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#### 1. VYA Activities

VYA monthly OC meeting was held on Feb 11, 2017. In the meeting, OC has discussed on VYA operation. The amended VYA constitution has been discussed and voted which is available shortly on VYA website.

### 2. New members and Friends

Dr. Le Hoang Sinh and Dr. Nguyen Quang Hung were admitted as new members of VYA. Dr. Minh Cuong Duong became VYA's friend. Congratulations and welcome the new members and friends.

# 3. VYA at Asian Young Academies Meeting



Photo 1: Prof Thanh presented VYA's mission at the Meeting



The theme of the meeting was: "Science and Society: Challenges and Prospects". Forty researchers from both the GYA and members of national young academies in the region participated. See here for more information: https://globalyoungacademy.net/meeting-of-asian-young-academies/



Photo 2. Asian Young Academies' representatives and Prof. Ada Yonath, the 2009 Chemistry Nobel Laureate, at the statue of Albert Einstein.

#### 4. VYA Announcements

#### 4.1 New member application

We are currently seeking high quality applicants for joining VYA. There are four application cycles each year. The application deadlines are on every January 31<sup>st</sup>, April 30th<sup>st</sup>, July 31<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for the next application round is on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018. The application form and guideline are available on our website.

## 4.2 International Conference of Young Scientists

The 8th GYA International Conference of Young Scientists will be held in Pattaya, Thailand, from 9-10 May 2018.

Further information, including a draft programme, will be continuously updated on the conference website. The registration deadline is March 31st 2018.



Highlights of the conference include multi-disciplinary panel discussions with international panelists on medical and individual, social and environmental aspects of the healthy aging, as well as a keynote talk by Nobel Prize Winner Prof Harald zur Hausen. At the conference, you experience the GYA in person, meet its members, and contribute to its activities. Another valued part of the program is to hear from GYA members in the Lightning Talks on 9 and 10 May.

#### Financial Information

Please understand that the limited funds available are for GYA members only. We therefore hope that you could fund your travel and accommodation from other sources.

#### Visa and International Travel

Generally, a foreign citizen who wishes to enter the Kingdom of Thailand is required to obtain a visa from a Royal Thai Embassy or a Royal Thai Consulate-General. Thai Embassies will be closed for a long public holiday in early April, therefore it is advisable to complete the visa application by the end of March. See the conference website for further details on visa requirements and exemptions.

#### Office Contacts

- Franziska Güntner and Geert Luteijn are your contacts for Visa invitation letters, registration and finances. info@globalyoungacademy.net
- Jennifer Plaul is your contact for any other questions: jennifer.plaul@globalyoungacademy.net

### 4.3 Call for Young Academies Photo Competition

The GYA Science + Art working group are pleased to launch a photography competition to bring together art and science. Entitled 'Visions and Images of Fascination', this competition is being led by the GYA in collaboration with: the German Young Academy; the Young Scientists Network, Academy of Sciences Malaysia; South African Young Academy of Science; Academy of Young Scholars of the Polish Academy of Sciences; Indian National Young Academy of Science.

The competition is now open and closes on <u>23 March 2018, 5pm UTC</u>. All entrants must be a member of a Young Academy or the GYA. Please see the attached flyer for more information and for guidance on file formats etc.

Entries must be submitted via this website <a href="https://globalyoungacademy.net/nyaphotocompetition/">https://globalyoungacademy.net/nyaphotocompetition/</a>.

Please also note the terms and conditions displayed there. Winners will be notified by email by end-April 2018.



## 5. Funding opportunities

- 5.1. Vietnam-UK Workshop on "Microfluidics, Nanomaterials, and Point-of-Care in Healthcare for developing countries"
  - Time: 27-29 June 2018
  - Location: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
  - Organizers: University of Sheffield, UK and International University-National University Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
  - Participants: early career researchers from the UK
  - Travel expenses funded
  - Deadline <u>online registration form</u> before 15<sup>st</sup> April 2018. Successful applications will be announced by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018.
  - Contact: Dr Cecile Perrault (c.perrault@sheffield.ac.uk)
  - Website: <a href="http://csc.hcmiu.edu.vn/bmeconf/bme2018/index.php?module=viewconten">http://csc.hcmiu.edu.vn/bmeconf/bme2018/index.php?module=viewconten</a> t&id=31
- 5.2. Southeast Asia Researcher Links workshop on "Data Analytics for Future Cities Research"
  - Time: 11-13 July 2018
  - Location: Danang, Vietnam
  - Organisers: Aston University, UK and VN-UK Institute for Research and Executive Education (VNUK), University of Danang, Vietnam
  - Participants: early career researchers from the UK and Southeast Asian countries
  - Travel and accommodation expenses are funded
  - Deadline <u>online registration form</u> before 15<sup>st</sup> April 2018. Successful applications will be announced by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018.
  - Contact: Dr He Yulan (<u>y.he9@aston.ac.uk</u>) and Dr Dang Duc Long (<u>long.dang@vnuk.edu.vn</u>)
  - Website: https://sites.google.com/view/da4futurecities/home

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