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23 – 25 May	Bordeaux, France	12th European Institute of Chemistry and Biology (IECB) Young Scientists Symposium
5 – 12 July	Paris, France	2nd IYCN General Assembly & 50th IUPAC General Assembly & 47th IUPAC World Chemistry Congress
25 – 29 August	San Diego, CA, USA	ACS National Meeting Fall



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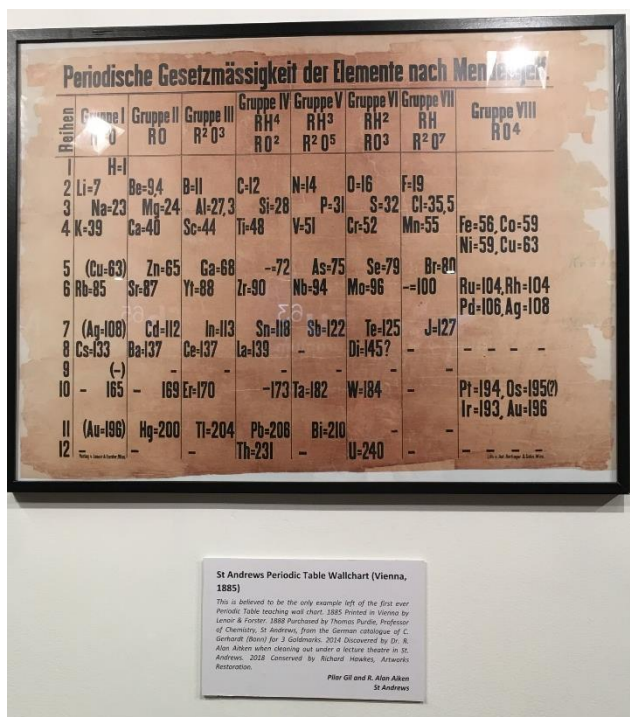
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## The Opening Ceremony of the International Year of the Periodic Table

2019 is the International Year of the Periodic Table (IYPT) and this year the Opening Ceremony was held at UNESCO world headquarters in Paris, France on January 29th, 2019. I, along with IYCN Finance Chair Willis Muganda, were lucky enough to attend the ceremony and participate as volunteers. The International Association of Physics Students (IAPS) and the Royal Netherlands Chemical Society (KNCV) sponsored around 23 young chemists and physicists to assist with the ceremony and we spent the day before setting up the registration, preparing programs and tote bags, and organizing the layout of the next day's events.



*The oldest known Periodic Table - The St. Andrews Periodic Table*



*IYCN Finance Chair Willis Muganda and Conference Presence Chair Catherine Rawlins*

The ceremony drew in over 700 participants from all over the world representing a wide variety of chemistry and physics societies. The full program and webcast are available for free on the IYPT website (<https://www.iypt2019.org/opening-ceremony>). Beyond the interesting scientific discussions, the opening ceremony was a fascinating multimedia show with lights projections and musical performances. Notably, Mira Yevtich, a world-renowned pianist, played two songs throughout the day on the UNESCO main stage. In the exhibition hall, several booths were available, including a video game, in the same style as Mario, called "Elemental

Escapades" where the user should collect and combine elements in order to beat the challenges at each level (developed by EuChemS). A highlight for us was The Chemistry Bar where mocktails were served topped with liquid nitrogen.



*Some of the volunteers with Dr. Martyn Poliakoff of “The Periodic Table of Videos” fame*

The Closing Ceremony for the IYPT will take place in Tokyo, Japan on December 5th and IYCN hopes to have a presence there as well! My favorite part of this whole experience was connecting with other international scientists, all present because of their passion for the Periodic Table. If you are organizing a chemistry event to celebrate the IYPT, please get in touch with us at [iycn@iupac.org](mailto:iycn@iupac.org) and we will promote your activity on our platform!

Catherine Rawlins, Conference Presence Chair



*Exhibition hall of the IYPT opening ceremony*

## The IYCN and the Global Women's Breakfast: Empowering Women in Chemistry

The Global Women's Breakfast was held on February 12th, 2019 and aimed to bring together both women chemists, and those who support and advocate for women in chemistry, providing an opportunity to expand their network of contacts, both locally and internationally. The breakfast was also in honor of the International Year of the Periodic Table and the 100th anniversary of IUPAC. Women from different stages of their careers were encouraged to speak about their career progress and share their experiences with one another. Members of the IYCN participated in events all around the globe and were instrumental in organizing two events held in the United States.

**The Boston breakfast** was held at the Amgen head office in Cambridge and was co-organized by members from the Northeast Section of the ACS, ACS Young Chemists Committee, and IYCN, and was kindly sponsored by Amgen, De Gruyter, Pfizer, the Northeastern University (NU) Chemistry Department, the NU Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion and the ACS division of Computers in Chemistry. We were fortunate enough to link up with a second group who were based at the Schrödinger offices in New York City which brought the total number of attendees to 160. The morning featured presentations from Dr. Margaret Chu-Moyer, the Vice President of Research at Amgen and Dr. Rebecca Ruck, the Executive Director of Process, Research and Development at Merck. Margaret shared her experiences with the audience, from her days doing undergraduate research and learning that she “got to be in the secret super group who knew the code of reactions” and how that revelation ultimately led her to pursue chemistry. We heard about Rebecca's role models and mentors and how she is actively working to encourage women into careers in chemistry.



*Group photo of the attendees at the Boston Global Women's breakfast*



*Periodic table of cupcakes!*

These inspiring presentations were followed by a panel discussion which saw Dr. Christine Dunne, a patent technical advisor with Cooley LLP and Dr. Carol Mulrooney, a cheminformatics scientist at the Broad Institute join our two speakers. They addressed questions based on how they have handled personal life decisions, including raising families and looking after elderly parents, how to call out

casual sexism in the workplace and what men can do to support women and encourage gender equality.

The day was a huge success and in addition donations from the day were provided to the Science Club for Girls; a program aimed to connect girls in K-12 grades, especially those from underrepresented groups with female mentor-scientists.



*The Boston GWB Event Committee (from left to right): Dr. Lori Ferrins, Research Assistant Professor, Dr. Christine Dunne, Patent Technical Advisor, Dr. Melissa Buskes, Associate Research Scientist*

**The Potsdam Breakfast** was held at Clarkson University, NY and we had a great opportunity to celebrate IUPACs centenary and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the periodic table. This event was kindly sponsored by different departments, offices and faculties as well as the northern NY ACS local section.

The event brought together about 120 participants, of which 60 were middle and high school students and teachers from 5 districts in northern New York. In addition, graduate students, faculty and staff from SUNY Potsdam and Clarkson participated. Attendees were given the chance to meet mentors (invited panelists, and a group of faculty and PhD students), network and participate in panel discussions, play periodic table BINGO, and to participate in fun chemistry demonstrations. We received a great deal of enthusiasm from local area high school and middle school students. Students greatly enjoyed the activities, and the feedback was very positive; a group of 9 students remarked that this was the best school trip they ever had!! All schools expressed interest in future STEM based opportunities for both age groups. Based on the general feedback collected, attendees showed an overwhelming interest in attending such events in the future.



*Group photo of Potsdam Global Women's Breakfast- Clarkson University, NY. Credit to Steve Jacobs (Twitter@Potsdam\_GWB)*

The panel discussion included women from different career stages, Dr. Natalie LaFranzo, CoFactor Genomics, Lisa Blank, STEM Coordinator for Watertown City Schools, Professor Susan Powers, and Biomolecular Science undergraduate Megan Carhart. The panelists shared their experiences, career paths, motivations, challenges, work-life balance,

importance of early engagement in research, building a network at college with peers, support needed from mentors towards professional goals, and working together side by side with male colleagues. The panel engaged the entire room and left the attendees with the impression that “we need this to be a longer discussion”. It was also inspiring and impactful which was reflected by some students; a student reported “I’d like to be like this woman, and I’ve started considering chemistry as a major”.



*Great engagement and excitement of middle and high school female students during the panel discussion, periodic table BINGO and chemistry demonstrations, Potsdam Global Women’s Breakfast Clarkson University, NY. (Twitter@Potsdam\_GWB)*

The event committee would like to thank IUPAC, all our sponsors, volunteers, and supporters especially Professor Silvana Andreescu, who as faculty and advisor encourages all of her students to network, take initiatives and develop leadership skills as part of their efforts to excel in their future careers. She encourages, through words and example, creativity and involvement which greatly influenced Fatima Mustafa when she came across the IUPAC notice about their international Global Women’s Breakfast event. She and others will continue to emphasize this involvement and support students through her initiative “Women’s Association of Graduate Students (WAGS)” here in the School of Arts & Sciences at Clarkson.

The Potsdam GWB Event Committee: Fatima Mustafa, Chemistry Graduate Student, Madeline Masi, Chemistry Graduate Student, Megan Carhart, Biomolecular Science Undergraduate Student, Elizabeth McCarran, Administrative Assistant

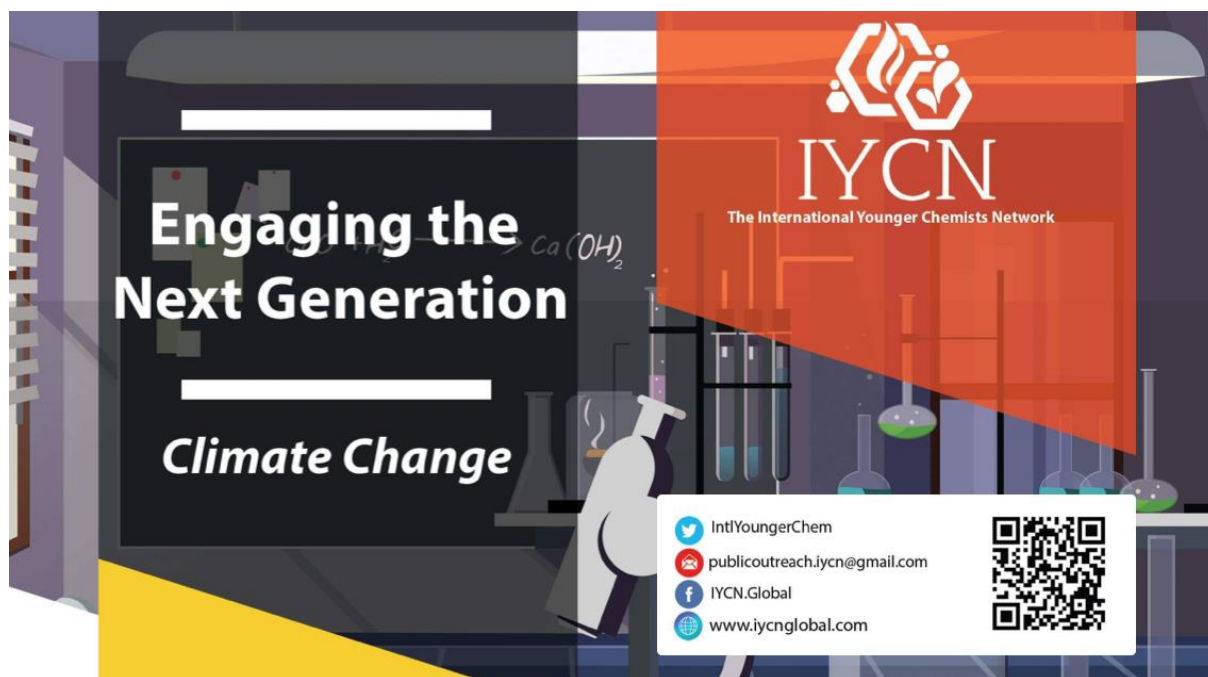


*Left: Group photo of part of the organizing committee and volunteers (Left: Tobias Lennard Karschuck, Elizabeth McCarran, Yaroslav Filipov, Fatima Mustafa, Megan Carhart, Dr. Jim Peploski, Madeline Masi, Nicholas Stucchi, and Aaditya Deshpande) Right: IYCN members after the end of the breakfast out welcoming a snow storm (from left: Fatima Mustafa (organizer) and Dr. Natalie LaFranzo, CoFactor Genomics (Panelist / awarded the element cesium in the periodic table of younger chemists on her way to Potsdam). (Twitter@Potsdam\_GWB)*



Lori Ferrins, Melissa Buskes and Fatima Mustafa

## IYCN Experiment Competition



**Engaging the next generation: An IYCN outreach competition**, sponsored by CAS seeks to recognize exemplary contributions to chemistry outreach.

Applicants are invited to submit chemistry experiments that can be used for outreach and public engagement under a specific theme. The 2019 theme is **Climate Change**, one of the [17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#).

The competition is coordinated and managed by the Public Outreach Committee of the IYCN. There are two prizes on offer: the Pearson Prize for Outreach (250 USD Amazon gift card) and the IYCN Prize for Outreach (250 USD). The winning experiments will also be translated into multiple languages through the IYCN network, and through professional translators thanks to the sponsorship by CAS. The experiment will be published in the IYCN Public Outreach Committee experiment database for use in chemistry outreach activities around the globe.

Please pay attention to the following Deadlines:

- Competition Opens: **March 13, 2019** (Joseph Priestley's Birthday)
- Competition Closes: **May 15, 2019, at 11:59 PM GMT** (Pierre Curie's Birthday)
- Winners Announced: **July 9, 2019**

Experiments will be assessed according to their accessibility, repeatability, and suitability for the suggested audience. More detailed information and the exact rules can be found on the website: [iycnglobal.wixsite.com/competition](http://iycnglobal.wixsite.com/competition)

## 21<sup>st</sup> JCF Spring Symposium, 2<sup>nd</sup> European Young Chemists' Meeting and 14<sup>th</sup> EYCN Delegates Assembly

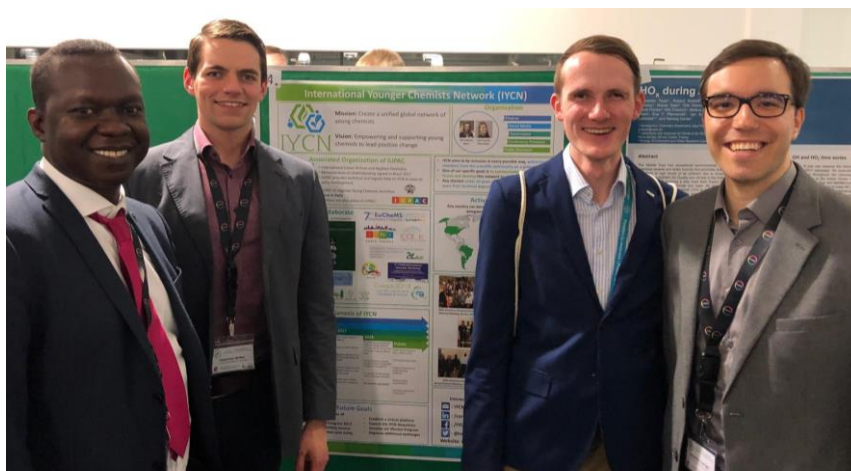
This March, young chemists from Germany, Europe and beyond met in Bremen (Germany). From 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March, the 14<sup>th</sup> EYCN Delegates Assembly took place. It is the general assembly of the European Young Chemists. Afterwards, from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March the 21<sup>st</sup> JCF Spring Symposium and 2<sup>nd</sup> European Young Chemists' Meeting took



*Catherine Rawlins updating the EYCN delegates about recent progress and development of IYCN during the 14<sup>th</sup> EYCN Delegates Assembly*

place. This event gathered around 300 participants from around the globe. IYCN was strongly represented by active members during these meetings and conferences through their involvement in several activities. During the EYCN Delegates Assembly, our Conference Presence Chair Catherine Rawlins updated all participants via Skype about IYCN's recent activities and progress. During the Chairs' Meeting of the German Young Chemists' Network (JCF), Finance Team Chair Willis C. Muganda informed all present chairs of the German regional Young Chemists Network about IYCN.

The Spring Symposium combined with the European Young Chemists' Meeting led to the opportunity to present IYCN during the poster session of the conference and with a plenary talk before the closing lecture. The Spring Symposium is the largest chemistry conference with a specific focus on young scientists from all fields of chemistry with over 300 participants every year. This year additionally the GDCh/NESACS exchange took place. It is an exchange program which allows several students from the US to attend the Spring Symposium. Thus, together with the European Young Chemists' Meeting as part of the Spring Symposium, this conference became more international.



*Presentation of IYCN during the poster session, from left to right the active IYCN volunteers from Germany: Willis C Muganda, Sebastian Weber, Torsten John and Maximillian Springer*

During the poster session, Sebastian Weber (Social Media Chair) presented a poster about IYCN supported by the “Verein der Freunde und Förderer des Jungchemikerforums Deutschland e.V.”. The poster session enabled Sebastian to reach out to many active members of EYCN and several interested people from countries that are currently not represented within IYCN, like Turkey, Poland and the Czech Republic. It was clear that the European young chemists’ community is interested in the progress of IYCN and its development.

On the last day of the Spring Symposium, Torsten John, our new International Society Liaison team member, had the opportunity to represent IYCN in a 10 min plenary lecture and informed all participants about IYCN’s progress directly before the closing lecture of the conference. Among these activities, other IYCN volunteers were present at the conference, namely Maximillian Springer, Michael Linden and João Borges.



*Torsten John presenting IYCN during a 10min plenary talk at the last day of the Spring Symposium*

Sebastian Weber, Maximillian Springer, Torsten John and Willis C. Muganda

## International Society Liaison Team

IYCN recently created the International Society Liaison team. The task of this team is to actively establish relationships with other international chemical societies and foster collaborations. To serve in this position Torsten John and Natalie LaFranzo were elected by the IYCN Executive Board.



**Torsten John** received his B.Sc. in Chemistry in 2012 and his M.Sc. in Chemistry in 2015 from Leipzig University, Germany. He is currently a Ph.D. student in Biophysical and Computational Chemistry at the Leibniz Institute of Surface Engineering (Germany) and affiliated with Monash University (Australia). Torsten is an active member of the German Chemical Society (GDCh) and the European Young Chemists' Network (EYCN).

### Selected Awards:

- Periodic Table of Younger Chemists, Recognition as "Pb", 2018, IUPAC
- Endeavour Research Fellowship, 2018, Australian Government, Australia
- CAS SciFinder Future Leaders program, 2017, American Chemical Society (ACS), USA
- Early Career Researcher Award, 2016, Peptide Users Group Melbourne, Royal Australian Chemical Institute, Australia
- PhD Fellowship, 2016, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Germany

Sub-committee/Position: International Society Liaison Chair. and Finance Team

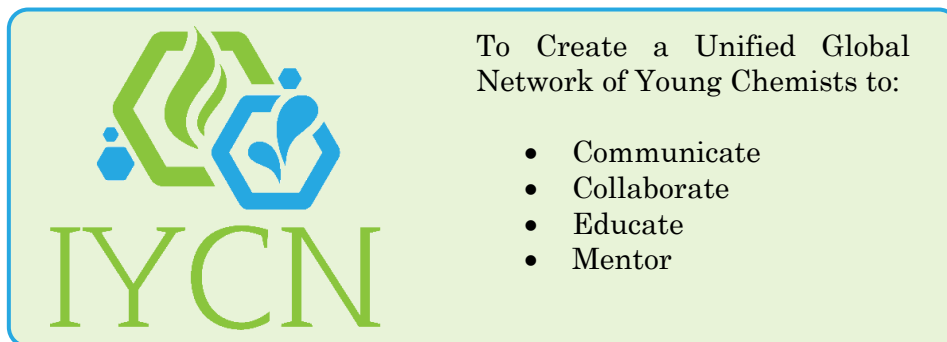


**Natalie LaFranzo** received her BS in Chemistry from Bradley University in 2007, and a PhD in Chemistry from Washington University in St. Louis in 2013. As the Director of Scientific Projects and Market Development at Cofactor Genomics, she is passionate about improving diagnostic assays and enabling precision medicine. Natalie is also the Head Cheerleading Coach at Washington University and an active volunteer within the American Chemical Society.

### Selected Awards:

- IUPAC Young Observer, World Chemistry Congress, 2019
- Periodic Table of Younger Chemists, Recognition as "Cs", 2019

Sub-committee/Position: International Society Liaison



## IUPAC's Periodic Table of Younger Chemists

In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IUPAC and the International Year of the Periodic Table, IUPAC and IYCN announced the creation of a [Periodic Table of Younger Chemists](#). Beginning in July 2018 and ending in July 2019 at the World Chemistry Congress and IUPAC General Assembly in Paris, we honor a diverse group of 118 outstanding younger chemists from around the world.

The nominations are open, so do not hesitate to use this opportunity to nominate a worthy candidate. All nominations must be submitted via the [on-line form](#).

In the last issue, we informed you about the 34<sup>th</sup> to 49<sup>th</sup> awardees. In the meantime further 28 young chemists have been awarded: Michael Terzidis (Li, Pharmathen S.A., Greece), Carina Crucho (Cd, Instituto Superior Técnico, University of Lisbon, Portugal), Richard Payne (Se, The University of Sydney, Australia), Mita Dasog (Si, Dalhousie University, Canada), Ramia Albakain (Al, The University of Jordan, Jordan), Márcia Mesko (Br, Universidade Federal de Pelotas, Brazil), Andrey Vorotyntsev (Th, Nizhny Novgorod State Technical University, Russia), Erin Leitao (La, University of Auckland, New Zealand), Samantha Yruegas (Er, Baylor University, USA), Nur Fajrini (Tb, Smart Coating Technologies (B) Sdn Bhd, Brunei), Alexander Majouga (Ru, Mendeleev University of Chemical Technology of Russia, Russia), Natalie LaFranzo (Cs, DuPont Electronics & Imaging, USA), João Borges (Rb, Portuguese Chemical Society, Portugal), Sotiris Evgenidis (Tl, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece), Hadi Fares (In, NASA Postdoctoral Program/ Pennsylvania State University, Lebanon), Erin McConnell (He, McMaster University, Canada), Gaston Richelle (Ga, Pepscan Therapeutics, Netherlands), Magaret Sivapragasam (Yb, Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, Malaysia), Patrick Scilabra (Ho, Politecnico di Milano, Italy), David Mills (Tu, The University of Manchester, UK), Chenjie Zeng (Sc, University of Pennsylvania, China), Felicia Lim (Sm, Monash University, Malaysia), Felix Rizzuto (Gd, McGill University, Australia), Anna Regoutz (Pr, Imperial College London, Austria), Marian Asantewah Nkansah (Nd, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana), Jesus Esteban Serrano (Ge, Max Planck Institute for Chemical Energy Conversion, Spain), Raymond Borg (Dy, University of California Santa Barbara, USA), Cynthia Ibeto (Ar, University of Nigeria Nsukka, Nigeria), Lubomír Švorc (Eu, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Slovakia), Philippe Wilson (Kr, De Montfort University, UK)

We are excited about these ongoing awards and intend to keep you updated about the upcoming selected young chemists via our newsletter and social media channels.

Sebastian Weber

## Chemists Without Borders – The Power in the Network

As a humanitarian non-profit organization, Chemists Without Borders brings together chemists and non-chemists, who have the vision of a better world using the resources and expertise of the global chemistry community and its networks.

There are two ways in which this is achieved. Firstly, Chemists Without Borders provides support, as well as a platform where enthusiastic individuals become leaders and bring together experts, build teams, and launch projects to tackle specific issues in line with the vision of the organisation. Current projects include initiatives to address arsenic contamination in drinking water in Bangladesh, to promote the use of biochar as a means to mitigate climate change, and to support chemistry education in Sierra Leone.

Secondly, Chemists Without Borders strives to build a network and connect motivated individuals and institutions for transfer of knowledge, ideas, and opportunities. The importance of the network is asserted by Bego Gerber, the organisation's cofounder: "There are 20 million people involved globally in the chemical enterprise. Each of these people knows at least 10 people the others don't know. In the Information Age, we are all networked together. Just imagine the impact if even 1% of these networks were mobilized part-time for humanitarian work. Converting that potential energy to kinetic energy is my goal for Chemists Without Borders."

Chemists Without Borders is a volunteer-powered organisation fuelled by the motivation, support, expertise, skills, and commitment of its volunteers. The contribution of volunteers not only adds value to the organisation but is recognised as an integral asset necessary for its success. Indeed, one of the measures of success is the development of social enterprise leaders.

Adam, Heidi, and Ray, three inspiring volunteers, share their experience:

*"Working with Chemists Without Borders has revealed to me that true science doesn't stop at publication, but implementation. We are able to mobilize a global technical community which has developed innovative solutions to the world's pressing problems. Through bringing together community leaders, humanitarian organizations and technical experts, we can help meet the basic needs of communities facing difficult challenges."*

Adam Cooper (Student Volunteer Coordinator)

*"For me, joining Chemists Without Borders was about using chemistry to help people. Many problems we face today, such as water scarcity and pollution, need technical solutions, as well as economic and political ones. Chemists Without Borders draws on the skills and expertise of the global network of chemists to solve humanitarian problems. I joined Chemists Without Borders to be a part of that."*

Heidi Doak (Sponsorship Team Leader)

*"My focus is to devise a solution on a small scale, then to find a way to replicate it in many locations. Following that approach, we now have models for solving the arsenic contamination problem in Bangladesh and combating climate change. I find it exciting to*

*work with my many team members in all parts of the world and at all levels, from brilliant high school students to seasoned professionals.”*

Ray Kronquist (President)

Anyone who believes in the mission of the organisation is welcome to join the 1000+ members and volunteers spread across the globe. By sharing passion for science and humanitarian work, knowledge can be amplified and used to improve the living and working conditions in various communities around the world.

Do you want to learn more? Do you want to join this movement?

Visit our Facebook [page](#) for the latest updates and join, or start, discussions with fellow members on the Facebook [group](#). You can also join a live [interactive chat](#) on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. For more information about the projects and how you can volunteer visit the website <http://chemistswithoutborders.org> and subscribe to receive the Newsletter and ‘Opportunities for Members’ in your mailbox.

Maria-Stella Portelli (Social Media Manager)

## IYCN at PITTCON Conference and Expo Philadelphia

IYCN had the opportunity to be present this year in PITTCON, an annual conference and exposition for laboratory science, which combines participants from industry, academia and government from more than 90 countries.

Fatima Mustafa, IYCN Secretary, had the chance to promote IYCN in this international event by personally meeting chemists from Asia, Europe, Africa, and North & South Americas mainly during the expo, and poster the sessions.

Young chemists were excited about IYCN and were encouraged to share the news about IYCN in their respective communities through various IYCN promotional materials. Many have showed active interest in joining the network.



*A group of young chemists at PITTCON, Left to right: Fatima Mustafa, Madhuri Jayathirtha, Devika Channaveerappa, and Yaroslav Filipov (Clarkson University)*

Fatima Mustafa

## Active Members in IYCN



**Marta Da Pian** earned her M.Sc. in chemistry in 2013 in a joint project between the University of Padua and the University of Twente. In 2018 she completed her PhD at University Ca' Foscari of Venice working on organic synthesis and supramolecular catalysis under the supervision of Prof. Scarso and Prof. Fabris. She also conducted part of her PhD at Freie Universität Berlin in Prof. Shcalley Lab. She is currently a Postdoc at University of Padua in Prof. Pasut Lab developing antibody drug systems aimed at cancer diagnosis and therapy. She is an active member of the Italian Chemical Society (SCI) and Member of the Social Media Team of the International Younger Chemists Network (IYCN).

### Selected Awards:

- 2016 Reaxys Young Researcher Award, awarded by SCI and Elsevier
- 2018 Mention of „Doctor Europaeus“, awarded by University Ca' Foscari of Venice and University of Trieste

Sub-committee/Position: Social Media Team



**João Borges** graduated and received his PhD in Chemistry from the University of Porto (Portugal) in 2008 and 2013, respectively. From 2013-2018, he was a postdoctoral fellow at University of Minho (Portugal) and University of Aveiro (Portugal). Currently, he is a Junior Research Fellow and Principal Investigator of a R&D project at CICECO – Aveiro Institute of Materials, University of Aveiro, with an individual contract supported by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT). His research interests include the molecular design and development of supramolecular functional biomaterials for biomedical and healthcare applications.

### Selected Awards:

- Principal Investigator of a R&D project awarded by FCT (2018-2021)
- Junior Research Fellow Award by FCT (2018)
- Postdoctoral grant awarded by FCT (2014)

Sub-committee/Position: Conference Presence Team



**Dr. Hooi-Ling Lee** is a senior lecturer in the School of Chemical Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) since 2012. Her current research interest in USM includes synthesis and characterizations of nanomaterials via chemical and green techniques. She obtained her PhD (Surface Science) from Dublin City University, Ireland, in which her PhD degree was fully sponsored by the Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) grant. She pursued her MSc. (Pharmaceutical Technology) in the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, USM. She also received her first degree in Bachelor of Applied Science (Industrial Chemistry) (Hons) from Universiti Sains Malaysia.

She is currently the Chair of the American Chemical Society (ACS) Malaysia International Chemical Sciences Chapter (2018-2020). She is also a Chartered Chemist awarded by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) and a registered chemist in Malaysia. Besides that, she is also an Affiliate Member of the Young Scientist Network-Academy of Science Malaysia (YSN-ASM).

#### **Selected Awards:**

- 2018 Endeavour Research Fellowship by the Australian High Commission.
- Certificate of Merit for oral presentation of the Division of Environmental Chemistry at the 252<sup>nd</sup> ACS National Meeting, 21-25 August, 2016, PA, USA.

Sub-committee/Position: Public Outreach Team



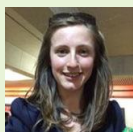
**Sebastian Weber** received his B.Sc. in Chemistry in 2015 and M.Sc. in Chemistry in 2018 from Leipzig University, Germany. He is currently a PhD student in the group of Prof. Jan-Dierk Grunwaldt with Dr. Thomas Sheppard at the Institute for Chemical Technology and Polymer Chemistry (ITCP) and Institute of Catalysis Research and Technology (IKFT) at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) in Karlsruhe, Germany. Sebastian is active in the German Chemical Society (GDCh) and current Team Leader of the Social Media Team and Executive Board Member of the International Younger Chemist Network (IYCN).

#### **Selected Awards:**

- since 2018 European Young Talent Program BASF SE
- 2015-2017 German Scholarship of the Bayer Foundation
- 2016 DAAD-ISAP-Fellowship for a 6-month stay at Monash University, Australia

Sub-committee/Position: Social Media Team Leader

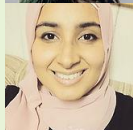
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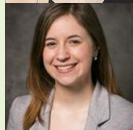
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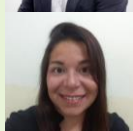
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