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## Machine Intelligence for Society and for all Sciences

GYA Annual General Meeting and  
International Conference  
of Young Scientists

 Bremen, Germany

30 June - 3 July 2026



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## GYA 2026 AGM in Bremen

Welcome to the third GYA AGM Ticker of 2026. In this edition, we take a deeper look at this year's conference topic. Furthermore, there are details about AGM session formats, and some travel information for Bremen and the surrounding region. Stay tuned for more details as the AGM approaches!

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## Conference Sessions

The 2026 International Conference of Young Scientists convenes researchers, practitioners, and policymakers worldwide to examine how AI is reshaping science and society. Conference sessions are open to the public and encourage active engagement from the audience.

The **public sessions** will be available via livestream, allowing you to join in real time or watch recordings at your convenience; links will be shared in upcoming Tickers.

### Wednesday 1 July 2026 – Public Conference Day

- The **Conference Opening** features an Opening Speech by Robbert Dijkgraaf, president-elect of the International Science Council (ISC). (To find out more about his science policy position, read his recent opinion piece on [the fight to keep science global](#))
- Welcome speeches will be followed by a dynamic Opening Discussion Panel on “**Strengthening Global Research Collaboration for Science as a Global Public Good**” featuring representatives from the ISC, the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP), The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), the GYA and Young Academies.

- The first plenary panel on the Conference topic will address “**AI Governance for a Shared Future: Science, Policy, and Global Equity**”, examining facets of responsible AI governance in research across world regions and disciplines.
- The next plenary panel and discussion will focus on “**Accelerating Discovery: AI's Transformative Role in Natural Sciences and Engineering**”, addressing how AI is reshaping the scientific method – for example in climate science, medicine, and advanced materials.
- **Research Talks** - 3-minute engaging talks by GYA members on one of their own research topics are a core part of the conference, facilitating exchange and networking – many of this year's Talks focus on **AI in specific research areas**: Look out for the Book of Abstracts in the next Ticker!
- To end the first Conference Day, Prof. Dr. Betting Rockenbach, President of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina will give a Welcome Speech at the **Gala Dinner**, taking place at a lovely local restaurant and events location “Krähhholm”.

## Thursday 2 July 2026 – Public Conference Day

- The second public Conference day begins with a public dialogue on the **changing landscape of publishing** in times of AI, with connections to questions of research assessment and trust in science. (Final session title & speaker line-up to be communicated soon!)
- The final plenary panel looks at “**AI at the Core of Disciplinary Foundations in the Humanities and Social Sciences**”, asking how the meaning of independent scholarly work and disciplinary identities may be shifting with the increasing prevalence of generative AI.

Keep up to date on Conference sessions here: [AGM and Conference Programme](#)

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## Recommended reading

The ISC recently published a third edition working paper on **preparing national research systems for AI, featuring case studies from 26 countries**. Through nuanced perspectives from small to mid-sized countries from all world regions, the paper gives insight into how AI is changing the research ecosystem, and the gap between national regulatory initiatives and international efforts. Regardless of your level of familiarity with using AI in your field of research, these summaries, analyses and individual country cases provide broad preparation for globally oriented discussions at the GYA Conference.

[Read the article here.](#)

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## Event formats in 2026

Beyond the public Conference, there are many other types of sessions throughout the week. View all sessions in the full programme here: [AGM and Conference](#)

## Pre-AGM

Before the official programme begins on Tuesday morning (30 June), a few pre-AGM events are being organized for early-arrivers.

The annual **New Member Science Leadership** workshop (29-30 June) integrates the newest GYA member cohort while exploring collaborative leadership skills.

Participation in this workshop is by invitation only.

Together with the European branch of the International Network for Governmental Science Advice (INGSA), the GYA is organizing **Science Advice Workshop** on Monday, 29 June, from 14:00-16:00 local time. The workshop will address current and future challenges to science advice. More information and a link to register will be available soon.

The GYA will hold its first **Falling Walls Lab** at Constructor University on Monday, 29 June, from 16:30-18:30. This science pitching competition is open to the public; you are encouraged to join the audience if you have already arrived Monday afternoon. To give a pitch, find out more about eligibility and how to apply here: [Falling Walls Lab – Annual General Meeting and International Conference](#)

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## General Assembly sessions

This year's AGM will again provide spaces to showcase past activities and outcomes, as well as to facilitate networking and development of new activities.

While the restructuring of the GYA Activities Groups continues, the EC and Office are collecting feedback and lessons learned from operating the current structure. We are planning to share a final version of a new GYA Activities Groups structure before the AGM. Activities Groups-related sessions and discussions could then already happen according to the finalised new structure.

The GYA Activities Fair and individual group meetings will be organised again this year. Details will be shared closer to the AGM.

**Hybrid sessions:** GA sessions will be hosted on Zoom, with chat and Q&A functions allowing you to actively participate and share your input. On-site moderators will facilitate the discussion and actively support the inclusion of your contributions. Further details and links to join will be shared in the upcoming Tickers.

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## GYA Committees – Get involved in GYA governance

As a member-driven organization, the GYA relies on members to volunteer to contribute to its committees. Several Committees organize a wide variety of aspects of the GYA's operations. You can choose what interests you most, and then join directly on the Committee's website, or wait for the committees' membership call after the AGM.

Information about all [GYA Committees can be found on the website](#), and they will also be presented at the GYA Activities Fair at the AGM. To get everyone started for the 2026/27 period, individual committee meetings will take place on Friday, 3 July 2026, from 9:00-10:30 am (UTC +2).

**Contact for Activities and Groups at the AGM:** For any questions related to Activities Groups or Committees at the AGM, please contact [Anna-Maria at the Office](#).

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## Reminders

### AGM & Conference Registration

Don't forget to [register by 30 April 2026](#) to secure your participation in the AGM. (passcode: GYA2026AGM)

### Research Talks

Don't miss the chance to showcase your research and expertise at the AGM. Research Talks are short, TED-style presentations (3-4 minutes) that foster collaboration and highlight the diversity of GYA members' work. Take this opportunity to practice effective science communication and connect with a global, interdisciplinary audience. Sign up by 30 April:

<https://agm.globalyoungacademy.net/research-talk/>

### Executive Committee Nominations

The GYA is led by the Executive Committee, which is elected during the AGM. We kindly invite you to consider whether this is the year you stand for Co-Chair or EC election. What will you bring to the GYA? The call to nominate yourself for the 2026/2027 tenure of the Executive Committee or as a GYA Co-Chair will come to your email inbox by the end of May.

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## Exploring Bremen and surroundings



## June weather in Bremen

June in Bremen averages 22°C during the day and 11°C at night. Quite a bit of rainfall is typical this month, with around 79 mm on average, so an umbrella is a good idea. You can expect rain on around 15 days based on historical patterns. [[Read more](#)]

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## Exploring Bremen Vegesack: Constructor University's neighbourhood

Vegesack is situated on the river Weser in the northern area of Bremen. For a long time, the district was sidered Bremen's most important export harbour, a centre of shipbuilding and served as a base for whalers. Today, the district offers a wide range of shopping opportunities in its spacious pedestrian zone as well as leisure-time activities. If the weather is nice, you may enjoy a walk along the nearby Weser promenade between the tugboat Regina and the Vegesack Geschichtenhaus (story house).

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## Exploring Bremen: If you stay longer

Taken from [This is Bremen](#)

The Hanseatic city of Bremen is the vibrant heart of north-west Germany and home of the famous Bremen Town Musicians. It's a city where different aspects of history, tradition, science, nature and culture come together to form a fascinating whole. Simply put, Bremen is well worth discovering.

Here are some suggestions:

[Start · Übersee-Museum Bremen](#) - *In English*. The Übersee-Museum combines a collection of ethnology, trade and natural history that is unique in Europe into a unified experience. It's new permanent exhibition is the "The Blue continent – Islands in the Pacific".

Closer to Vegesack is the [Submarine Bunker Valentin](#)- The former submarine bunker "Valentin" is the second largest above ground bunker in Europe and the most visible legacy of three major Nazi armament projects that have transformed a predominantly agricultural region since the mid-1930s.

In Bremerhafen (about one hour north of Bremen): [Klimahaus Bremerhaven](#) - The Klimahaus (*Climate House*) is a global pioneer. It is a unique knowledge and experience world on the topics of climate, climate change and weather. You travel along the 8th meridian and experience the Earth's climate zones up close in an exciting and impressive way.

Bremen's inner city: The city's compact centre makes it ideal for independent travelers. You can stroll between landmarks on foot, taking in the medieval market square, the iconic Roland statue and the picturesque Schnoor quarter, all of which are within minutes of each other. Not far is the Schlachte embankment of the Weser River with its numerous bars and restaurants and a great view across the water for a lovely evening stroll.

Also check out:

- [Bremen Germany - an independent travel guide from German Sights](#)
- [Bremen Tourism: Visit the Hanseatic City](#)

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## Connect through Mattermost



Connect with fellow GYA members and alumni on Mattermost to chat about preparations, share ideas, and stay updated on all things AGM. Join the discussion today. The dedicated channel is this one: <https://mm.globalyoung.academy/global-young-academy/channels/agm>

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More updates will follow in the next Tickers! And don't forget to bookmark the AGM website - <https://agm.globalyoungacademy.net> - which hosts past Tickers and all practical information.



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