



VIETNAM YOUNG ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Highlights

We look back at our main activities and look forward to key events within the last and next few months

Constitution of Vietnam Young Academy (VYA) and the story of VYA Logo are now available on our website. The activities of VYA will follow the constitution hereafter. On behalf of VYA, Prof. Nguyen TK Thanh would like to thank Dr. Nguyen Tue Anh, Dr. Tran Phu Duy and Advisory board member Associate Professor Martin Dominick and other members for their contribution to the establishment of the constitution.

VYA website, social networks are up and running. Our Facebook (VietnamYoungAcademy.org) and twitter ([VNYoungAcademy](https://twitter.com/VNYoungAcademy)) accounts are active and will be updated with newest news and information on scholarship and funding from around the world. Please send any relevant news for VYA to be posted to our email at: info@vietnamyoungacademy.org. Many thanks to Dr. Vuong Phan Tuan, Dr. Tran Quang Huy and Dr. Lam Ngoc Hanh in doing these important work.

Call for new membership applications. Expanding VYA is our current main goal. VYA has unique attributes of being a member of a worldwide network of national academies, and being embodied with diverse groups of active professional members working both in Vietnam and in developed countries, allowing a tight connection, support and knowledge exchange with all countries around the world. We plan on increasing the number of VYA members and broadening the scope of our activities. More information can be found on the VYA website.

PAST ACTIVITIES

Science Advice and interaction of Science and Policy making: Prof. Nguyen TK Thanh was invited to "Broadening the scope of science advice" workshop organised by the Global Young Academy, the International Network for Government Science Advice and the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, and 2nd INGSAs Conference on "Science and Policy Making: towards a new dialogue" in Belgium in September 2016. The workshops brought together experts to discuss practical strategies to enrich science advice and better inform policymaking both locally and globally.

VYA meeting was held on September 2016. Our advisor Prof. Nguyen TK Thanh and VYA members discussed the construction of the VYA Constitution and selected new members. We welcome our VYA newly joined members, including Dr. Truong Phuoc Nghia, Dr. Tran Dinh Phong, Dr. Phan Thanh Son Nam, Dr. Lam Ngoc Hanh, Dr. Le Minh Hoa, Dr. Nguyen Thu Hang and Dr. Nguyen Viet Long.

NATIF and NAFOSTED visited Vietnam Embassy in London on the 28th of Nov 2016. Ambassador Nguyen Van Thao received the NAFOSTED delegation (details below) and NATIF delegation composed of Mr. Phan Hong Son, Vice President of Fund Management Council, Nguyen Xuan Hoa, Executive Officer, Division of Project Funding; MOST delegation: Nguyen Thi Thu Hien, Deputy Director General; Ms. Le Thi Lan Officer, Department of Budget Administration, Ministry of Finance; British Embassy Hanoi: Phan Thi Lien Huong; Research and Innovation Programme Manager and presenting VYA: Prof. Nguyen TK Thanh.

NAFOSTED delegation visited at University College London. VYA advisory board member Prof. Nguyen TK Thanh received NAFOSTED delegation on 27th of October 2016 to discuss collaboration between UCL and Vietnamese scientists ranging from national to social sciences.



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From left to right: Tom Windle, Senior Partnership Manager (East and South East Asia), Vice-Provost (International) Global Engagement Office (GEO); Prof. Nikolaos Konstantinidis, Vice Dean International for MAPS (Mathematical & Physical Sciences Faculty); NAFOSTED's Board of Trustees: Mr. Nguyen Doan Thang; Ms. Nguyen Thi Huyen Trang, Planning and General Affairs Department, NAFOSTED; Prof. Nicholas A. Phelps, Vice-Provost

International (Southeast Asia); Prof. Nguyen TK Thanh, Founder of VYA; Vice Director of NAFOSTED's Executive Office: Mr. Pham Dinh Nguyen; Ms. Vu Cam Tu NAFOSTED; Prof. Ivan Parkin, Dean of MAPS; Senior Colonel Vo Van Thanh, Defense Attache, Embassy of Vietnam joining the meeting on behalf of the Ambassador Nguyễn Văn Thảo; Dr. Matt Davis, School of the Built Environment, Engineering and Mathematical and Physical Sciences (BEAMS) Research Facilitator, Office of the Vice-Provost for Research; Ms. Dao Thi Minh Nguyet, Officer from Department of Planning and General Affairs – Ministry of Science and Technology.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The 2nd Asian National Young Academy Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand on December 15-16 2016, Dr. Tran Quang Huy will present VYA.

The nomination for Chair of VYA and Operations Committee will be sent out shortly after the VYA election of members. Nomination will be accepted no later than two months prior to the AGM.

The Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies, co-organized by the Global Young Academy (GYA) and South African Young Academy of Science will be held in South Africa in 2017. We call for nomination, including self-nomination, of one representative of VYA to attend the event. We plan to apply for co-funding for the trip, but the applicants also need to apply for their own funding.

Annual Assembly of Global Young Academy will take place in May 2017 in Scotland. We call for nomination of one representative of VYA to attend the meeting. Self-nomination is allowed. We would like to apply for co-funding for the trip, but the applicants also need to apply for their own funding.

VYA Annual General Meeting. In the New Year 2017, after the election of new member, we plan to have an Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Skype. The time would be 4 pm GMT. The exact date is to be decided to allow members from the West Coast of USA to Vietnam to attend.

Conference plan. VYA hopes to organize the 3-day meeting in Vietnam in 2019. Day1: General Annual Meeting of VYA; Day 2: World Wide Meeting of National Young Academies; Day 3: a Scientific meeting on Bio-nano area organised by Prof. Nguyen TK Thanh, Dr Cao Cuong and Dr Tran Quang Huy. We also need to find funding to co-fund the attendants. All VYA community is kindly requested to help out with this very important activity.