

## World Academy of Young Scientists



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the permanent  
global  
network of  
young  
researchers

*...to the world of science, to science worldwide*

*for a more humane and sustainable world*

### *Our mission is:*

to provide an arena to interact and exchange information in order to extend scientific knowledge and improve collaboration between different generations of scientists worldwide, and communication between scientists and society;

to create a platform to make the voice of young scientists heard about present problems and concerns through regular input into science policy and decision-making.



The **World Academy of Young Scientists (WAYS)** was officially launched at the World Science Forum, Budapest, in November 2003, and is being established under the aegis of UNESCO as a non-for-profit organization. WAYS is dedicated to providing an environment for young researchers - principally between 15 and 40 years of age - to carry out quality scientific research and actively participate in science policy and decision-making.

Science and Technology (S&T) are an integral and essential part of our present and future. Paradoxically, science is seen as remote and inaccessible by a majority of young people in both developed and developing countries. Moreover, the public increasingly perceives scientific endeavors as enigmas, doubts are expressed about the intrinsic beneficial function of science and knowledge, and dwindling numbers of youth opt for research. The scientific community has recognized that the vitality of S&T can be assured only by developing the next generation of young scientists.

In WAYS, our objectives are to make science more attractive for the young, and more comprehensible and accessible to everyone. The organization encourages the career development of young researchers, facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration among scientists of all generations and from all parts of the world, and influences science policy worldwide. The network is intended to provide a continuous voice to sensitize scientific institutions and decision-makers to the necessity of creating opportunities for young researchers in S&T, and actively involving them in their shaping.

WAYS nourishes a global community of new scientists by fostering trans-, inter- and multidisciplinary as well as intergenerational partnership and networking. These collaborations increase the exchange of up-to-date information, prepare youth for scientific careers, and promote dialogue between the scientific community and society.



### *In WAYS:*

You get integrated in a young, dynamic community, where core values are trust, open communication, cooperation, creativity and innovation.

You can develop strong and fruitful contacts.

You can exercise and improve your leadership skills.

Your contribution is fully recognized by WAYS as well as the supporting scientific community.