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GYA Membership 2020 Acceptance Letter

Dear Sami Miaari,

Welcome to the Global Young Academy!

We are happy to notify you that you have been selected for membership in the Global Young Academy for a period of 5 years beginning June 2020. We received an extraordinary number of outstanding applications this year, and your distinguished qualifications and commitment to service to society rose to the top of this very competitive pool.

We look forward to working together and hope that you are ready to help us drive the GYA forward by actively participating in our working groups, as well as by assuming leadership roles within the organisation. You will hear this many times in upcoming years, but the truth is that YOU are the GYA.

Here are the next steps in joining us to contribute "to giving a voice to young scientists around the world".

1. Please respond to this email confirming that you officially accept the invitation (reply to franziska.guentner@globalyoungacademy.net). We appreciate your immediate response, but need to hear from you **by 13 March 2020** for your membership to be official. Note: this is also a formality that we use to ensure that we have your correct email address.
2. For communication purposes, it is vital that we receive your declaration for Data Protection, so please do sign the "Data Protection Declaration" document, scan it, and return to us by email at franziska.guentner@globalyoungacademy.net. Furthermore, please supply the original of this document at our next in-person meeting (AGM 2020).
3. As a new member, you are hereby cordially invited to the [**GYA Conference and Annual General Meeting \(GYA AGM\) on 8 - 12 June 2019 in Kolkata, India**](#). Please save the date immediately in order to join us (please plan to arrive by the evening of the 6th). We are working hard to raise funding to cover much of the expenses associated with this

event (travel expenses will be mainly provided for those GYA members from low- and middle-income countries). For sound planning, we ask you to respond soon to the [call for event registration](#).

4. We are here to support you from the very beginning of your membership! One of our first steps is to publish your acceptance with a press release. We also include your profile and photo in GYA Connections magazine, and provide instructions on how to be included on our Wikipedia page. To ensure this process goes smoothly, we kindly ask you to provide us with your information before **20 March 2020** in the following form: <https://globalyoungacademy.net/new-member-introduction-form/>
5. A more detailed welcome email will be circulated to you later this month by Beate Wagner, our Managing Director based in Halle, Germany, and her colleagues from the GYA Office. They will help orient you with information about the various opportunities available to you to get involved in GYA activities, and assist in getting you involved before the GYA AGM in June. This email will also connect you to your GYA Buddy, an experienced member who will be your guide in the countdown to the AGM.
6. Please regularly check our website (www.globalyoungacademy.net) for updates, like us on [Facebook](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Congratulations again on both your outstanding track record as a successful scientist and your commitment to applying science for the benefit of society. The entire GYA family joins us in welcoming you, and we look forward to meeting you in June.

In the interim, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Sincerely Yours,



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