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## Third International Conference for Young Scientists and 2013 General Assembly of the Global Young Academy

**Berlin, 10 May 2013** - The Third International Conference for Young Scientists and General Assembly of the Global Young Academy (GYA) will be held from the **15-18 May 2013** and hosted by the German National Academy of Sciences *Leopoldina* in Halle (Saale), Germany, with support from IAP: the Global Network of Science Academies. The GYA expects to welcome over 100 scientists from across the globe, including some 80 top young scientists and a panel of distinguished senior scientists and science administrators from around the world, including the heads of academies of sciences and German State Secretary Ms Quennet-Thielen.

The meeting's theme is Demography and Global Research. "Research is becoming increasingly global and collaborative," says GYA Co-Chair Rees Kassen from Canada, "and young researchers are especially aware of this as they are more mobile than ever before." The conference will explore the impact that an increasingly mobile and connected research landscape has for the future of knowledge creation, innovation, and economic growth.

The conference theme links directly to on-going activities at the GYA, in particular a BMBF-funded "Global State of Young Scientists (GloSYS)" project that held a high level expert workshop earlier in the week. The conference also offers an opportunity for GYA members from both developed and developing countries the chance to meet in person to discuss the challenges and opportunities they face in their research careers.

## About the GYA

The Global Young Academy, founded in 2010, is the voice of young scientists around the world. Members are chosen for their demonstrated excellence in scientific achievement and commitment to civil society. Currently there are 155 members and 63 alumni from 61 countries. The academy is hosted at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) and receives seed funding from the Volkswagen Foundation as well as project support from the IAP: the Global Network of Science Academies, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina.

Learn more at: http://www.globalyoungacademy.net/

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