

International Younger Chemists Network

To whom it may concern,

Delegate Nomination Request

The International Younger Chemists Network (IYCN) is an organization that connects chemists under the age of 35 or those who received their last chemistry-related training (e.g. Ph.D., Postdoc) within the last five years. We strive to spread scientific knowledge, enable professional mentorship, and encourage a passion for chemistry in our members and the wider community. For this purpose, we collaborate with the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), of which we are an associated organization. Our goal is to reach like-minded scientists globally, and we have six steering committees that are focused on achieving this goal: Public Outreach, Finance, Social Media, Governance, Conference Presence, and International Society Liaison.

Our aim is to stand as a voice for younger chemists and maintain a strong international conference presence while creating a platform for young chemists to connect across the globe. As of now, we are seeking delegates for the 01/2021-12/2022 term, and to update our current IYCN delegates if they ceased their role. Through our delegates and members, we are working hard to promote IYCN to the general chemistry community, so that we can develop, grow, and fulfill our vision for this organization. We are looking to identify two IYCN delegates from each country. These representatives should be highly motivated and willing to donate their time, energy, and experience to help IYCN reach and support as many of our members as possible, hence fulfilling the vision of a global connection for all younger chemists around the globe. Prior knowledge of IYCN by the delegates would be a bonus but is not required.

In order to realize this vision, we are working to establish and rapidly grow our network throughout all countries around the world regardless of their IUPAC membership status.

As a representative chemical organization in your country, we invite you to nominate two enthusiastic young chemists who fit the above criteria to become IYCN delegates for a period of two years (i.e. they are under the age of 35, are actively undertaking chemistry-related training, or have done so in the last five years). The delegates will participate in the IYCN General Assembly in Montreal, August 13th, 2021 (either in person or virtual attendance will be available, please note that no support for travel to, or expenses incurred during the meeting can be offered at this time). Please submit their names and contact information to iycn.delegates@gmail.com by October 31st, 2020.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions about IYCN or the General Assembly.

We look forward to working with you in the future!

Stephen Aderinto, *IYCN Governance Committee Leader* **Lori Ferrins**, *IYCN Chair*