



The Euro-CASE Workshop “Involvement of Early Career Professionals”

# Polish Young Academy (PYA) of Polish Academy of Sciences – an overview

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# History of the Polish Young Academy

- **Established** April 30, 2010
- First election in 2011
- 2012 - Membership in **Global Young Academy**
- Terms of office:
  - **2021-2026 (18 members)**
  - **2019-2024 (17 members)**
  - 2016-2021 (15 members)
  - 2012-2017 (9 members)
  - 2011-2016 (26 members)
- So far: **85 members in total** (incl. recent and former ones)



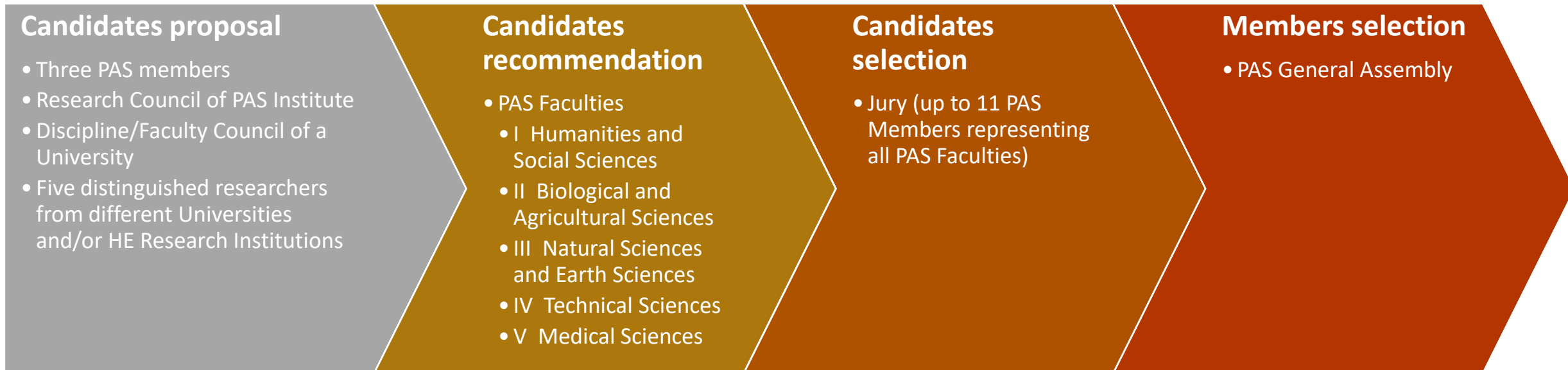
**PYA's 10th anniversary**  
(October 2021)

# Model of PYA membership

- **PYA Member Candidates:**
  - outstanding young researchers
  - preferable confirmed commitment
  - up to **38 years old**
  - with at **least PhD degree**
- **Number of PYA members:**
  - up to **10%** of PAS members
  - currently **35 members**
- **Membership:**
  - **five years**
  - not renewable



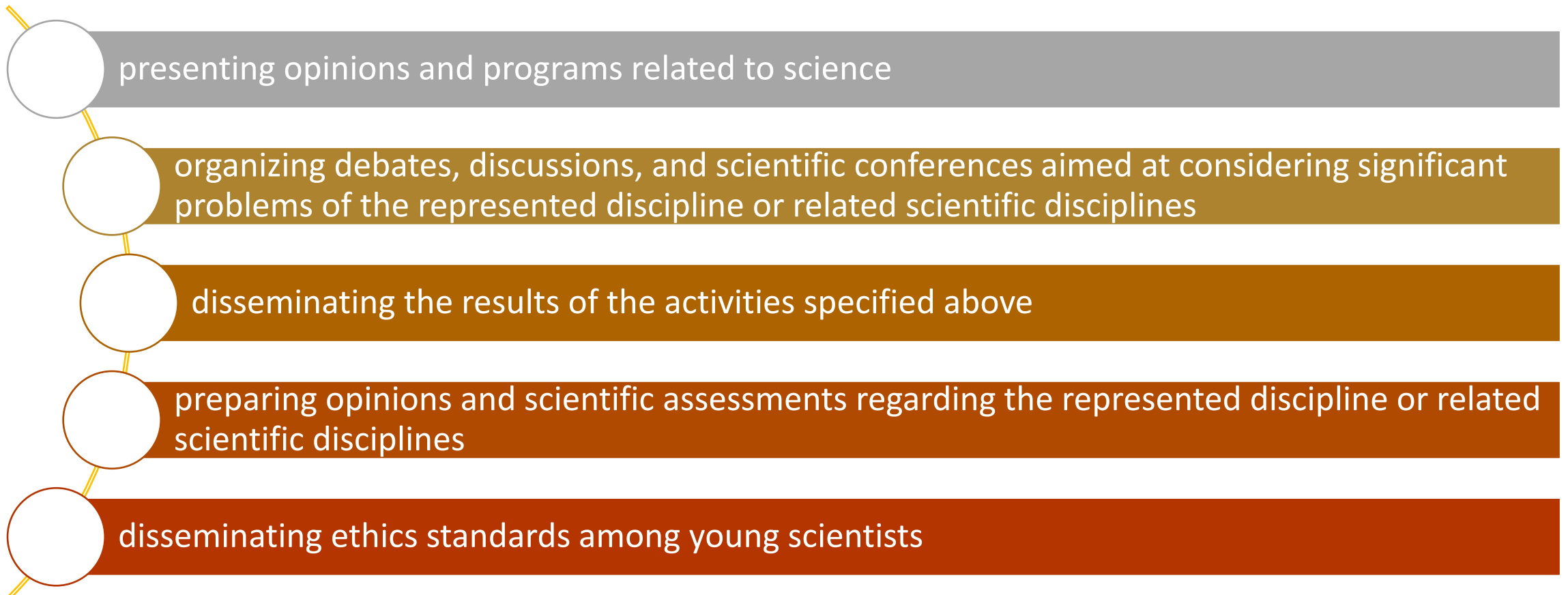
# PYA members selection procedure





# PYA role according to PAS

- Activities aimed at **activating the community of young scientists**, in particular:



- PYA carries out tasks on its initiative or at the request of the PAS's bodies.

# Activities

## – regular events



- **Scientific conference: Polish Scientific Networks (PSN)**
  - Edition 2022: **Climate Change: Science & Society**, Wrocław
  - Edition 2019: **Science & Technology**, Poznań
  - Edition 2018: **Science & Medicine**, Łódź
  - Edition 2016: **Science & Business**, Wrocław
  - Edition 2015: **June 18-20, 2015**, Warsaw
- **Summer school: Forge of young talents (KMT AMU)**
  - Six editions: 2015-2019
  - Target group: **excellent** PhD Students
  - Goal: to boost their research-related skills
  - Format: workshop



# Activities

## – regular events

### ■ **Become woman in science!**

- Three editions: 2019, 2020, 2022
- Held on **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** (February 11)
- Target group: high school female students
- Goal: encourage female interest in research
- Format: round table discussions with female researchers

### ■ **Two PYA regular meetings per year**

**ZOSTAŃ BADACZKĄ!**  
**KOBIETY W NAUCE 2022**

Bezpłatne spotkanie online 11 lutego 2022r.

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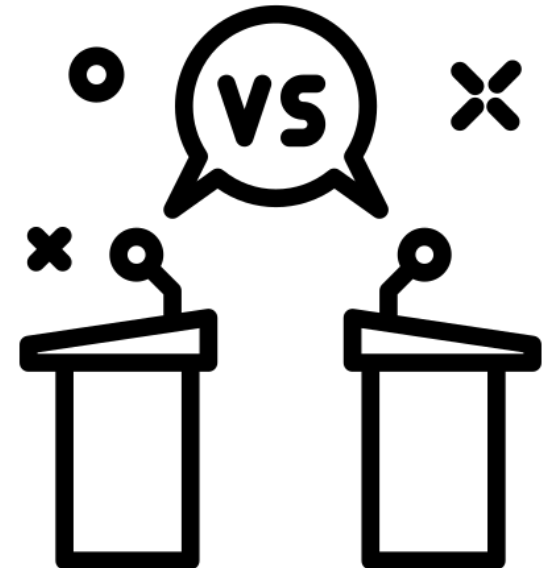
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# Activities

## – other (selected) events

### ■ **Conferences & Debates**

- 2018, Conference: *Commercialization of Research - Challenges for Young Researchers*
- 2018, Debate: *Problems of PAS institutes and the reform of the PAS in the eyes of young researchers*
- 2017, Conference: *PAS & PYA Reform Directions*
- 2016, Conference: *Science & Business*
- 2013, Debate: *Young people in science*





# Activities

## – promotion & popularization of science

- ✓ Climate Day Webinar
- ✓ Flying Science Cafes
- ✓ Participation in Science Picnics and Science Festivals
- ✓ Participation in European Researchers' Night
- ✓ Popular Science Talks by PYA Members
- ✓ Popular Science Papers by PYA Members published in PAS Bulletin



# Activities

## – opinions & reports



- Opinions on draft legal acts related to the organization of science/HE/research funding in Poland
- Recommendations and proposals of changes in the rules for the organization of science/HE/research funding in Poland
- **Since 2016, more than 40 opinions and recommendations issued**
- Some of them acknowledged and/or applied



# Cooperation and interaction with the regular academy

- PYA Chair being invited to **PAS presidium meetings** (non-voting)
- PYA Members attending **PAS General Assembly meetings** (non-voting)
- PYA Members attending **meetings of PAS Faculties** (non-voting)
- PYA Members attending **meetings of local PAS Chapters**
- PYA Members can join up to two **PAS scientific committees** (voting, no election needed), problem committees, and national committees
- PYA activities communicated yearly to PAS General Assembly
- PYA Representative in the Finance Committee (science dissemination activities)
- PYA Representatives in the teams assessing yearly reports of PAS scientific committees

# Autonomy



- Defining goals
- Planning and organizing events
- Finance (to some extent)



- Finance (no dedicated budget)
- Administrative issues
- New members selection/recommendation
- Access to materials considered by PAS General Assembly (and some Faculties)

# Recommendations

1. Introduce a unified communication/ interaction strategy between PYA and PAS Faculties/Chapters/Committees – practices dependent on Faculty Deans/Chapter and Committee Chairs
2. Seek ways to involve PYA members in „adult” academy activities
3. Get more „adult” academy members more aware of/ acquainted with PYA members



# Successes

- ✓ PYA recognition in Poland
- ✓ PYA representatives in councils of research funding institutions (National Science Center and National Center for Research and Development)
- ✓ Recognizable events created from scratch within the framework of PYA by passionate young researchers
- ✓ The initial model of PYA shaped



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