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Global Young Academy welcomes new members from 28 countries around the world

Under the leadership of [Leila Niamir](#) (Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change, Germany) the 69-member Selection Committee of the Global Young Academy has finalised the selection of 31 new members to join the GYA in June 2021 for a tenure of five years.

Each application was evaluated by at least three Selection Committee members in two successive rounds of reviews, and were scored, first and foremost, based on the excellence of their scientific research, but also on their demonstrated societal engagement.

The GYA new member cohort includes representatives from 28 individual countries, from all GYA general disciplines, and includes 19 females and 12 males.

With regard to gender balance, we are proud to announce that with the new cohort, starting in June 2021 the gender ratio will be 101 female/98 male/1 non- binary. This marks a first for the GYA.

In addition to helping the GYA meet its gender parity benchmarks, our new member cohort has increased GYA international representation by 9 countries. The newly-added countries are Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Kuwait, Slovenia, and Ukraine.

Among other activities, the GYA acts as a facilitator and (virtual) convenor for the growing global network of [National Young Academies](#). We are therefore delighted to see that a number of our new GYA members are also members of – or in leadership positions in – their country's NYA.

Additionally, we are pleased to welcome a number of Young Affiliates of [The World Academy of Science](#) (TWAS) among our 2021 membership intake.

Please join us in extending a very warm welcome to the following new members:

Alexandra Dmitrieva, Ukraine
Bashayer Al Majed, Kuwait
Carolina Andrade, Brazil
Chibuike Udenigwe, Canada
Cristian Ripoli, Italy
Emilija Stojmenova Duh, Slovenia
Encieh Erfani, Iran
Farah Ouechtati, Tunisia
Ho Cheung Anderson Shum, Hong Kong
Ibraheem Alhijry, Egypt
Jelena Vladic, Serbia
Jia Chen, Germany
Karishma Kaushik, India
Kathryn Crowe, Iceland
Luciana Balboa, Argentina
Manuel Fernandez-Gotz, United Kingdom
Mareli Claassens, Namibia
Mirjam Brusius, United Kingdom
Mohammed Mostajo-Radji, Bolivia
Nadia De Leon, Panama
Neil Guerrero - Gonzalez, Colombia
Nkatha Kabira, Kenya
Po-Yen Chen, Singapore
Priscilla Mante, Ghana
Rustem Ertug Altinay, Turkey
Shymaa Enany, Egypt
Siok Yee Chan, Malaysia
Thomas Tagoe, Ghana
Victor Vilarrasa, Spain
Yensi Flores Bueso, Ireland
Yuguang Li, United States

The new member cohort officially begins their five-year term during the Annual General Meeting and International Conference of Young Scientists, which this year will be held online from 1–4 June. The conference programme, panel and speaker information can be found here: [Annual International Conference of Young Scientists](#).



The Global Young Academy gives a voice to young scientists around the world
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 presently counts members and alumni from 86 countries. The GYA administrative Office is publicly funded and 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.