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The Fourth Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies (WWMYA) - A sustainable platform and wonderful opportunities for knowledge and experience exchange and future collaborations offering to international young academies, scholars and scientists to solve the global issues together.

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60 representatives from more than 30 young academies and academy initiatives from all over the globe are meeting for the Fourth Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies this week at Duy Tan University in Da Nang, Vietnam.

The Fourth Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies (WWMYA) which under the theme “**Young Academies for Promoting Peaceful and Inclusive Societies**” takes place from 31 July - 2 August 2019, and is hosted by the Vietnam Young Academy (VYA), <http://vietnamyoungacademy.org/> and co-organised by the Global Young Academy (GYA) in Duy Tan University, Da Nang, Vietnam has been organized successfully with over 60 delegates from NYAs and academy initiatives as well as GYA representatives, guest speakers from relevant science networks and international organizations (e.g. the InterAcademy Partnership (IPA), the International Science Council Special Envoy for Science in Global Policy and the Office of Naval Research Global), and senior academy representatives such the Science Council of Japan (Prof. Miyoko Watanabe, the Vice President of Science Council of Japan), the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina (Academician Jochen Feldman of Germany Academy), and the National Health Research Council of Nepal (Prof. Anjani Kumar Jha), the South Korean Academy of Science and Technology (Prof. Jung Han Yoon, Prof. Tae-Lim Choi and Prof. Soo Young Kim), and the Thai Academy of Science and Technology Foundation (Dr. Anchalee Manonukul).

Flavia Schlegel, the Special Envoy for Science in Global Policy at the International Science Council (ISC), will open the meeting with a keynote on the role of young academies in providing science advice as intermediaries between the research community and policy-makers nationally and globally.

This will set the tone for the following discussions on how young academies can better engage in the implementation and development of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Discussions will build on the 2017 [young academies statement on the UN SDGs](#) and will also draw on the InterAcademy Partnership’s recent report on [Improving Scientific Input to Global Policymaking](#), which lists specific recommendations for action by young academies.

Meeting participants will also exchange best practices on science advice, outreach and communication, as well as discuss internal matters, e.g. membership selection criteria and procedures, fundraising strategies, engaging with diaspora young scientists, and how to deal with declining levels of academic freedom and trust in science. Existing activities for at-risk and refugee scholars will also be highlighted, likely resulting in additional collaborations.

In doing so, the meeting will carry forward the outcomes from the three previous WWMYA's meetings in the Netherlands (2012), Sweden (2015) and South Africa in particular (2017).

The Programme Organising Committee for the meeting included representatives from the VYA, the GYA and the following 11 young academies around the world: Cameroon Academy of Young Scientists, Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists, Indian National Young Academy of Science, Young Academy of Japan, Dutch Young Academy, Nigerian Young Academy, Sri Lanka Academy of Young Scientists, Thai Young Scientists Academy; as well as the young academy initiatives from Bangladesh, Hungary and Nepal, therefore the meeting agenda reflects the global nature of these meetings.

Conjunction with the meeting, VYA in a collaboration with Duy Tan University also organizes the Nanomaterials for Healthcare (NMH) Conference on 28th to 31st July 2019 at Duy Tan University (<http://vietnamyoungacademy.org/wwmya2019.html>) with the chair of the conference Professor Nguyen T. K. Thanh (Founder and Chair of the Advisory Board of Vietnam Young Academy) from University College London, with 20 invited world leading speakers from the around the world.

The Fourth WWMYA and the NMH Conference have been supported by the following partners: Duy Tan University, Da Nang, Vietnam; German Federal Ministry of Education & Research (BMBF); National Foundation for Science and Technology Development (NAFOSTED), Vietnam; The State Committee for Overseas Vietnamese; Business Association of Overseas Vietnamese; Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training (MOET); Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA); Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City; Korea-Vietnam Friendship Information Technology College; National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), Thailand; InterAcademy Partnership (IAP for Policy); Dutch Young Academy, University of St Andrews (UK) and Africa Oxford Initiative (UK).

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About the Vietnam Young Academy

The Vietnam Young Academy (VYA) was founded in November 2014 by Professor Nguyen T.K.Thanh - University College London. It aims to promote science and technology, education and improve science policy, and research environment in Vietnam by providing a platform for discussions on topics of national and global importance; and to maintain active links with Vietnamese scientists and international science organisations, become a platform of knowledge exchange between Vietnam-based scholars and Vietnamese scholars working globally. Through its website: <http://vietnamyoungacademy.org/>; VYA maintains active links with Vietnamese and international science organisations, become a platform of knowledge exchange between Vietnam-based academics and Vietnamese academics working globally.

About the Global Young Academy

The Global Young Academy (GYA) was founded in 2010 with the vision to give a voice to early- to mid-career researchers around the world. The GYA empowers them to lead international, interdisciplinary, and intergenerational dialogue by developing and mobilising talent from six continents. Its purpose is to promote reason and inclusiveness in global decision-making. Members are chosen for their demonstrated excellence in scientific achievement and commitment to service. Currently, there are 200 members and 258 alumni from more than 80 countries. The academy is hosted at the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. The GYA received its seed funding from the Volkswagen Foundation, and since 2014, it has been funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and supported by the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP). The GYA also benefits from project-specific funding from a variety of donors and partners.

About the Young Academies network

National Young Academies (NYA) are academies typically formed by young scientists and scholars at the beginning of their independent careers who have been selected for the excellence of their research impact and commitment to service. NYAs work as the voice of young scientists for the advancement of issues of importance to society and to young scientists.

The meetings comes at a dynamic time for the NYA network which continues to grow with ever more young academies being established all over the world and up to five new ones expected to start work this year: <https://globalyoungacademy.net/national-young-academies/>

For the GYA, one of its major aims is to support the establishment and development of NYAs and similar bodies, to cooperate with them and provide opportunities for networking. Overall, 42 NYAs and more than 10 similar bodies now exist worldwide, many having been established with support from the GYA and its members.