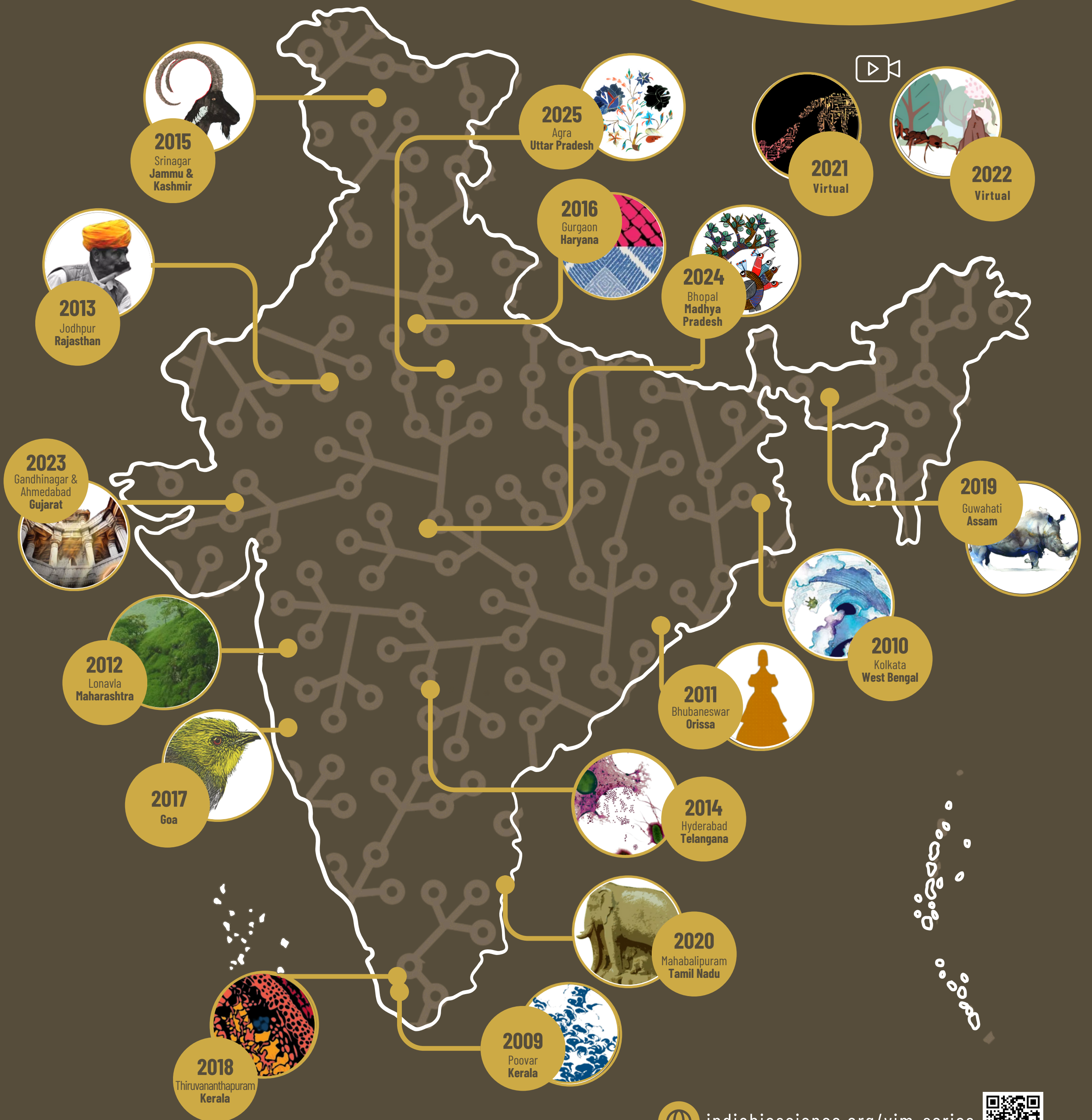


The Young *i*nvestigators' Meeting Series



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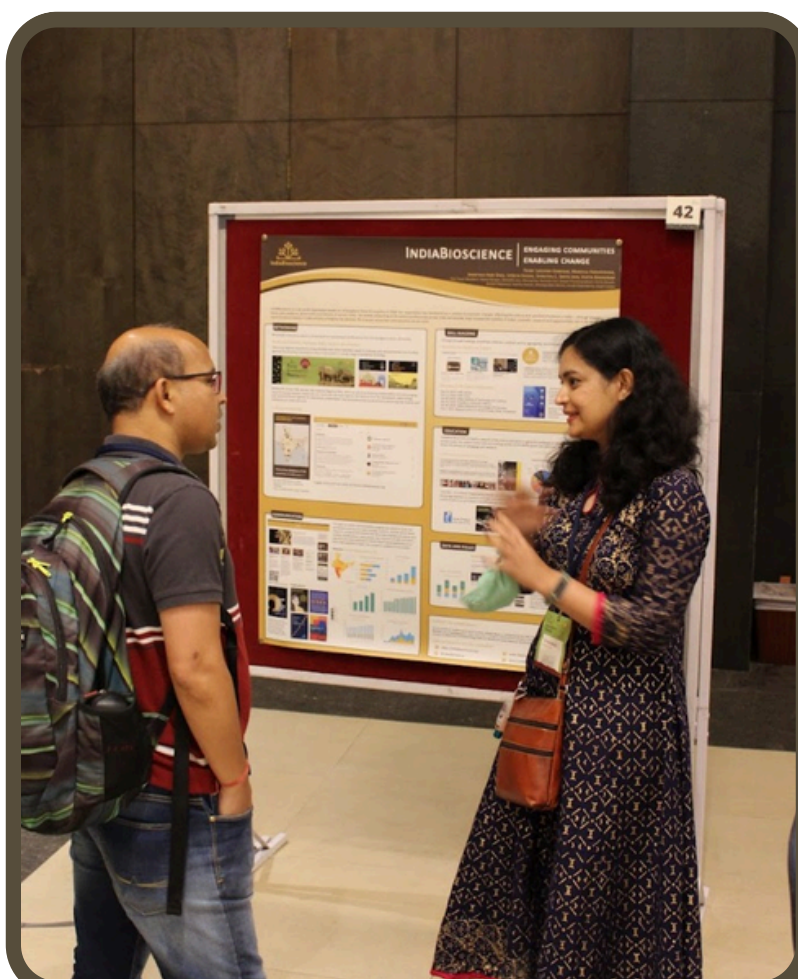




IndiaBioscience is a program that serves as a catalyst to promote changes in the culture and practice of the life sciences in India. By engaging with academia, government, and industry at various levels, it promotes advancements, collaborations and conversations among various stakeholders. The inaugural Young Investigators' Meeting in Thiruvananthapuram in 2009 laid the foundation for the formation of IndiaBioscience.



The annual **Young Investigators' Meeting (YIM)** brings together exceptional young investigators, postdoctoral fellows, mentors, and senior scientists, heads of institutes, and representatives from funding agencies for **four and a half days** of discussions and interactions focusing on science and careers in a broad range of disciplines of biology, as well as mentorship and networking.





Young Investigators' Meeting

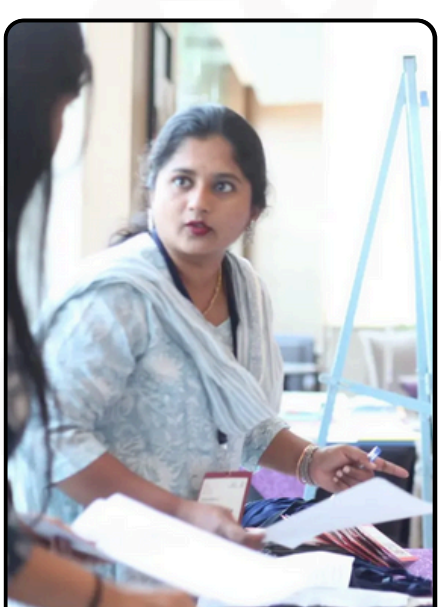
Across 16 years, YIMs have been held at different locations across India, with a meeting format that hosts special talks, mentor talks, poster sessions and panel discussions to foster discussions on important and relevant issues, and opportunities in the life science ecosystem in India. These include starting a research group, academic publishing, grants and funding, interdisciplinary research, collaborations and mentorship, diversity, equity and inclusion, among many others.

Each year, the meeting brings together 40 Young Investigators (YIs) and 40 postdoctoral fellows (PDFs), and also adapts to include new features and sessions relevant to doing contemporary life science research.

The PDF Satellite Meeting at YIM allows postdoctoral fellows to understand the life science research ecosystem in India, and meet directors and vice-chancellors from institutes and universities across the country, all in one place.

In doing so, YIM brings together postdoctoral fellows from India and abroad with young investigators and mentors (mid/senior scientists) to promote new connections and facilitate a first-hand experience on building and establishing a research group in India.

Over the years, YIM has enabled young scientists in India connect, collaborate and exchange ideas to advance their research pursuits and expand their professional opportunities.





Starting of the YIMs

The idea of YIMs was first discussed in 2007 at a dinner conversation between Ron Vale (who was on sabbatical at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru) and three young faculty members who felt the need to have a platform for like-minded scientists to meet and discuss common challenges and ideas.

Read more:



“After that dinner,” says Vale, who is now Vice President and Executive Director of the Janelia Research Campus at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, **“it struck me that the need was probably greater than these few individuals I had dinner with. There were probably similar conversations that needed to be held all over India.”**

Anecdotes from participants

“The organising team went over and beyond to make the event a huge success. We enjoyed the hospitality by IndiaBioscience. The networking opportunities and ideas exchanged were unique at YIM, and different from other scientific conferences.”

“The informational webinar and pre-event huddle were excellent and very timely. These events prepared us very well to know what to expect in YIM 2024 and how we can be better prepared to make full use of opportunity. Childcare grants were very important for the participants who were caring for their young ones.”



Each year:



40 Young investigators



40 Postdoctoral fellows



6-7 Mentors from India and 3-4 international mentors

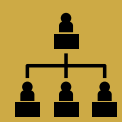


20+ Institute heads and representatives

Across 16 YIMs:



610+ Young investigators



50+ Organisers



605+ Postdoctoral fellows

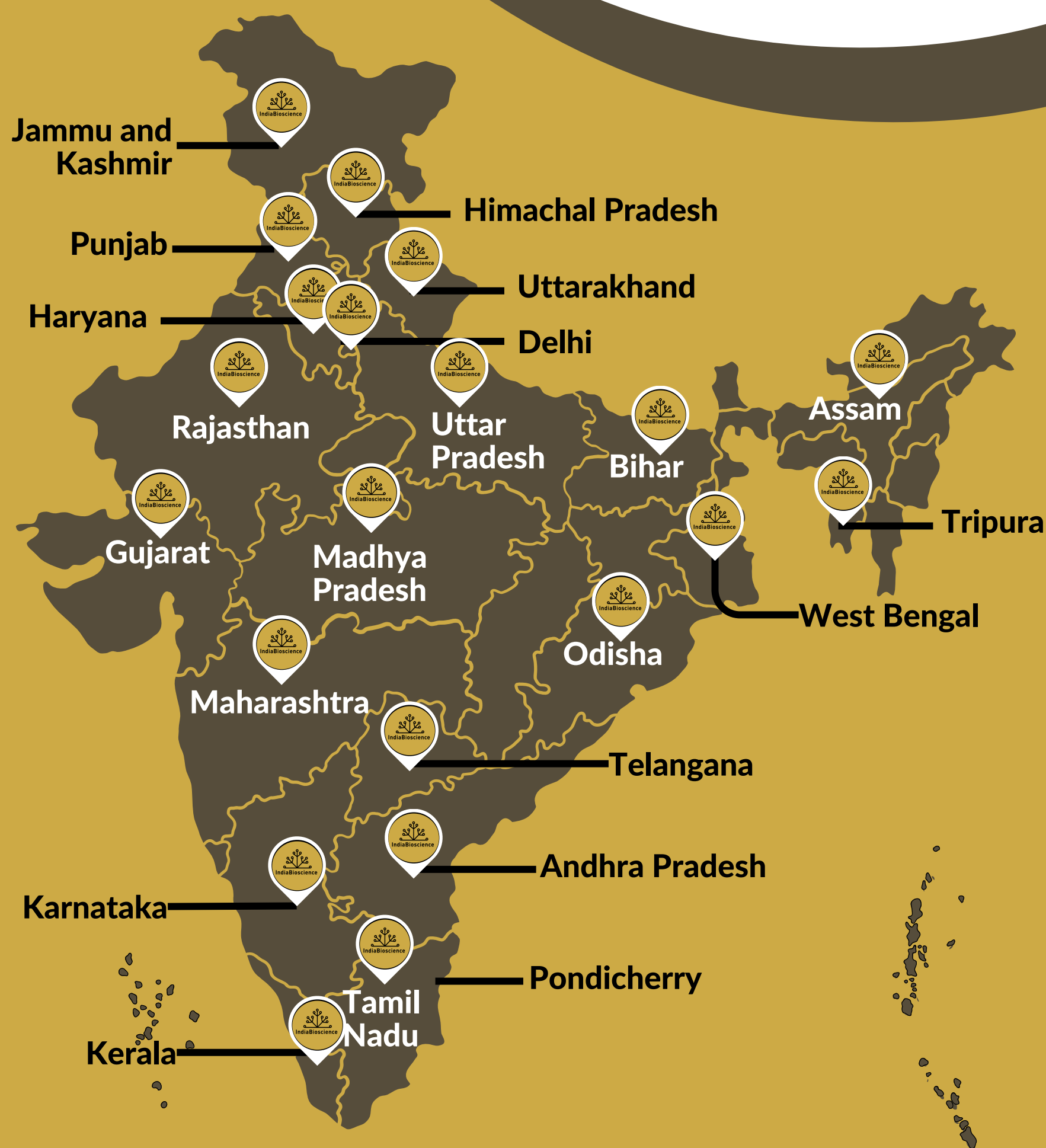


60+ Mentors





**Location of
Postdoctoral fellows
across 16 YIMs**



**Location of
Young
Investigators
across India
across 16 YIMs**



Key Highlights

-  Mentor talks
-  Panel discussions
-  Breakout sessions
-  Poster sessions
-  PDF lightning talks
-  Institutional talks
-  Mini-workshops
-  EMBO Global Lecture Series
-  Networking sessions
-  Special talks
-  Diverse locations
-  Diverse participation
-  Supports sustainability
-  Inclusivity across career stage and gender
-  Support for and promotion of traditional regional art and artists
-  Stalls/booths/talks by representatives of supporting organisations

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Childcare Grants



IndiaBioscience childcare grants

A selected YIM applicant (Young Investigator/ Postdoctoral Fellow), speaker, mentor, organiser, resource personnel, or workshop trainer (irrespective of gender) can apply for this grant as parents/legal guardians.



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Other supporting organisations

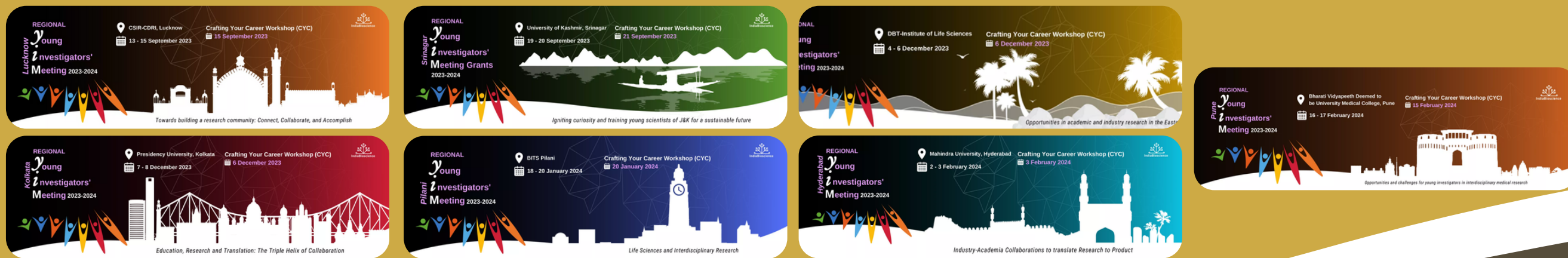
YIM Impact/Outcomes

Regional Young Investigators' Meetings (RYIMs)

Regional meeting grants to support local networking and collaboration

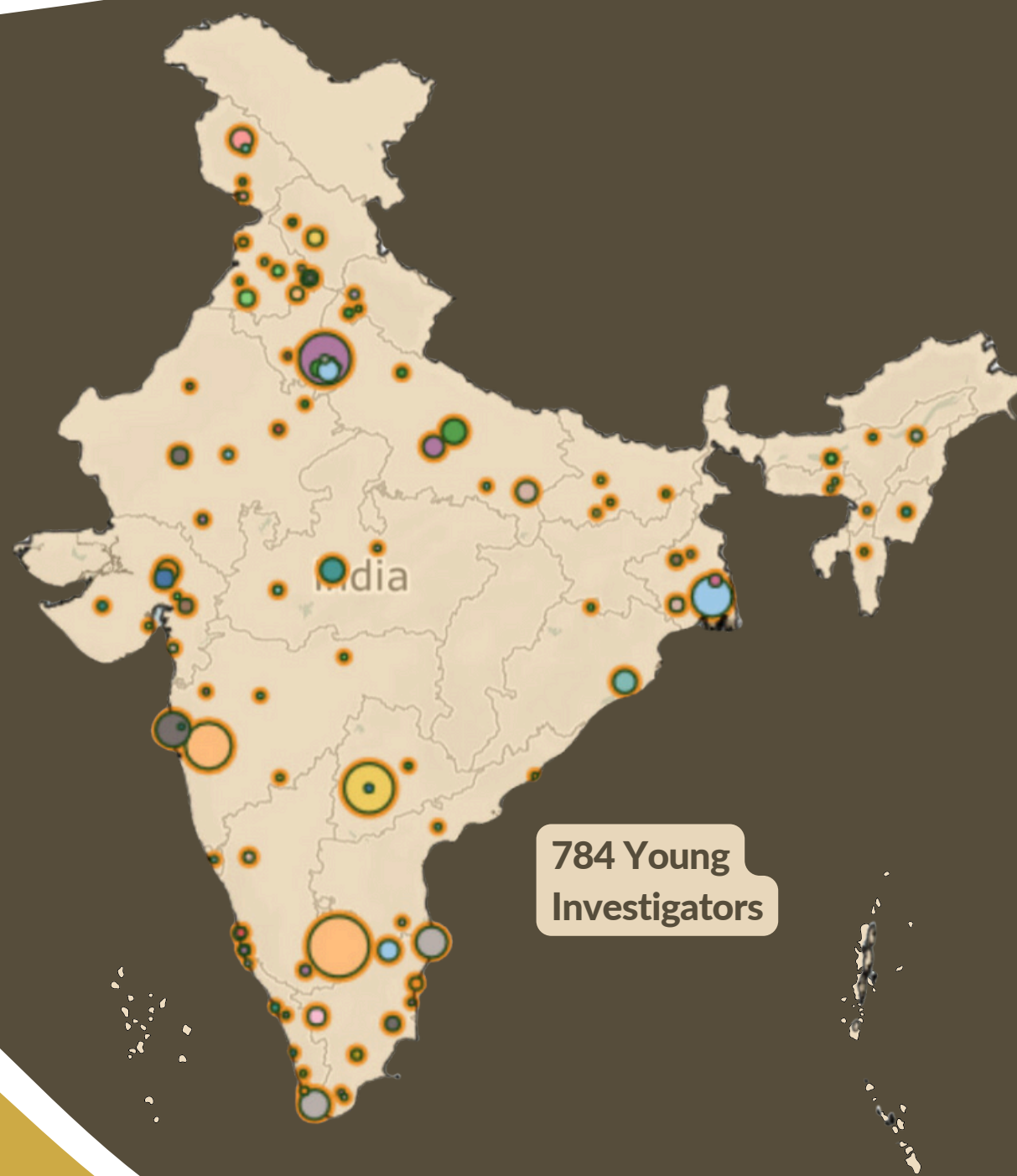


Scan to view details about the RYIM 2024-2025 grants



Interactive database of life science researchers in India

This resource is an interactive map showing the geo-distribution of life science researchers in our database.



Mentor talks

Every year at the YIM, mid/senior scientists (mentors) describe their scientific journeys providing inspirational as well as amusing anecdotes about their experiences with establishing scientific careers.



View mentor talks from previous YIMs



The IndiaBioscience Outreach Grants were

initiated to provide seed funding to young researchers to step out of their labs and build stronger connections with the broader public through innovative science outreach efforts.

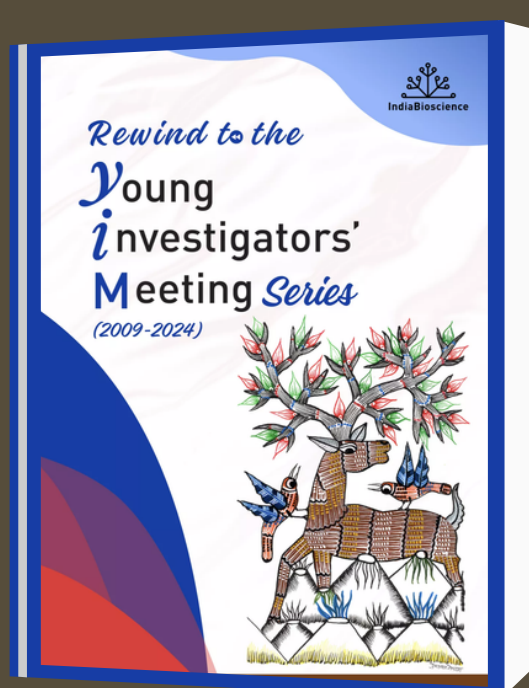
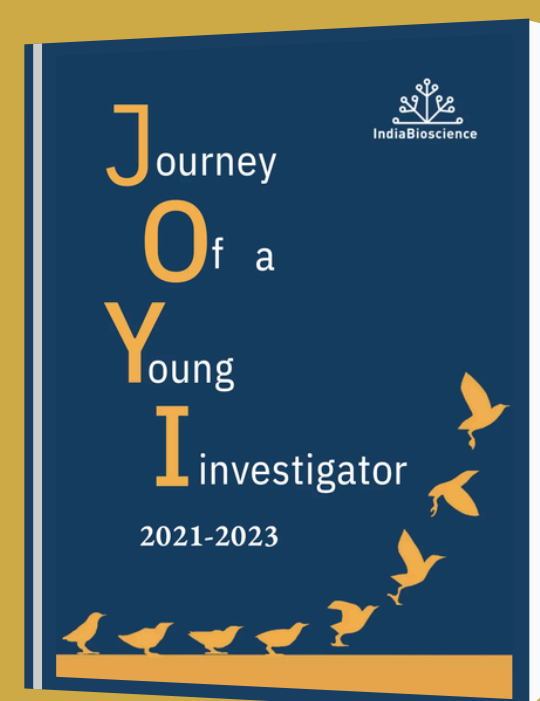
YIM Impact/Outcomes



Results from the nation-wide **YI survey** to understand challenges faced by life science researchers in India



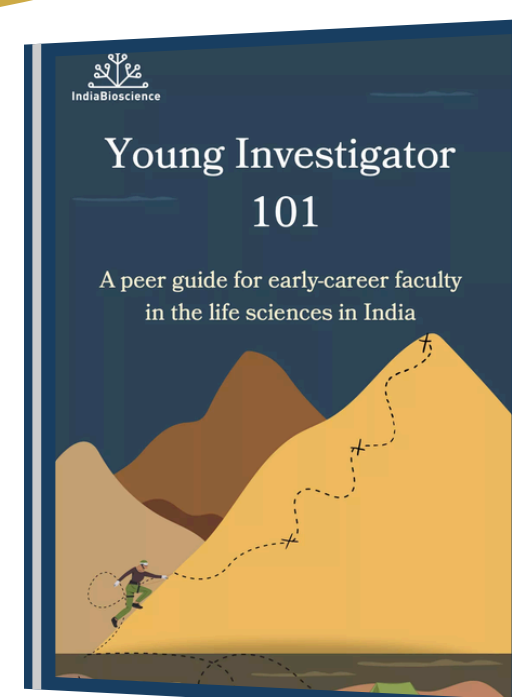
JOYI: Journey of a Young Investigator
The e-collection celebrates the stories of young investigators attending YIMs from 2018-2023



Rewind to the Young Investigators' Meeting series (2009–2024)

This e-compedium celebrates the journey of scientists who have attended Young Investigators' Meetings (YIM) in the last 16 years, since the first meeting in 2009.

YI 101: A peer guide for early-career faculty in the life sciences in India
The e-book is a peer guide for early-career faculty to navigate starting out as a YI in India.



Invited Mentors

The Young Investigators Meeting
24-28 Feb 2009

at Estuary Island, Poovar, Kerala

This unique meeting brings together India's best young life science researchers, along with excellent post-doctoral fellows from around the world. These young investigators will interact with renowned international and Indian scientists, science policy makers, and entrepreneurs in biotechnology. The program will feature stimulating scientific talks and posters, with a unique focus on mentorship, as senior scientists share their experiences and lead panel discussions on strategies for scientific success. Through these interactions, we hope young investigators will make new scientific connections, and gain perspectives that will help them succeed in the early phases of their careers.

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The 2nd Young Investigators Meeting
of IISc Research, near Mysore, India

This unique meeting from 27-31st February brings together India's best young life science researchers, along with excellent post-doctoral fellows from around the world. These young investigators will interact with renowned international and Indian scientists, science policy makers, and entrepreneurs in biotechnology. The program will feature stimulating scientific talks and posters, with a unique focus on mentorship, as senior scientists share their experiences and lead panel discussions on strategies for scientific success. Through these interactions, we hope young investigators will make new scientific connections, and gain perspectives that will help them succeed in the early phases of their careers.

Application deadline: 1st October 2009

Organizers

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YIM
the 3rd Young Investigator Meeting

Postdoc Satellite Meeting
12-13 Feb 2011

Young Investigator Meeting
13-19 Feb 2011

Majal Hotel, Bhubaneswar, India

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Application Deadline: October 15, 2010

YIM the 4th Young Investigator Meeting

Fariyas Resort, Lonavala, India

Postdoc Satellite Meeting
Jan 7-8, 2012

Young Investigator Meeting
Jan 8-11, 2012

This meeting brings together India's best young life science researchers in an interaction with Indian and international scientists, granting agencies & policy makers. The aim is to find in young researchers those who will lead Indian science in the coming years. The meeting features scientific talks and posters with a focus on mentorship within the Indian context.

ORGANIZERS

Sanjeev Galande, IISc
Krishnaveni Mishra, IISc
Roop Mallik, IISc
Ron Vale, UCSF

APPLICATION DEADLINE Sep 1, 2011

For more information go to <http://www.indiabioscience.org/yim2012>

India
YIM
Taj Gateway, Jodhpur Rajasthan

Postdoctoral Fellow Satellite Meeting
9th - 10th February 2013

Young Investigator Meeting
10th - 13th February 2013

Application deadline: 1st September 2012

The fifth edition of the Young Investigators Meeting will be held in Jodhpur - India's very own blue city. If you are a senior postdoctoral fellow, young investigator or a science educator, YIM-2013 seeks to provide you a platform to reach a broader audience worldwide. With special emphasis on research and education this year, we encourage applications from scientists with a strong interest in education.

Invited Speakers

Umesh Bajpai, IISc
Graham Hatfull, University of Michigan
S. Krishnaswamy, IISc
Jennifer Lippincott-Schwartz, Harvard University
Vivek Mahotra, IISc
Debasisa Mohanty, IISc
Uma Ramakrishnan, IISc
Anindya Sinha, IISc

Organizers

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Manjunath G. P., IISc
Swati Thakur, IISc
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6th Young Investigators Meeting 2014

Application deadline: 1st September 2013

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7th Young Investigators Meeting 2015

27-31 March 2015
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Srinagar

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Application Deadline: October 15, 2014

8th Young Investigators Meeting 2016

27 Feb - 02 Mar, 2016
HERITAGE VILLAGE RESORT & SPA MANESAR GURGAON, DELHI

Application deadline: 01 Oct 2015

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9th Young Investigators Meeting 2017

6-10 March 2017
Goa

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Application deadline: 1st September 2016

10th Young Investigators Meeting 2018

5-8 March 2018
Mumbai

10 YEARS OF YIM
TAKING THE PULSE OF BIOLOGY IN INDIA

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Application deadline: 1st September 2017

11th Young Investigators Meeting 2019

6-10 March 2019
Guwahati

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Application deadline: 15th September 2018

12th Young Investigators Meeting 2020

16-19 February 2020
Mahabalipuram

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Application deadline: 15 August 2019

13th Young Investigators Meeting 2021

17-19 March 2021

Application deadline: 7 February 2021

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14th Young Investigators Meeting 2022

YIM: 4 - 6 May 2022
PDF Satellite Meeting: 9 - 12 May 2022
Last date to apply: 04 March 2022

The Young Investigators Meeting (YIM) will bring together India's best young life science researchers, post-doctoral fellows from around the world with renowned Indian and international scientists and administrators for interactions spanning seven days focusing on biology and research careers in science in India.

Organizers

Felix Baur, Central University of Punjab - Bathinda
Megha, TDU - Bangalore
Maha Kumar Jolly, IISc - Bangalore
Shantika Hari Datta, Indiabioscience

ISB Board Members

LS Sureshchandra, Rashmi Bhandari, Ron Vale, Roop Mallik, Satyajit Mayor

Invited Speakers

Mehdi Ghadiri, IISc - New Delhi
Santosh Kumar, IIT - Bombay
Vishweshwar Guttal, IISc - Bengaluru

Application deadline: 04 March 2022

15th Young Investigators Meeting 2023

13-17 Feb 2023
Gondal
Ahmedabad

The Young Investigators Meeting (YIM) brings together India's best young life science researchers, post-doctoral fellows from around the world with renowned Indian and international scientists and administrators for five days of interactions focusing on biology and careers in Indian science.

Application deadline: 15 October 2022

Apply Here: bit.ly/YIM2023

16th Young Investigators Meeting 2024

11-15 March 2024
Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Application Deadline: 1 November 2023

Apply Here: bit.ly/YIM2024

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Organizers

Krishnaveni Mishra, IISc
Lipi Thakur, CSIR-CCIR, New Delhi
Raghavendra Venkatesh, IISc
Vivek Chaudhary, IISc

Invited Speakers

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17th Young Investigators Meeting 2025

Save the Date

March 3 - 7 2025

Agra, Uttar Pradesh

For partnerships related to YIM 2025, contact us at hello@indiabioscience.org

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