

GYA Committees 2017-18

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Committee	Description of committee responsibilities	Call issued:
1. EC Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC)	<p>The NEC is responsible for managing the nomination and election process of the GYA leadership before and during the AGM. Committee members are not allowed to stand for EC or Co-Chair the year they are members of this committee. There is extensive documentation on how the process has been run so far and members are expected to work to expand and improve the process of nomination and election to ensure that we get the diversity matching GYA's ambitions.</p>	<p>Three months prior to the next AGM.</p>
2. Communications and Interactions Committee	<p>Effective communications can help us achieve our overall objectives; engage effectively with stakeholders; demonstrate the success of our work; ensure people understand what we do, and; change behaviour and perceptions where necessary. The initial responsibility of this new committee is to develop a communications strategy in order to improve the way we interact, both <i>internally</i> and with an <i>external</i> audience; thereafter, to monitor the implementation of the strategy and its effect. Attention will focus on both communications internally (e.g., clear website, regular updates) and externally (e.g., a regular flow of information targeted in terms of messaging towards key stakeholders). The committee will also consider ways for members to participate remotely during AGMs. Experience of engaging stakeholders and with a range of social media will be particularly helpful for this group.</p>	<p>Three months before the AGM, but members can join any time.</p> <p><u>Ex-officio:</u> Karen Lorimer (EC)</p>
3. Annual Conference and AGM Local Organising Committee, (LOC) Chair 2017/2018: Numpon Mahayotsanun	<p>The LOC is responsible for the major part of the fundraising, all local organisational questions, the local/regional protocol and guests for our GYA flagship event. The call for this committee is issued in cooperation with the host of the upcoming AGM after the bid is awarded to a country. The LOC is key for a successful organisation of this event and is supported by the Programme Committee (POC), the EC and the GYA Office. The EC bears special responsibility for the AGM part and the international protocol and the international guests. The office will look after setting up a registration procedure and the travel and conference co-funding, in particular it will request travel funds to facilitate member attendance</p>	<p>An open call is not issued. Instead, the GYA member who leads the bid to host the next Annual Conference and AGM puts this committee together for approval by the EC.</p>

<p>4. Annual Conference Programme Committee, (POC)</p>	<p>Together with the LOC, the POC is responsible for developing the conference theme suggested by the LOC in their winning bid as hosts, operationalise it (sessions, speakers, mingling exercise, etc.) and also help organise the general science session and how Annual Conference and AGM fit together. Guiding posts for the planning are the past events and the feedback by the members. Similarly, the POC can develop ideas around possible pre-conference workshops and capacity building activities for members. Cooperation between LOC and POC is thus essential, in particular the POC supports the LOC to coordinate the program in collaboration with potential donors. The theme for the 2018 meeting, which this POC is responsible for, is "Forever Young: sustainable and healthy longevity through science and technology".</p>	<p>Shortly after the AGM in cooperation of the host of the next AGM and after the subject of the conference is decided on.</p> <p><u>Ex-officio:</u> Tolu Oni (CC), Moritz Riede (CC)</p>
<p>5. Fundraising Committee</p>	<p>The GYA core funding, provided by the German Ministry for Education and Research, is limited in both amount (about 500k€/year) and what we can use it for (e.g. the AGM is explicitly excluded). The role of the Fundraising Committee is to find ways to expand the current GYA funding, e.g. by establishing and maintain contacts. Committee members also encourage GYA members to assist with this fundraising endeavours by soliciting ideas for potential funders, and working with members to approach the right funding bodies to support GYA activities. Ideally, this committee would find ways to make the AGM funding more sustainable, as well. Experience with fundraising helps when being interested in this committee, but is not mandatory.</p>	<p>At the AGM.</p> <p><u>Ex-officio:</u> Karly Kehoe (EC), Patrizio Antici (EC), Moritz Riede (EC/CC)</p>
<p>6. Membership Selection Committee</p> <p>Chair 2017/2018: Maral Dadvar</p>	<p>This committee plays a vital role in maintaining the high quality and diversity of new members. The members of this committee review all incoming applications for new membership each year (approximately 40 new members selection each year). The process is run by the chair of the committee. There are several rounds of reviews through which applications (approximately 400 applications received in 2016) go. The goal is to admit the best applicants, matching the GYA criteria and who will be active during their five years of GYA membership. There is extensive documentation on the process. Requirement for being a member of this committee is having participated in at least one AGM.</p>	<p>Within six weeks after the AGM.</p> <p><u>Ex-officio:</u> Connie Nshemereirwe (EC)</p>
<p>7. Membership Diversity Committee</p>	<p>To have the best range of applicants, we have to ensure that the call for members is advertised through the best channels, getting the reach we want to have. This committee looks into improving the ways we advertise the call. In order to ensure diversity of membership is upheld, this committee regularly reviews membership statistics and develops strategies to encourage applications from in particular under-represented applicants (region, discipline, gender etc.). To achieve its goals, this committee closely works together with the Membership Selection Committee.</p>	<p>Within six weeks after the AGM.</p> <p><u>Ex-officio:</u> Connie Nshemereirwe (EC)</p>

8. Finance Review Committee	The GYA has a significant core budget (~500k€ from the German Ministry of Education and Research), topped up with additional funding from a wide range of donors for a variety of activities. The members of the finance review committee review the spending of the GYA and comment on ways to become more efficient in using the limited funds of the GYA. Members of the EC cannot be part of this committee.	At the AGM, but members can join any time up to three months before the next AGM.
9. Constitutional and Legal Committee	The vision and guiding principles of the GYA are laid out in the constitution. The GYA is a living and learning organisation, and from time to time changes to the constitution are put forward by our members and the EC. The role of the Constitutional and Legal Committee is to review these suggestions in terms of legal feasibility, assess the impact of these changes and advise the EC. Legal experience is not required, but would help.	At the AGM, but members can join any time.
10. Review Committee	To ensure outputs of the highest quality, this committee will facilitate the review process of working group funding applications, statements, reports etc. Similar to an editorial board, members of the committee will not necessarily carry out the review themselves, but it is up to them to find suitable reviewers among the GYA members and alumni (sometimes also external experts), collect their feedback and communicate this feedback back to the members. This will also include facilitating the review of the north-south interdisciplinary grant that is awarded by the GYA annually. The results of any review process are put forward to the EC for formal approval.	At the AGM. <u>Ex Officio</u> : Sasha Kagansky (EC)
11. Members Nomination and Opportunities Committee (NomC)	There are plenty of opportunities where an endorsement of a member by the GYA would help. Similarly, the GYA often gets invited to nominate candidates to participate in events or serve on further committees. However, often the number of places is limited. The role of this committee is to ensure that this process is fair and transparent.	At the AGM or shortly afterwards. <u>Ex Officio</u> : Patrizio Antici (EC)

Notes:

- The committee size is at the discretion of the committee chair, taking into account diversity and manageability of the committee.
- Members are invited to serve on more than one committee, but should not be on more than three and not lead more than one.