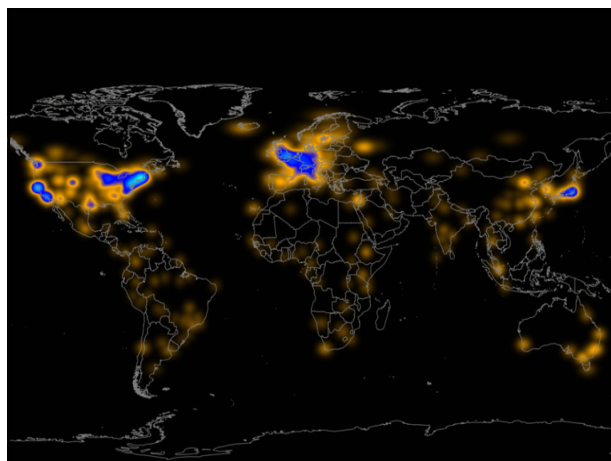




ENID/STI 2011 Conference on Actors and Networks in European Science

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Evolution of our research field: driven by the working floor, research groups

Demands of **users**
Interdisciplinarity
Further advancements in **data** availability/access and **computing** power
Conferences: emancipation and reinforcement of the field

ENID/STI is a facilitator not a dictator....



Future activities:

Focus will remain on high level annual **conferences**: ENID/STI, STI/ENID,....

- * Avoid that conferences will more or less repeat themselves
- * Clear, fresh **scope** for each conference is necessary
- * Maintain the **high quality level**: strong selection of contributions
- * Avoid overlap with the other large (biennial) conferences such as ISSI

Reinforcing our education and training activities

carefully monitor **attractiveness**
extend successful events
we are not alone: competition...



Example of **focus**:

The use/policy effects of **rankings** (THES, QS, Shanghai, Leiden)

Development of the 'multi-rankings' (U-Map) with non-bibliometric HE data (teaching level, funding, business success, 'civil effect'...)
University rectors/vice pres. participants

LERU, Coimbra network

Much work is oriented toward **policy makers**...

Still an important (most important?) target group are the **individual scientists**: what is my position in my own field, what challenges are there....

Here science mapping developments are crucial. They are also essential for the reinforcement of **'knowledge discovery'** : patterns, predictions, innovations

