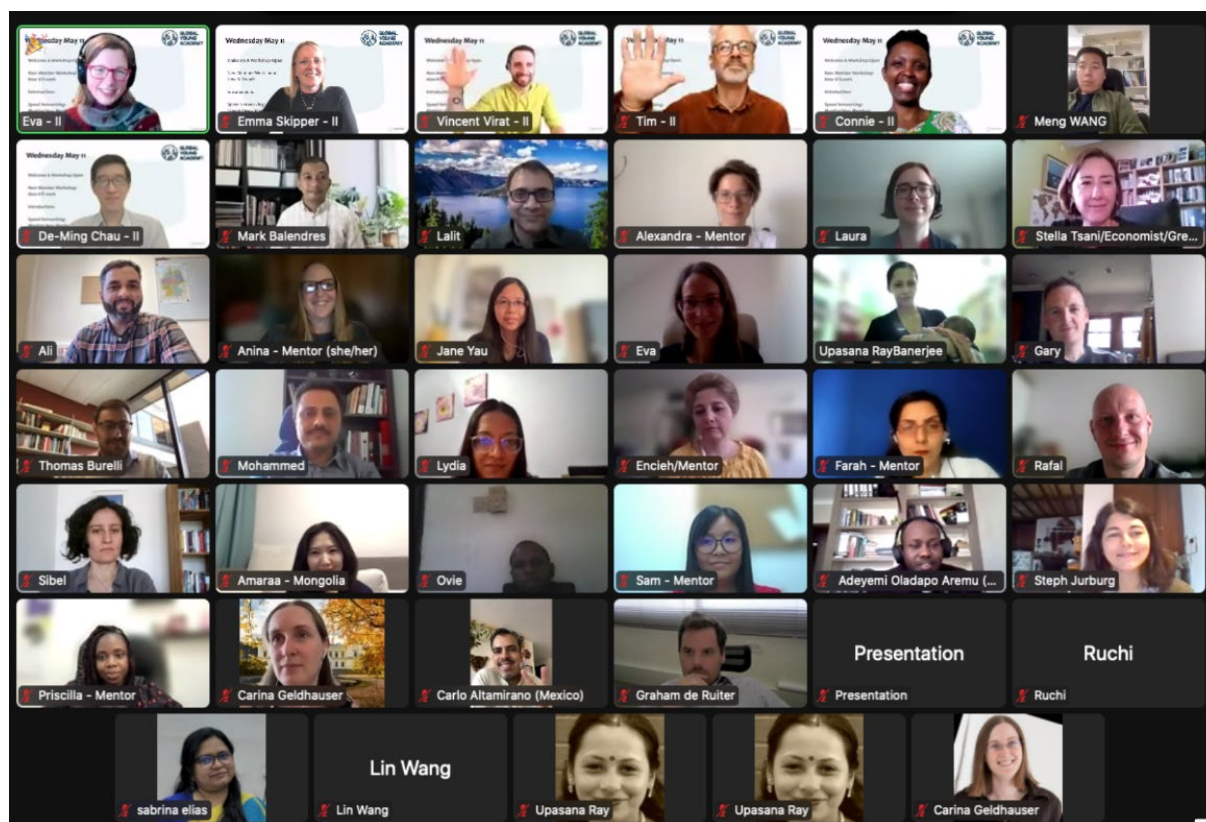


Science Leadership Workshop for GYA members



Before the GYA 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) online, **31 participants – mainly newly selected GYA members** – met online for a **Science Leadership Workshop** in May. Throughout the sessions, seasoned GYA members and alumni (see below) joined as mentors. The workshop was designed to give participants space to reflect together on how to be leaders in diverse contexts: in their research contexts, in the institutions and communities where they live and work, and in the GYA. During the workshop, participants discussed a variety of leadership related topics. Examples include effective and creative problem solving, collective leadership models, personality differences in teams and cultural dexterity.

Pre-AGM science leadership workshops have been held as a training opportunity for new members since the GYA's 2018 AGM, expertly facilitated by [InclusiveInnovation](#); this year was the third online workshop.

Reflections from participants

“Regarding certain attitudes or ways of doing things, I have always thought that there is one and only one correct way of doing it, and that is my way. Foresight and cultural dexterity were extremely helpful to revise that way of thinking and see differences within a group as strength. I also loved the “now what” – simply asking this question and reflecting on it helps the experience to sink in and turn into action.”

– [Éva Dékány](#) (Hungarian Research Centre for Linguistics / Eötvös University, Hungary)

“Biggest takeaway: I know exactly where I stand and in which area in need to improve myself so as to become an effective leader.”

– [Lydia Rhyman](#) (University of Mauritius)

“The workshop has strengthened my belief in the importance of cross-disciplinary collaborations in addressing complex contemporary challenges and introduced me to the concept of “collective leadership” to pursue these objectives!”

– [Jovana Milic](#) (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)

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