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GYA 2026 AGM in Bremen

Welcome to Ticker #5, with important updates as we approach the 2026 GYA AGM and Conference in Bremen. In this issue, you will find information to help you prepare for the General Assembly, take part in special sessions and workshops, follow the programme online, and engage with the GYA's Activities Groups, Committees, and Young Academy network. We also share details on Executive Committee nominations and a few final practical reminders for the days of the event.

Prepare for the General Assembly

The General Assembly, the GYA's key internal forum, gives members and alumni the chance to come together, discuss the development of the organization, and, where needed, vote on proposed changes or new initiatives. Members were invited to submit topics for discussion at the General Assembly, with a focus on the GYA's governance, structure, and strategic priorities. A list of the proposed discussion topics for the AGM will be shared via email in the coming days. You will soon find details on the preparation page as well:

Visit now: Preparation for
the AGM ([Link](#))

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A good way to prepare for the General Assembly is to revisit the 2025 AGM minutes which include all important votes, decisions and discussions. Find them [here](#).

Special Formats

Science advice in challenging settings - An interactive workshop for early-to-mid career researchers - Monday, 29 June 2026, 14:00 – 16:00h | INGSA Europe & GYA – Register before 22 June 2026

How does scientific research support policy and decision-making, and what happens when political, institutional, or societal conditions put established science-policy pathways or relationships under strain? Find more information on the workshop taking place and how to register here: [Science Advice Workshop \(by INGSA and GYA\) - Annual General Meeting and International Conference](#)

**Funding the Future of the GYA: FundCom Working Session
Tuesday, 30 June, approximately 20:00–21:30**

Join the [GYA Fundraising Committee](#) after dinner for a practical working session on GYA's funding future. The session will include a brief overview of the GYA's financial and fundraising context, followed by small-group work to identify funding and partnership opportunities, form project teams, and define next steps.

Members are encouraged to complete the pre-AGM FundCom survey in advance so we can make the session as focused and useful as possible. Survey link: [FundCom Pre-AGM Member Survey / Intake Form - Global Young Academy](#)

Creative / Informal Members Session - Thursday, 2 July, approx. 20:30-22:00

Space for members to share achievements, cultural performances, or other ideas – read more and express your interest here by 15 June: (if you have trouble accessing a google doc, you can write an e-mail to jennifer.plaul@globalyoungacademy.net). - [Access the Google Doc](#)

Recommended Reading

For the Public Dialogue Session “The Hidden Cost of Knowledge: AI, Publishing Surveillance, and the Future of Open Research” on 2 July:
[Data tracking in research: aggregation and use or sale of usage data by academic publishers](#)

DFG’s briefing paper highlights growing concerns about data tracking in research, pointing to the ways academic publishers are increasingly shifting from content provision to data analytics. It warns that researchers’ reading, searching, and usage behaviour on digital platforms may be collected, aggregated, and potentially commercialised, raising important questions about privacy, academic freedom, transparency, institutional responsibility, and more broadly, trust in science. It calls for a broader discussion within the research community on how such data practices should be governed to ensure that innovation in scholarly services does not come at the expense of researchers’ rights and autonomy. (Summarised with AI)

Online Participation

If you won’t be able to attend the AGM in-person, register for online participation by 29 June 2026. [AGM Registration for Online Participation - Global Young Academy](#)



Internal AGM Sessions: Zoom

Find links to the Zoom rooms for participation in the internal AGM sessions with option to join the discussion via the chat function here: [Preparation - Annual General Meeting and International Conference](#) (pw: agm2026bremen)

Livestreaming: Conference Sessions (Open)

Find the GYA on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@GlobalYoungAcademy>
We will be streaming live from the conference onto our youtube channel. Please note, that outside contributions for the ongoing discussions will not be possible.

- **Wednesday, 01 July 2026 – 09:00 – 15:30 hrs (local time)**

Livestream link: <https://youtube.com/live/Ywm2XPC9nWE?feature=share>

- **Thursday, 02 July 2026 – 09:00 – 13:00 hrs (local time)**

Livestream link: <https://youtube.com/live/dhJR6ACVTz8?feature=share>

Check the [AGM and Conference Programme 2026 – Annual General Meeting and International Conference](#) for further information on which sessions are going to be streamed.

Activities at the AGM

Tuesday, 30 June 2026, 14.00-15:30 – At the **Activities Fair**, posters will again showcase work done and accomplished by the GYA's current Strategic Themes, project groups and Strategic Groups during the past year. The opening of the Fair will also introduce (new) members to the current GYA Activities Groups structure to foster future collaboration by members on GYA projects.

Moreover, the Fair will share information about the GYA Committees.

Tuesday, 30 June 2026, 15.30-18:30 - GYA members are invited to come together in the four current Strategic Themes, to discuss future activities and project ideas, and to share comments about experiences with the current structure during its first year of operation. Candidates for Theme Coordinators for the 2026/27 period can also step forward; elections will be held online after the AGM to enable participation by members who cannot be at the AGM in person.

- 15:30-16:15h: Theme 1 “Engaging in foresight & innovation”
- 16:15-17:00h: Theme 2 “Strengthening the science and research ecosystem”
- 17:00-17:45h: Theme 3 “Bridging Science and Society”
- 17:45-18:30h: Theme 4 “Empowering EMCRs”

Committees at the AGM

As a member-driven organization, the GYA depends on the active involvement of its members in committee work. These committees support and shape many different aspects of the GYA’s operations, offering members the opportunity to contribute to areas that match their interests and experience. Members can explore the different [committees on the GYA website](#) and either join directly there or wait for the membership call following the AGM. Information on all committees will also be available at the GYA Activities Fair. To support a strong start into the next twelve months, individual online committee meetings can also be arranged after the AGM. At the AGM, Committees will meet on **Friday, 3 July**; Committee co-leads have been informed and will organise the sessions.

- **9:00-9:45h:** Nominations and Opportunities Committee, Communications Committee, Fundraising Committee, Activities Review Committee, Committee on Advancing Equity and Anti-Discrimination
- **9:45-10:30h:** Outputs Review Committee, Constitutional and Legal Committee, Young Academies Committee, Membership Selection Committee

Young Academies at the AGM

Alongside its role as an independent, member-based academy, the GYA also helps connect and support [Young Academies worldwide](#). It facilitates communication and exchange, shares best practices for establishing new Young Academies, contributes to joint initiatives, and helps build links with global academy networks through regional and international meetings and collaborations.

Representatives of various young academies will join us in Bremen, and you will have the opportunity to meet representatives from Germany, Japan, Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Palestine, Sudan, Turkey, United Kingdom, the US, as well as from the Arab-German Young Academy. Many more Young Academies will be indirectly represented at the GYA AGM through GYA members who are also members of another (National) Young Academy. [For further details, please see our participants page here: Participants - Annual General Meeting and International Conference](#) (pw: agm2026bremen).

You can also contact [Anna-Maria at the GYA Office](#) for communication and organisation around all things Young Academies – or come to the meeting of the [GYA Committee on the Collaboration with the Young Academies](#) on Friday, 3 July 2026, 9:45-10:30h.

Run for Office

The GYA is guided by the Executive Committee (EC), which is elected during the AGM. Learn more about the [current EC here: GYA Governance](#). With the AGM in less than four weeks, now is the time to consider whether this is your year to run for Co-Chair or EC member. What contributions will you bring to the GYA? The call for nominations is now open!

You have received the email with extensive information about nominations. Nominate yourself here: [GYA Elections: Nominations - Global Young Academy](#).

All further organisational details for the elections, information material, dates as well as nominations will be available for you from approx. mid-June 2026 on this page: [EC Elections 2026 - Annual General Meeting and International Conference](#) (pw: agm2026bremen)

Don't forget...

Towel and bathroom supplies

If you will be staying in campus accommodation, please consider that this is not a hotel as such. We do kindly ask you to please bring a towel, shampoo and shower gel.

Dress code

The dress code for the event is business casual for the closed AGM sessions and business formal for the two public days. The Gala dinner will be a formal evening event. We encourage attendees to embrace an international flair by wearing formal attire that reflects their cultural heritage. And, if you have one, don't forget to pack your GYA Pin.

Walking shoes & umbrella

For the excursion consider packing some comfortable walking shoes. While Germany has no rainy season, even in summer the sun and rainy hours can interchange regularly. Make sure to bring an umbrella.

Refillable cups or bottles

Do not forget to pack your reusable water bottle to use throughout the week. Tap water in Bremen (and generally Germany overall) is of the highest quality and serves as drinking water. We encourage participants to make use of this eco-friendly option.

Bring your travel adapter - German power sockets

[In Germany, power sockets](#) use the Type F plug (Schuko" plug), which has two round pins and grounding clips on the side. The standard voltage is 230V, and the frequency is 50Hz, which is compatible with most European devices. If you're traveling from outside Europe, you may need a power adapter or voltage converter to use your electronic devices.

Wi-Fi

At campus of Constructor University, we will have access to Wi-Fi during the time of the AGM and conference. Access details will be available on site.

[Remember to keep checking Mattermost](#) for more information to better prepare for your trip to Bremen.

One more Ticker will follow right before we all travel to Constructor University.

So until next time and see you soon.



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