

Building a research environment for doctoral education

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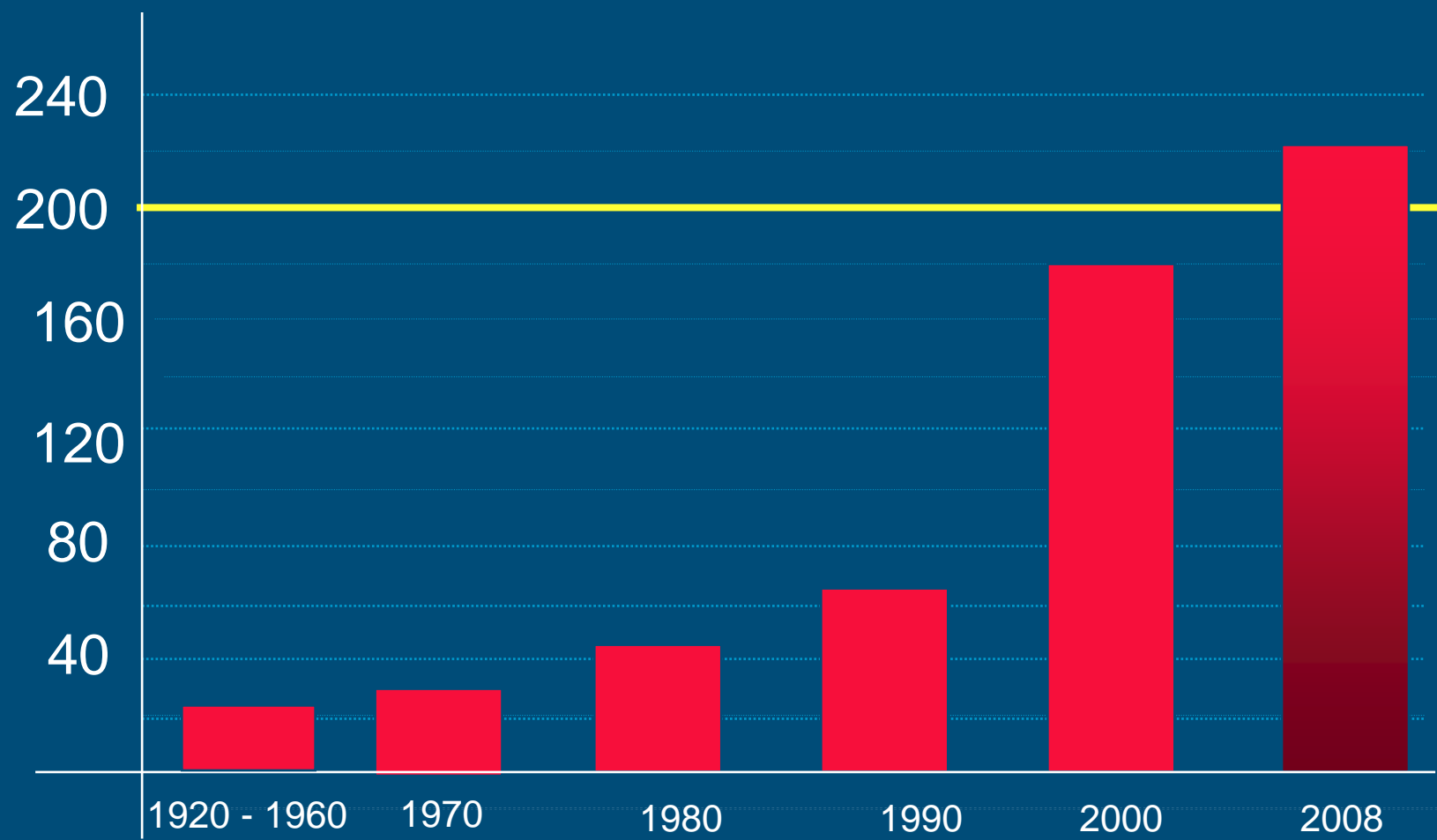
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- Wageningen University was honoured to host the seminar
 - Wagening University is a research intensive institution
 - Graduate schools play an active and important role in defining research strategy and in PhD-training
 - Wageningen University expects to celebrate its 5000th thesis defence this year

Number of PhD theses per year

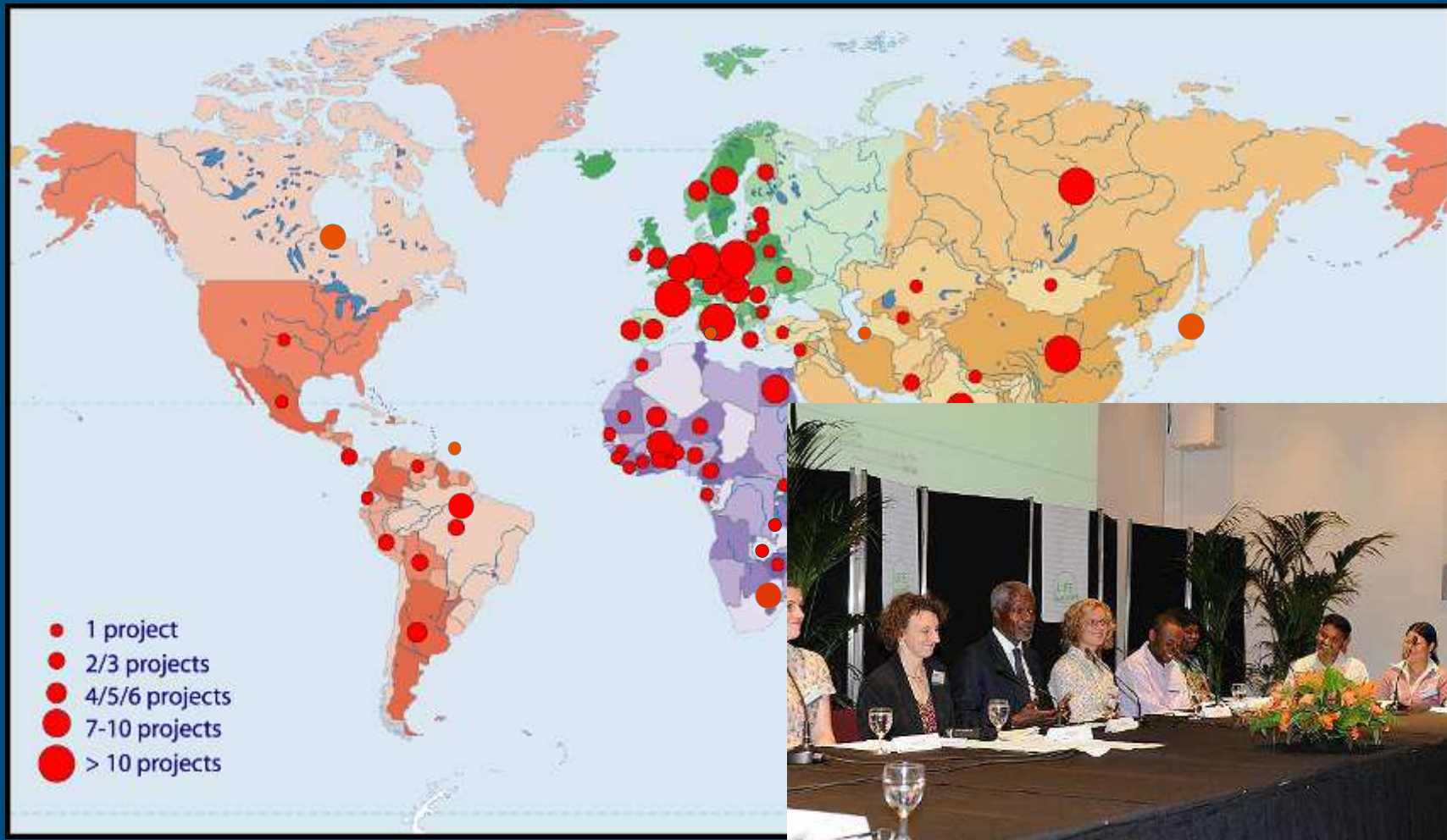


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- Doctorate education is at the heart of creating the European Research Area
 - Upcoming of international graduate schools
 - Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate Programs
 - PhD as the third cycle in the Bologna process -> PhD is about research training, not about education

Common demonitor: internationalisation. Universities need to develop an internationalisation strategy

Internationalisation

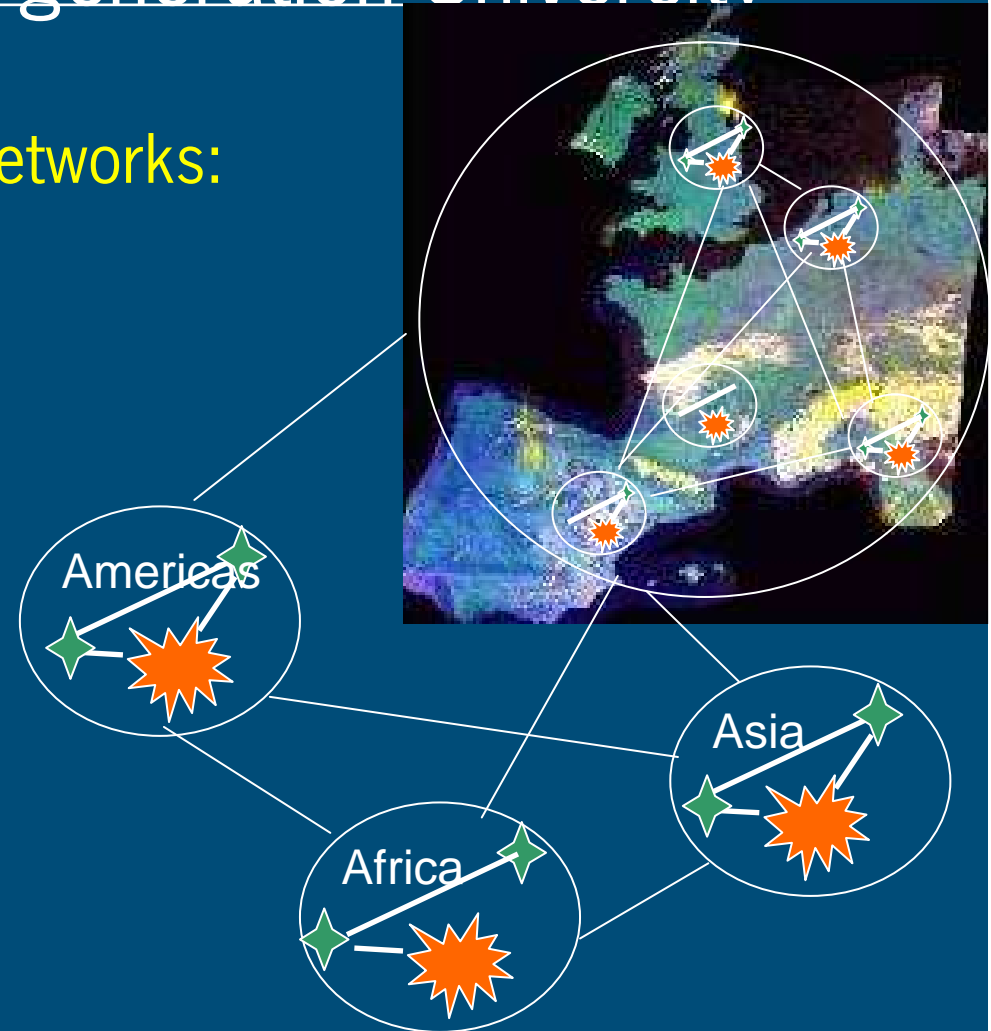


Wageningen UR: a next generation University

■ The development of global networks:

- Capacity building
- Science for impact

- Europe (>200 projects 30 m)
- ARI's (ECART/NATURA)
- CGIAR
- NARS
- Industry



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- Remarks to take home from the seminar to Wageningen University
 - Consider PhD-candidates as junior researchers, not as students
 - Structure is needed (TSP, supervision, setup) but varies among disciplines
 - Train the supervisor, not just in supervising the PhD-project, but also with respect to employability and institutional PhD policy
 - Develop clear and transparent admission procedures
 - Create awareness of acquired competences and capabilities in needs of society
 - Small is beautiful
 - Few companies hire the majority of researchers, but there are so many more possibilities
 - Create small and effective supervision environments

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- Finally, all the best to the EUA-CDE in the future
- Thank you for coming to Wageningen

Interdisciplinarity for impact

