



# ISHS YOUNG MINDS COMMITTEE



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*The future of Horticulture is centered around our youth*

Young people have the opportunity to **dream**, to **set goals**, support their **education** and **professional** development, and, most importantly, provide **opportunities** for them to contribute to building a **better world through horticulture**.



## Young Minds Program



## How to define **Young Minds** for ISHS?

**Young Minds** – a special group of

**Students**

(Undergraduate, Graduate, Postgraduate)

or

**Early career professionals**

(with less than 10 years of experience after receiving a terminal degree), up to 40 years old





## Main goals

Establish a hub of opportunities for **training, mentorship, internship, exchange, and connections** to develop the next generation of horticulturists

Develop year-round activities such as **webinars, deep-dive meetings, networking, and mentorship events** for young minds and **connect YM with industry partners** discuss possible career opportunities

Organize **social events** around Large Symposia and Congresses

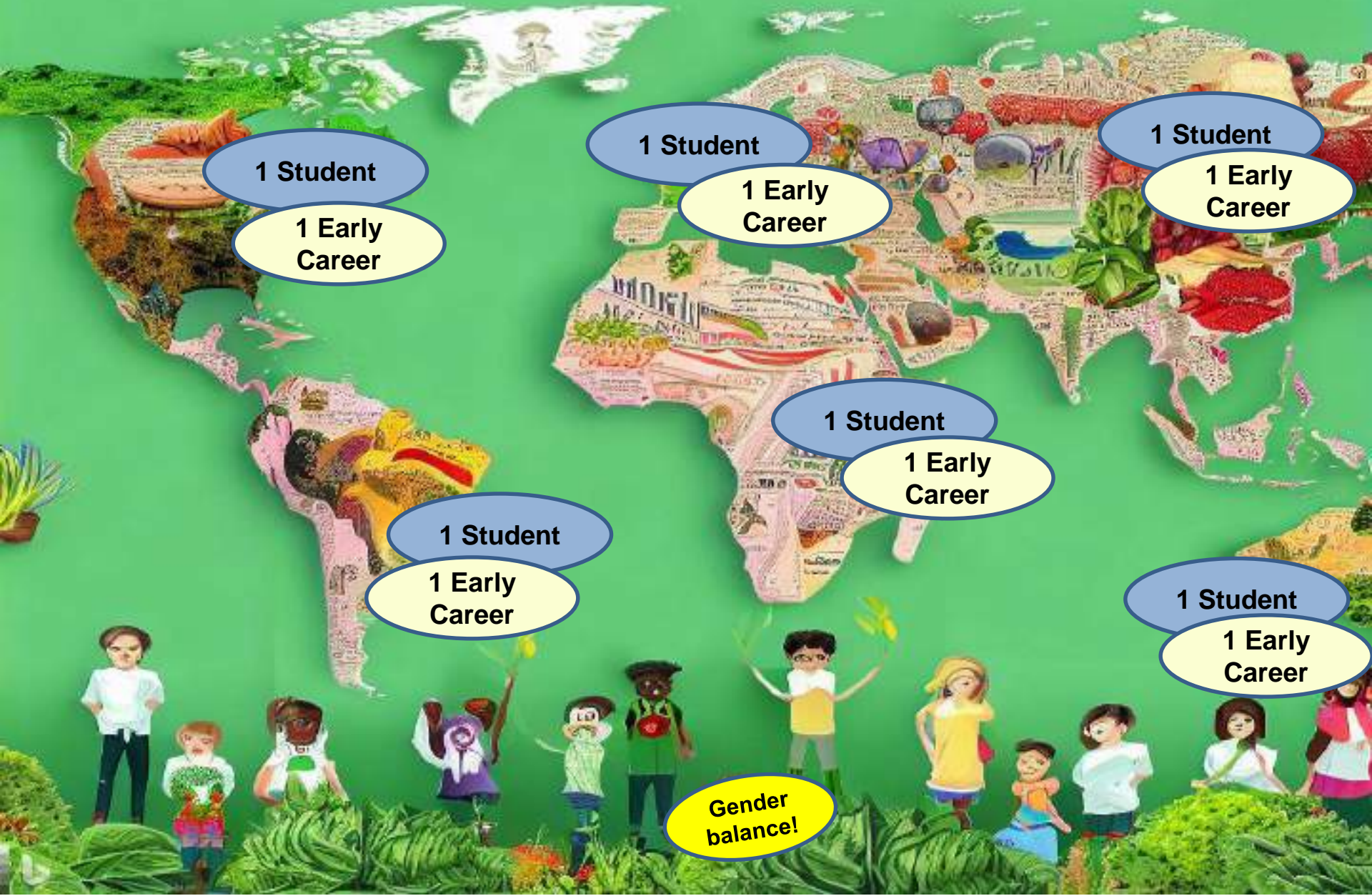
To promote and involve YM in ISHS through **awards, special recognition (best papers and presentations)** and **publications** in *Chronica Horticulturae*



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# MEMBERS: total = 12



1 Student

1 Early Career

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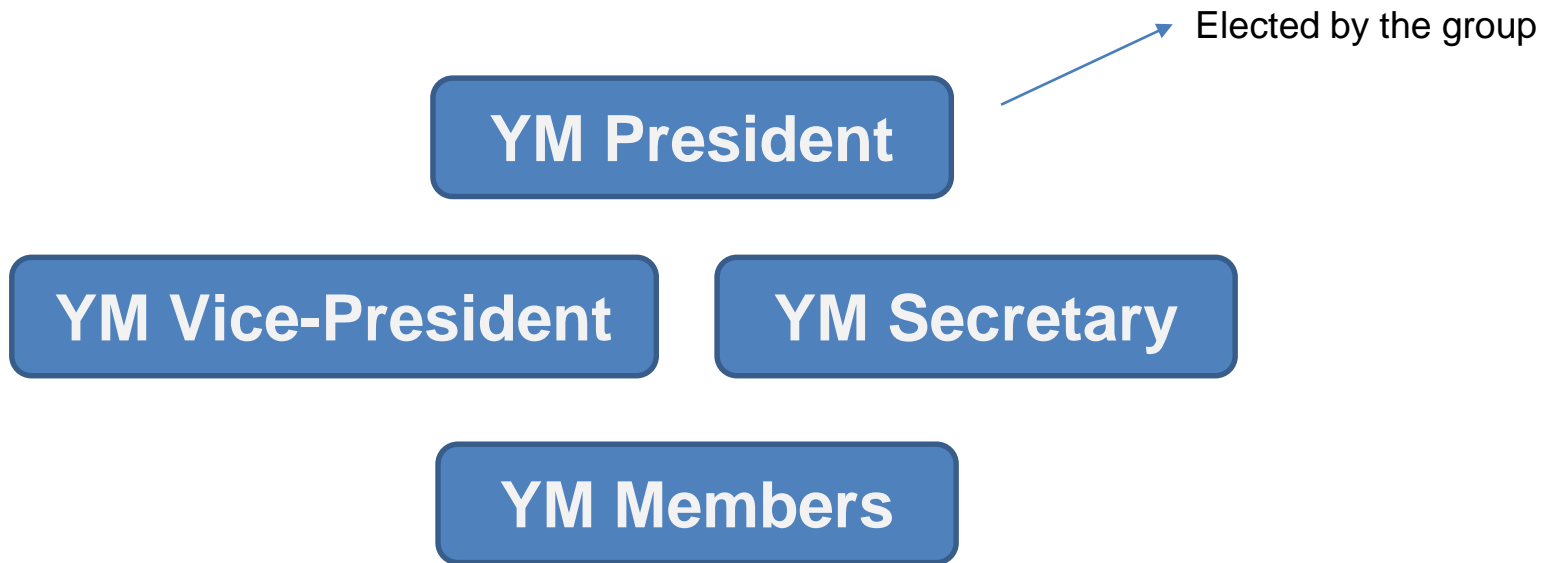
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Gender balance!



# Structure:



**Coordination/supervision:** ISHS Vice-president responsible for Young Minds

**Period:** max of 4 years [concurrent with ISHS Board and Divisional Chairs]



# Young Minds *Frame*

**Training**

Summer Schools

Young co-convener

Challenges

Mentorship

#3MThesis Contest

**Extension**

Grow greener

**Publication**

Communication

Publications  
(Chronica)

**Jobs**

Industry x ISHS

Job platform







Who may apply?

**Young Minds**

**ISHS YM awardee**

**ISHS member**

**ISHS non-member**

(but membership is expected if chosen)

**Everyone!!**

## Members' candidacy - 3 steps

Go to ISHS website

[www.ishs.org/young-minds-committee](http://www.ishs.org/young-minds-committee)

1

Download and fill the  
**Application Form**

## Members' candidacy

2

Request 1 (one)  
**Support Letter**



### **By recommendation:**

- ISHS Division Chairs
- ISHS Conveners
- ISHS Council members
- Academics/ISHS members

## Members' candidacy

Write an essay (1-2 pages) with an original idea

3

to address a specific horticultural  
problem/ situation

that would be of broad interest

Guidelines on  
[www.ishs.org/young-minds-committee](http://www.ishs.org/young-minds-committee)





**Submit the three documents by email to:**

**info@ishs.org**

**Deadline:**

**Dec 24th  
2023**



**Evaluation** →

Board members and invited professionals

**Members selection**

**By: Jan 25th  
2024**

**YMC establishment**

**By: Feb 15th  
2024**





**If you aspire to transform the world  
through horticulture**



**If you believe you have the power to turn the world into a better place**





**If you are in search of support for your career in horticulture**







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**Join us!!**

