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Join the 4th worldwide meeting of Young Academies (WWMYA)!
We won the bid to host WWMYA which will be held in Vietnam at Duy Tan University, Da Nang city

The WWMYA will be organized in conjunction with a 2-day scientific meeting on Nanomaterials for Healthcare focuses on Cancers and Infectious Diseases are the two most deadly diseases in Vietnam.

We are seeking funding from Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Foreign Affair in Vietnam. We anticipate and are preparing to get funding from the National Foundation of Science and Technology Development (NAFOSTED) and other international agencies in collaboration with GYA.

Making use of the opportunity to bring foreign experts to Vietnam will help young Vietnamese scholars to learn, share research and establish professional networks and future collaborations. The meeting will strengthen connection between VYA and other YAs as well as the Vietnamese scholars’ communities.

VYA benefits from a much dedicated and enthusiastic team of members, advisory board and friends to take on this task, and has been preparing for hosting the event for several years.
2. VYA Activities

- VYA monthly OC meeting was held on April 8, 2018. In the meeting, OC has discussed on VYA operation and activities. VYA Wikipedia page in both Vietnamese and English will be prepared and made available to improve VYA’s visibility to public.
- Associate Professor Nguyen Duc Hoang, and Dr Tran Quang Huy, member of VYA are on the organizing committee of the 1st International Conference on Microbiology and One Health (http://moh-vn.com/) on September 19-22, 2018, which are organized by VNUHCM-University of Science and National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology. VYA is actively in helping to organize this meeting.

3. New members and friends

Dr. Linh Nguyen and Dr. Huan Nguyen became VYA’s friends.

4. Call for new member

We are currently inviting high quality applicants for joining VYA. There are four application deadlines each year, which are on January 31st, April 30th, July 31st and October 31st.

*The deadline for the next application round is on July 31th 2018.* The application form and guideline are available on our VYA website.

5. Calls for ideas, opinions, views to improve VYA.

Please send in your suggestions how to make VYA more relevant to Vietnamese researchers in Vietnam. VYA is grown by Young Vietnamese Scholars and for Young Vietnamese Scholars and Vietnam. We are looking for volunteers to translate VYA website and Bulletins to Vietnamese. VYA is very fortunate in being able to reply on the support and dedication of its members, advisory board and friends, and we very much appreciate that you have given your time and effort so generously.
6. Funding opportunities and conference

6.1. Call for applications for Institutional Links grant

Newton Institutional Links aims to build UK-partner country research and innovation collaborations centred on shared research and innovation challenges, which have direct relevance to social welfare and economic development. These grants are funded under the Newton Fund, a UK Government initiative funded by the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), together with partner funders from around the world.

- Size of grant: £50,000 - £150,000
- Priority areas: (i) Future cities, (ii) Digital, innovation and creativity, and (iii) Agriculture
- Duration of grants: up to 24 months
- ODA requirement: relevance to economic development or social welfare
- Apply online by 8 June 2018, 1600 UK time.

Find further information here.

6.2. Cost funded workshop in the UK on 'Vertical IoT solutions and its applications in smart agriculture and disaster management'

The workshop is supported by a Research Environment Links grant, ID 339568416, under the Newton Programme Vietnam partnership.

- Date of the workshop: 23-27 July 2018
- Location: Belfast, United Kingdom
- Participants: academic researchers from UK and Vietnam research institutions or universities, and NGOs, government agencies, industry and other civil society organisations
- UK coordinator: Associate Professor Trung Q. Duong, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, UK
- Vietnam coordinator: Dr Nguyen-Son Vo, Duy Tan University, Danang, Vietnam
• Discipline: Internet of Things, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Computer Science, and different disciplines like Agriculture and Environment
• All related costs including: travel, accommodation, meals and visa will be covered
• Deadline for application: 25 May 2018.

Find further information here

6.3. Newton Researcher Links workshops taken place in Vietnam
Newton Researcher Links Workshops bring together early-career researchers from the UK and a partner country to make international connections that can improve the quality of their research. On the web page you can find a number of Newton Researcher Links workshops organised in Vietnam in the near future, and other funding opportunities. Please visit the page frequently to keep updated (https://www.britishcouncil.org/education/science/researcher-links)

6.4. Future Leaders Fellowships
This cross-UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) scheme will support early career researchers and innovators with outstanding potential in universities, UK registered businesses, and other research and user environments including research councils' institutes and laboratories

The support offered will be long-term and flexible and will provide comprehensive package of support, including the fellow's salary and justified research, staff and training costs, with seven years of support available on a 4+3 model, with a review in year four.

6.5. The Emerging Material Technologies Summit 2018
The Emerging Material Technologies Summit 2018 will be held in Ha Noi Vietnam on 4-8 November 2018.

• Key date: Oral abstract deadline 1 June 2018; Poster abstract deadline 1 August 2018; Registration opens 1 May 2018.
• Sponsored by: The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry

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6.6. **UK-Vietnam Researcher Links Regional Workshop**
- Discipline: Communication, Computer Science, Transportation, Built Environment
- Deadline for registration: 1st July 2018, by 16:00 GMT
- To apply for the workshop please click [here](#)
- Contact person:
  - Dr. Huan Nguyen ([H.Nguyen@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:H.Nguyen@mdx.ac.uk)) for UK and South East Asian participants
  - Dr. Bui Tien Thanh ([btthanh@utc.edu.vn](mailto:btthanh@utc.edu.vn)) for Vietnam participants

7. **News on Young Academies around the world**
- **Global Young Academy** ([GYA newsletter](#))