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## The first Executive Board of the Swiss Young Academy has been elected

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**The members of the Swiss Young Academy elected its executive board at the first constitutive meeting and, with Estefania Cuero, the first speaker. During her one-year term of office, Estefania Cuero would above all like to work to meet the needs of society and young scientists. A particular concern of hers is diversity and inclusion.**

The newly-elected executive board of the Swiss Young Academy consists of the following five members:

- **Estefania Cuero**, Doctoral Student, Faculty of Culture and Social Sciences, University of Lucerne, speaker of the Swiss Young Academy
- **BinBin Pearce**, Senior Assistant, Department of Environmental System Sciences, ETH Zurich, vice-speaker of the Swiss Young Academy
- **Stefanie Boulila**, Lecturer and Project Manager, Institute of Sociocultural Development, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts
- **Florian Egli**, Doctoral Student, Group for Energy Policy, ETH Zurich
- **Lucas Mueller**, Postdoctoral Researcher in history of science, University of Geneva

“I’m overwhelmed and I thank you for your trust”, said Estefania Cuero, the newly-elected speaker, when accepting her election. “The Young Academy intends to respond to the needs of society and young scientists. It’s a great concern of mine, in such an exceptional and historic year, that we contribute to bringing science and society closer together through joint projects”. Her doctoral studies concern recognition and distributional justice in human rights-based development work.

On 22 June, the members of the Swiss Young Academy elected their executive board at their first constitutive meeting and laid the first foundations for joint projects. The meeting and the elections took place online. Exceptionally, the executive board’s one-year term of office will start immediately, as the inaugural ceremonies had to be postponed until further notice due to the Corona virus crisis.

The tasks of the executive board include the preparation of business and the adoption of the budget, the annual statements of account and the annual report to the General Meeting of members. The speaker represents the Young Academy internally and externally and chairs the executive board.

### More information about the members

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The **Swiss Young Academy** networks young researchers from a wide range of scientific disciplines and universities and creates an inspiring environment for inter- and transdisciplinary exchange and innovative ideas. Its members are the representatives of Swiss science in the national and international context and are regarded as the young voice of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences. The Swiss Young Academy is a member of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences