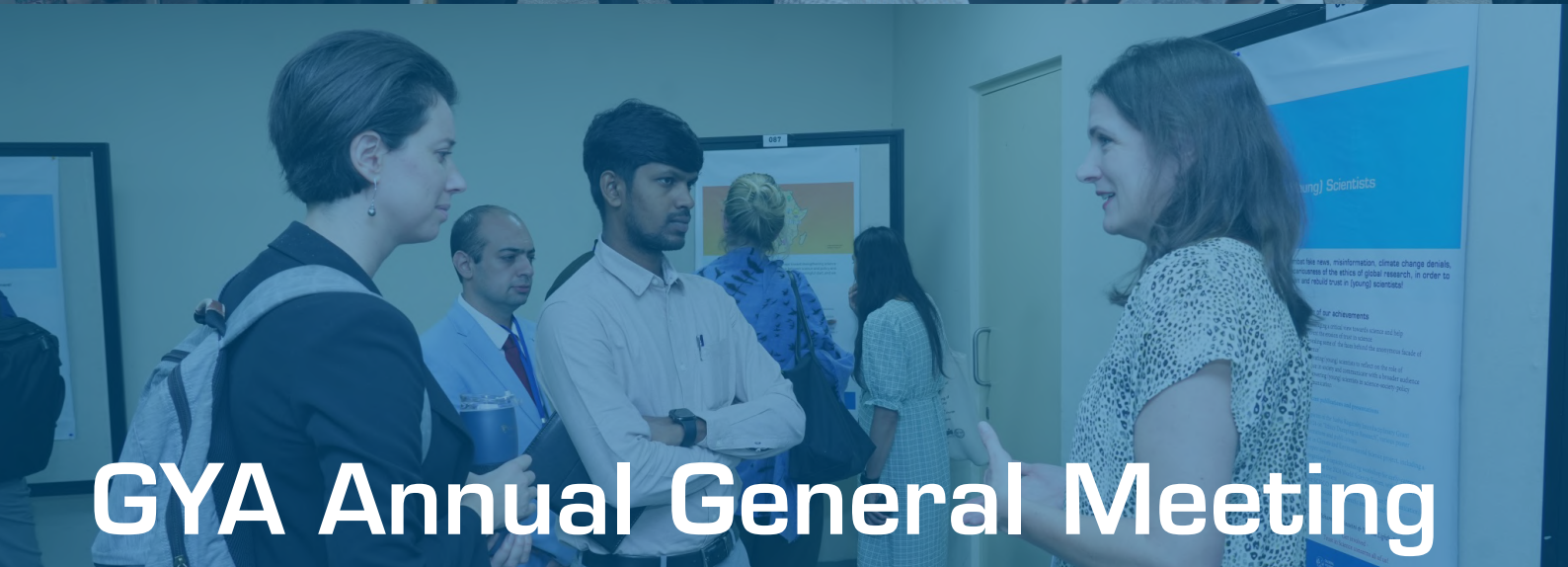
GYA AGMs and Conferences aim to advance the organisation’s mission of empowering young scientists globally by fostering interdisciplinary collab-

oration and capacity building. By facilitating truly global exchanges and building networks, the gathering empowers participants to address complex global challenges and drive science that is equitable and impactful. Each year, GYA AGMs take place in a different country, fostering a strong connection to and amplifying the voice of young scientists in the host country and region.

This report documents the many events within the event: the GYA’s General Assembly meetings, the International Conference panel discussions with esteemed speakers from science, policy and industry, capacity building workshops in collaboration with young academies and partners, and cultural highlights from the host country.

**Read the joint Conference Statement issued by GYA and INYAS here: [https://globalyoungacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Conference-statement\\_2025\\_GYA\\_INYAS.pdf](https://globalyoungacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Conference-statement_2025_GYA_INYAS.pdf)**





# GYA Annual General Meeting (AGM)







## New Member Inauguration and Executive Committee Elections

One of the key functions of annual in-person meetings is for GYA members to shape the future of their organisation in General Assembly meetings: discussing ongoing and current internal and external affairs, holding elections for the GYA's Executive Committee, and gathering other key committees to deliberate and activate new volunteers for the coming year.

Like many young academies, the GYA integrates new members annually. At the AGM and Conference Opening, GYA Co-Chairs [Chandra Shekhar Sharma](#) (IIT Hyderabad, India) and [Yensi Flores Bueso](#) (University College Cork, Ireland) presided over the official inauguration of [45 new GYA members](#), who began their five-year terms, while 40 outgoing members officially became alumni.

Following a Special General Meeting vote prior to the AGM, GYA members held elections for the 2025/26 Executive Committee (EC) online for the first time, integrating not only voters present at the AGM in India, but also registered voting members who were not able to travel. GYA members re-elected Co-Chair Yensi Flores Bueso, and elected sec-

ond Co-Chair [Sam Chan Siok Yee](#) (Universiti Sains Malaysia), as well as [9 additional EC members](#).

This year's General Assembly sessions, spread out over two days, were intense and engaging, focusing on activities restructuring, internal procedures reform (including membership selection), financial management, and fundraising. Outgoing EC members reported on their past year's work in the former fields, but also in visibility and impact, work with the world's national young academies and preparing the AGM. In the context of fundraising, GYA alumna [Anina Rich](#) (Macquarie University, Australia) applied creative problem solving methods to facilitate interactive sessions in which GYA members sought to identify, categorize and prioritize solutions for increased project funding in the mid-term.

The full AGM Minutes, documenting General Assembly reports and discussions, can be read on the GYA Intranet.







## Member Activities

The 2025 AGM marked the launch of four newly defined Strategic Themes for future GYA projects:

- Engaging in Foresight & Innovation
- Strengthening the Science and Research Ecosystem
- Bridging Science and Society: Trust, Diplomacy, and Expert Guidance
- Empowering Early- to Mid-Career Researchers

At the annual Activities Fair, the new themes were introduced, and GYA members showcased their working group projects and collaborations from the past year. Posters were on display from all GYA working groups, incubators, projects, and committees, as well as on collaboration with the world's young academics. A highlight of this year's session was a visit to the Fair by Union Minister of Educa-

tion, Government of India, Dharmendra Pradhan.

Exemplary outputs of the 2024-25 GYA year include, [publications resulting from Women in Science leadership workshops](#), [Biodiversity posters](#) for science communication, [an article in Nature by the GYA Scientific Excellence Working Group](#), videos from [an Antimicrobial Stewardship project](#), exploring research assessment criteria globally, a regional declaration – [the Leticia Declaration](#) – articulating takeaways from the Latin American and Caribbean Science Leadership Programme, and the publication of the full [Global State of Young Scientists \(GloSYS\) Africa](#) report.

Finally, the GYA celebrated its 15-year anniversary at this AGM! The anniversary was commemorated with an organised morning 5K/3K run around the IITH campus, and with a celebratory cake-cutting on the last AGM day.







# International Conference of Young Scientists - Confluence of Visionaries







## Conference Opening

The 2025 Conference topic – “Confluence of Visionaries: Empowering Science for Global Change” aligns with the many facets of the city of Hyderabad, which is a dynamic academic, IT, and pharmaceutical hub. Panel topics were designed to empower young scientists to address pressing global challenges, such as climate change, public health, technology advancement, and sustainable development.

In this spirit, a ceremonial tree planting – which launched a larger tree planting campaign at the IIT Hyderabad – opened the week-long meeting. Leadership from the GYA joined leadership from the IITH, INSA, INYAS, and the Indian government, literally digging in: planting the first 20 of 1000 saplings. A warm welcome followed in the Opening Ceremony, with words of encouragement and inspiration for young scientists from [BS Murty](#), Director of IITH, [BVR Mohan Reddy](#), Chairman of the Board of Governors of IITH, [Ashutosh Sharma](#), President of INSA, and Chief Guest [Dharmendra](#)

[Pradhan](#), Union Minister of Education, Government of India. Dharmendra Pradhan emphasised to the global audience that India promotes science that is empathetic, ethical, and equitable.

The Opening Ceremony was further enriched by a [message to the GYA from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres](#), read to participants by GYA Co-Chairs [Chandra Shekhar Sharma](#) (IIT Hyderabad, India) and [Yensi Flores Bueso](#) (University College Cork, Ireland), encouraging early-career researchers at the Conference to collaborate, and advance the Sustainable Development Goals. Chair of INYAS, [Nishant Chakravorty](#) (IIT Kharagpur, India), welcomed all guests on behalf of INYAS, and [Mudrika Khandelwal](#) (IIT Hyderabad, India) moderated as master of ceremony.

You can watch the a recording of the Opening Ceremony here: [Opening Ceremony - GYA 2025 Annual General Meeting and International Conference of Young Scientists](#)





## Panel 1 - Innovation & Entrepreneurship: Global Landscape

Reporting by [Thashree Marimuthu](#) (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa) and [Reem Abou Assi](#) (Al-Qabas College, Iraq)

This panel, moderated by GYA member [Francesco Maurelli](#) (Constructor University, Germany), opened with an inspiring keynote talk by [Subi Chaturvedi](#) (Global SVP, InMobi). She highlighted ongoing efforts to close the gender gap in innovation and entrepreneurship. We need to bridge opportunity gaps by linking rural and urban communities, thus empowering future leaders of diverse backgrounds to tackle real-world issues. She emphasised the power of storytelling for capacity development: when innovators share their journeys openly, especially their failures, they empower others to learn and grow. This is particularly significant in countries like India, where storytelling is seen as a tool for collective learning.

Speaking to how to foster innovation from a policy-maker perspective, [Jayesh Ranjan](#) (Special Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana) pointed out the practical role that government institutions and policy frameworks play. Startups are not only small business, but also the engines of future technologies. While private enterprises lead innovation, the role of government is to walk “hand in hand” with these innovators, as partners and enablers, balancing regulation with flexibility.

A powerful narrative linking culture, resilience and entrepreneurship was presented by [Nohad Al Omari](#) (former Dean at Mosul University) who shared

the story of “My Mam Kitchen”, a social startup that delivers traditional Iraqi cuisine cooked by women who are students and war survivors. This initiative demonstrates that innovation doesn’t always require large capital—just a clear purpose and a connection to local needs. Entrepreneurs in developing countries should look inward and transform cultural strongholds into services, creating employment and exporting culture as a diplomatic asset.

GYA member [Eric Komolo](#) (Egerton University, Kenya), spoke on the role of higher education in supporting innovation. He drew on his experience with initiatives like International Volunteer HQ and Maklweta.org (“Please Hold My Hands”). Two complementary approaches were discussed: localizing educational objectives and promoting international collaborations.

[Arnab Dutta](#) (IIT Bombay, INYAS member), reflected on shifting mindsets around entrepreneurship. Cultural acceptance of startups has grown, and more young people are embracing the startup path from a desire to create meaningful change; yet barriers like bureaucracy persist. Dutta praised reforms simplifying startup compliance and emphasized collaborative ecosystems where founders co-create solutions.

You can watch the panel recording here: [Plenary Panel -1 : Innovation and Entrepreneurship : Global Landscape](#)





## Panel 2- Building Awareness on Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) in a Global Context

This panel explored how evidence-based environmental, social and governance principles can be successfully integrated into enterprise and public policy, and the role research can play. GYA member [Keith Phiri](#) (National University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe) moderated the panel.

[Smita Pandey Mishra](#) (Fandoro Technologies, India) spoke about ESG in a global context, noting the different regional drivers motivating companies to consider their environmental footprint, social accountability and transparency in governance. While regulations are a strong driver in Europe, for example, US developments are more commonly investor-driven, and growth is a stronger factor in Asia. To implement ESG frameworks on a global scale, capital needs to be leveraged and aligned with these goals, for example through green bonds, blended finance and impact investing.

From a research perspective, [Luisa Diele-Viegas](#) (Federal University of Bahia, Brazil) focused on the diversity of solutions available to tackle climate challenges and the need for environmental science to incorporate local and traditional knowl-

edge into research. She advocated for more communication between academics and local communities to bridge knowledge gaps and make change happen.

[Balaji Kaliappan](#) (Carrier, India) discussed the building sector as one of the major factors in emissions worldwide, from production to heating and cooling. Carrier develops products to reduce this environmental impact, at the same time working on its long-term sustainable approach as a company, aiming to achieve NetZero by 2050.

Finally, INYAS member [Shweta Yadav](#) (Central University of Jammu, India) introduced the example of the National Clean Air Programme in India, as an effective way of bringing together policy and science to tackle a complex problem. The cross-sector network that was formed has fostered active and productive connections to identify problems and find solutions for clean air goals.

In further discussion with the audience, panellists addressed the importance of local perspectives, and finding region-specific collaboration.

**You can watch the panel recording here: [Plenary Panel-2: Building Awareness on Environment, Social and Governance \(ESG\) in a Global Context](#)**



## Panel 3 – Industry 5.0: Augmenting Human-Machine Interface

Reporting by [Reem Abou Assi](#) (Al-Qabas College, Iraq) and [Wilson Alavia Medina](#) (Disruptive Sustainable Technologies for Positive Change, Chile)

The global shift to Industry 5.0 needs to continue to recognize human-centric design and application of technologies: This was a common thread in this panel discussion. Moderated by [Nishad Fathima Nishtar](#) (CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute, India; INYAS Member), panellists presented from their different national and disciplinary contexts, demonstrating how Industry 5.0 can improve lives and processes when it integrates technology with human values and local needs.

[Rishemjit Kaur](#) (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research; INYAS Member) highlighted Industry 5.0's focus on human-machine collaboration, and called for prioritizing ethical governance, and inclusive growth over mere efficiency. Industry 5.0 is not solely about doing things faster or cheaper, but about doing them smarter and more meaningfully. An example from India showed that by leveraging AI in agriculture, local communities are receiving region-specific food recommendations that promote sustainability and cultural relevance.

[Emilija Stojmenova Duh](#) (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, GYA member), encouraged ECRs to play a role in shaping Industry 5.0, by engaging in policy dialogues and grassroots collaborations. She emphasised the need for culturally and locally adapted technology, such as AI tools in local languages,

involving community leaders in design processes. The global digital divide remains a critical barrier, with 2.6 billion people still lacking internet access worldwide.

[Suresh Bhagavatula](#) (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore) discussed entrepreneurship as a tool for empowerment, particularly in rural areas. Education institutions can play a key role: he shared the success of a free online entrepreneurship course that attracted over 9,000 participants, fostering innovation in areas like sustainable fashion and health tech. Collaborative entrepreneurship, where startups co-create solutions and share knowledge, was presented as essential for building resilient ecosystems in a post-pandemic world. Finally, a recorded message provided by [Gabriela Ramos](#), Former Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences at UNESCO / Candidate for UNESCO Director-General, underscored the need to use AI responsibly. She highlighted UNESCO's 2021 ethical AI framework and initiatives like Kenya's AI hubs and the Dominican Republic's focus on women in STEM, and encouraged young scientists to contribute to shrinking the digital divide using AI to enhance human potential, not replace it.

You can watch the panel recording here: [Plenary Panel-3: Industry 5.0 Augmenting Human-Machine Interface](#)





## Panel 4 – Health and Nutrition for Global Wellness

Reporting by [João Borges](#) (University of Aveiro, Portugal)

This panel discussion brought together experts from healthcare, nutrition science, policy, and food sectors to explore how health and nutrition intersect to promote global wellness. It addressed urgent public health challenges and how health sciences can more effectively communicate and build trust with societies and with policymakers. Moderator and GYA member [Natisha Dukhi](#) (Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa) led speakers through a conversation and discussion with the audience around public awareness and health education, and research-policy collaborations.

Contributing speakers [Luz Milbeth Cumba Garcia](#) (SciPolicy Global Strategies LLC, United States), [Debashish Mitra](#) (Vice President, INSA), [Sanjay Behari](#) (Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, India), [Rémi Quirion](#) (President, International Network for Government Science Advice, INGSA) and INYAS member [Rakesh Kumar Pilonia](#) (Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, India) provided valuable insights from their experience in research, science communication and science policy advice. In a world where many nations face the “double

burden” of malnutrition, where undernutrition coexists with rising obesity, addressing this challenge means addressing multiple factors beyond only healthy nutrition. When it comes to nutrition, panellists urged action on the part of food industries and consumers to make sustainable dietary changes. Education and awareness were identified as key to changing behaviours. Panellists called for health literacy campaigns, and early-career scientists engaging with communities. The concept of “One Health” was highlighted to work towards integrated solutions involving different sectors.

The discussion with the audience addressed the gap between policymakers, practice and research related to health, and how early-career researchers can become more involved in science advice structures. As local trust is needed, science communication must be tailored to the needs of the audience, in their local language. When scientists reach out to the public or policymakers, there is a need to be consistent, and build solid relationships based on trust. Conference participants were encouraged to look for training programmes, e.g. internationally or regionally by INGSA, or through their (National) Young Academy or national Academy of Sciences.

You can watch the panel recording here: [Plenary Panel-4: Health and Nutrition for Global Wellness](#)





## Conference Highlights

Several highlights of the week should not go unmentioned, including GYA Research Talks. These short 3-minute talks give concise insights into the wide range of research interests of GYA members and alumni – from intellectual property to solar heat, to marine biodiversity – providing speakers with the opportunity to practice communicating about their research to a widely interdisciplinary audience, and sparking curiosity and cross-disciplinary connections among listeners. View over 40 [Research Talks abstracts](#) here.

Throughout the week, alongside talks, panel discussions and working meetings, informal networking took place during meals and cultural events. The friendships and constructive working relationships that are forged during AGMs form the basis

of continued long-distance collaboration over the coming years. Cultural highlights made space for this important aspect of the meeting, at the same time showing participants a glimpse of Hyderabad's history, and Indian culture.

An afternoon excursion to Golconda Fort took participants back over 1000 years of history, followed by a sophisticated dinner reception hosted by the government of Telangana at the Chowmahalla palace in Hyderabad's historic city centre. Finally, participants experienced a vibrant, immersive Cultural Evening of Indian classical dance and performance arts. Further activities emphasised the importance of both mental and physical wellness: in addition to the 5K/3K morning run, morning Yoga and Zumba sessions were organised.

**You can view many more pictures from the week's events on the GYA Flickr Page here:**  
[GYA AGM and International Conference of Young Scientists 2025 | Flickr](#)







# GYA Workshops







## Science Leadership Workshop for New Members

At the 2025 AGM, **over 35 newly selected GYA members** took part in a Science Leadership Workshop, practicing effective and creative problem solving and collaborative leadership tools.

This annual workshop creates space for incoming GYA members to network and to reflect 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 intense workshop, they explore how to make the best use of diverse teams, and practice using creative processes to find well-rounded solutions.

Pre-AGM science leadership workshops have been offered as a training opportunity for new members since the GYA's 2018 AGM, expertly facilitated by

InclusiveInnovation and funded by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. The 2025 workshop was facilitated by [Anina Rich](#) (GYA alumna, Macquarie University, Australia), Vincent Virat (Inclusive Innovation) and Tee Keng Kok (Xiamen University Malaysia). The workshop was supported by GYA member mentors [Nesrin Alrefaai](#) (London School of Economics and Political Science, UK), [Luisa Maria Diele Viegas](#) (Federal University of Bahia, Brazil), and [Justine Germe Nzweundji](#) (Institute of Medical Research and Medicinal Plants Studies, Cameroon) and GYA alumna [Shabana Kahn](#) (School of Planning and Architecture, India).

**Read more here about the [GYA science leadership model](#).**

## Reflections from participants

*I learned about strategies for teamwork, setting priorities, problem solving and decision making.*

– [Elena Kuzmin](#), Concordia University, Canada



*One of the key insights I gained from the workshop is that leadership in science is not about hierarchy, but about influence, empathy, and collective vision. I learned the importance of leading from where you are and empowering others through inclusive collaboration.*

– [Kossi Brice Boris Legba](#), University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin





## Bridging Borders: The Future of Science Diplomacy

Reporting by [Aram Simonyan](#) (American University of Armenia) and [Veda Krishnan](#) (Indian Agricultural Research Institute)

This dynamic workshop took the form of a panel discussion, co-designed by the UK Young Academy and INYAS. Speakers explored how science diplomacy addresses global crises, and the role that young scientists can play in fostering science diplomacy. [Chandra Sharma](#) welcomed participants and highlighted the urgency of embedding young scientists in global dialogues. [Sandeep Sandhu](#) (UK Young Academy) and [Veda Krishnan](#) (GYA & INYAS) moderated the conversation, which featured [Kana Asano](#) (Japan Science & Technology Agency), [B. Chagun Basha](#) (Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India), [Suryesh Namdeo](#) (DST-Centre for Policy Research, IISc Bengaluru/INYAS), [Hiba Baroud](#) (Vanderbilt University, USA/GYA), [Justine Geromo](#) Nzweundji (Cameroon/GYA), and Sushmitha Ramoji (British High Commission, New Delhi).

At the focus of discussion were three pillars of science diplomacy: 1. Diplomacy for science: Facilitating international collaboration; 2. Science for diplomacy: Building goodwill between nations, and 3. Science in diplomacy: Integrating science into policymaking. The discussion began with definitions of science diplomacy in the current global context. B. Chagun Basha emphasized the need to balance “cooperation with competition” amidst geopolitical and technological shifts, while Hiba Baroud underlined the value of bottom-up collaboration among scientists that often bypasses political barriers. Justine Nzweundji called for inclusivity

through recognition of diverse knowledge systems and greater involvement of civil society and under-represented voices.

Early-career engagement also emerged as a key theme. Panellists acknowledged that young researchers face challenges such as lack of institutional support. Suggested solutions included creating structured fellowships in science policy and diplomacy, incorporating such work into academic assessment, and offering training and exchange opportunities through academies and embassies. Kana Asano highlighted Japan’s initiative of embedding researchers within ministries to gain first-hand policy experience.

Speakers reflected on the challenge of maintaining academic freedom in balance with national interests. While diplomacy can at times constrain scientific exchange, science diplomacy was recognised as a trusted bridge even during geopolitical conflicts.

In the final segment, the panel addressed science diplomacy in the age of disruption. Emerging technologies like AI, quantum computing and semiconductors, as well as climate emergencies and misinformation, were seen as pressing areas requiring agile, ethical, and trust-based frameworks. Sushmitha Ramoji cited India–UK collaborations on climate innovation and telecom networks as examples of actionable partnerships.



## Early & Mid-Career Researchers: Towards an Inclusive Research Assessment System

Reporting by [Éva Dékány](#) (Hungarian Research Centre for Linguistics, Hungary)

This workshop was co-organised by the GYA and the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment ([CoARA](#)), with support from GYA member [Éva Dékány](#), [Maria Ronald](#) (Project Manager CoARA, ALLEA) and [Carina Geldhauser](#) (ETH Zurich; GYA member).

The workshop brought together local and international experts to discuss the future of research assessment, with special attention to early and mid-career researchers. The session focused on how academic stakeholders can work towards qualitative assessment practices, what challenges exist, and how to address these in ways that are inclusive of science ecosystems around the world. [Éva Dékány](#) gave opening remarks, and GYA Co-Chair [Yensi Flores Bueso](#) (University College Cork, Ireland) moderated the panel of distinguished speakers: [Luciana Balboa](#) (CoARA steering board, GYA member), [Vanessa McBride](#) (Science Director, International Science Council), [Ashutosh Sharma](#) (President, Indian National Science Academy), and [Neville Compton](#) (Wiley).

An important discussion unfolded about how to make evaluations more inclusive and how best to measure the quality of scientific excellence. Pan-

ellists urged that research careers should also be credited for service work, economic impact, social engagement and societal benefit. One example presented from India was a Scientific Social Responsibility scheme, which candidates can indicate in their CVs. Context can also be extremely relevant to researchers' output (e.g. working conditions are different for scientists in the Global South, scientists with care duties at home), making a narrative component in research assessment necessary.

On the question of current means of quantitative assessment, there was general agreement that these metrics should not entirely be eliminated. Quantitative metrics, used reasonably, can help assessment procedures to be more objective, rather than relying on personal networks. At the same time, researchers should be incentivized to communicate about the research itself, rather than primarily about the journals in which they have published. Finally, reviewers need to be trained for new forms of evaluation, and assessment committees need to be diverse from the outset, to mitigate potential prejudices.





## Meeting of Young Academies from the Asia-Pacific region leads to establishment of the “Network of Asia-Pacific Young Academies” (NAYA)

Following the GYA AGM and Conference, a constitutive meeting of the Network of Asia-Pacific Young Academies (NAYA) took place in Hyderabad, India, also incorporating online participants. 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.

A key outcome was the [Hyderabad Declaration on the Launch of the Network of Asia-Pacific Young Academies \(NAYA\)](#) – a statement that marks the formation of this regional platform and its aim to connect, strengthen, and mentor early- and mid-career researchers in the Asia-Pacific region. This new regional network of young academies will be joined by the National Young Academy of Nepal (NAYAN), Young Scientist Network (YSN-ASM) Ma-

laysia, Vietnam Young Academy, Sri Lankan Academy of Young Scientists (SLAYS), Royal Society of New Zealand ECR Forum, The Hong Kong Young Academy of Sciences, Thai Young Scientists Academy (TYSA), Young Academy of Japan, Australian EMCR Forum, World Association of Young Scientists (WAYS) China, and the Global Young Academy (GYA).

The initial structure for the network was discussed: it will comprise the Governing Body (currently including the young academies from India, Indonesia, and Australia) and a Steering Committee, which will be composed of one representative per young academy.

These plans for closer collaboration among the region's young academies fit very well with endeavours by [young academies in other world regions](#) to connect and learn from one another.

## Cooperating and Funding Partners

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## About the Global Young Academy

The vision of the GYA is science for all; science for the future, and its mission is to give a voice to young scientists and researchers around the world. The GYA, founded in 2010, is an independent science academy of 200 outstanding early- to mid-career researchers from six continents who are selected from across disciplines based on their academic excellence and commitment to engage with society. GYA members serve five-year terms, and the GYA counts members and alumni from more than 100 countries. The GYA administrative Office is hosted at the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. The wide array of GYA activities are supported by a range of international public and private funders. This publication was made possible with the help of GYA's core funding from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the German State of Saxony-Anhalt.

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