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Welcome to Ticker #3. We hope you are well underway with your AGM preparations and are excited to be travelling to the United States in May. In this issue we will look at the formats of this year's AGM and Conference, shed some light on the General Assembly and provide a checklist of all the things you should already have filled in or sent off.

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## THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

You can always find the full AGM & Conference programme [here](#).

If you need an overview of the public-facing "International Conference of Young Scientists" sessions only, then we suggest using this version instead: ["Transformative and Inclusive Science for a Sustainable Future" - 2024 Conference Programme](#).

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## 2024 Special Formats

### Excursions

There will be several organised excursion options on Tuesday afternoon, all nearby the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine building on the National Mall of Washington. We will send you more information on options, sign-

ups, and meeting points closer to the AGM

## **Lunchtime workshops**

These are new in 2024! We will have longer lunch breaks this year, which will thus include workshops, and allow for a more relaxed time together, where you can jointly work and enjoy a meal.

## **Activities Fair**

This is a well-loved format at the AGMs. Get together with the representatives of GYA working groups, Incubators, projects and committees to find out what they do, ask all the questions you may have and plan your own path within the GYA in the coming year.

## **Gala Dinner**

As with every year, there will be a special Gala Dinner where we celebrate together with partners, guests and the AGM host. Don't forget to pack something slightly fancier for this dinner, possibly from your own country's fashion culture.

## **Working Groups Meetings**

Blocks of 60-90 minutes or more are set aside for GYA Activities groups to meet, discuss and plan their year ahead. A schedule will be released in due time.

## **U.S. Partnerships Expo**

This Expo is a major networking opportunity that makes the most of the AGM location and connections of the National Academies. Around 50 representatives of science and technology, and science policy organisations from government, foundations, academia, the non-profit sector, education and science diplomacy

will have tables in an open networking space, followed by a joint reception.

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## PREPARE FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is the most important internal format of the GYA. During this time, GYA members (Alumni plus and alumni may also join) come together to discuss the development of the organisation, and, if needed, vote to implement changes or agree on new activities.

You may propose a topic for discussion in the General Assembly, which should pertain to governance, structure, and/or strategic priorities of the GYA. Please send your suggestions to [info@globalyoungacademy.net](mailto:info@globalyoungacademy.net) by 31 March 2024, providing the following information: name, topic to be discussed, rationale/problem statement, proposed updates/suggestions (if applicable).

After the deadline, the Executive Committee (EC) will be in touch with those who suggested topics to plan for the sessions including scheduling.

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## FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS - AGM 101

Read a bit more about what the GYA is and why it organises the Annual General Meeting.

[The 101: About the AGM, the GYA and you as a part of it.](#)

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## GYA CODE OF CONDUCT

A few norms and guidelines have been put together specifically for in-person AGMs. We kindly ask you to read this document carefully. Your participation in the event signals your agreement to these guidelines. [GYA Code of Conduct - Annual General Meeting and International Conference \(globalyoungacademy.net\)](#)

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## REMINDERS

## Run for Office in the Executive Committee 2024

The GYA is led by the EC, which is elected during the AGM.

Find out more about the current EC here: [GYA Governance](#).

With less than two months to go until the AGM, it is time for you to consider whether this is the year you run for Co-Chair or EC member. What will you bring to the GYA? The call for nominations will arrive in your inboxes soon.

## AGM Registration

If you have not registered yet, please do so now!

Registration is open until 31 March 2024.

Link here: [Member and Alumni](#)

[Registration for the Global Young Academy's 2024 Annual General Meeting and International Conference of Young Scientists \(corsizio.com\)](#).

Passcode: GYA2024AGM

## Workshop sign-ups

Do not miss the opportunity to join the AGM workshops. Sign-up is open and a prerequisite for participation: [AGM workshops](#).

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## THINGS TO DO IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

### The Smithsonian

The Smithsonian Institution is an independent federal trust with private support. Their vision is to enrich the lives of the American people and advance its mission for “the increase and diffusion of knowledge.”

This adds up to an impressive group of museums, all free of cost and located near the AGM venue. The Smithsonian also includes education and research centers, with a collection of 154 million objects. The Smithsonian is also involved in conserving biodiversity, cultural heritage, and other fields of science and art.

Read more here: <https://www.si.edu/>.



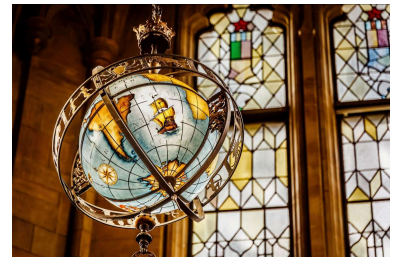
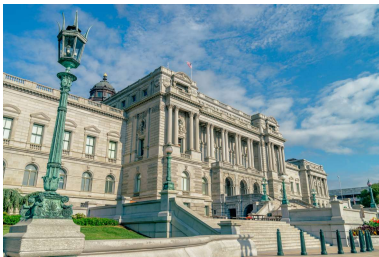
## The Library of Congress

The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, with millions of books, films and video, audio recordings, photographs, newspapers, maps and manuscripts in its collections. The Library is the main research arm of the U.S. Congress and the home of the U.S. Copyright Office.

Approximately half of the Library's book and serial collections are in languages other than English. The collections contain materials in some 470 languages.

You could consider visiting the Reader's Room and thus have a Reader Identification Card made for you as a souvenir: [Using the Reading Room in the Library of Congress](#).

More information is available here: [Library of Congress](#).



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With this, the third Ticker comes to a close. We hope you enjoyed it. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us should you have questions or suggestions at [info@globalyoungacademy.net](mailto:info@globalyoungacademy.net). We will be happy to hear from you.

Stay healthy and see you soon!  
The GYA Office.

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