

Collaborative Research Networks



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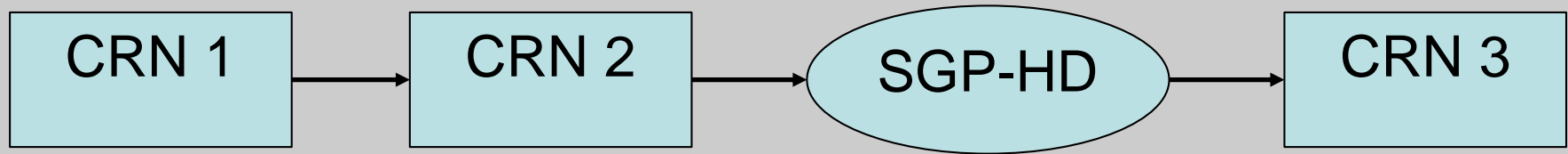
Origen and Objectives

Established in 1992 to promote scientific research and capacity-building for dealing with global change in the Americas

“The mission of IAI is to develop the capacity of understanding the integrated impact of past, present and future global change on regional and continental environments in the Americas and to promote collaborative, well-informed actions at all levels.”



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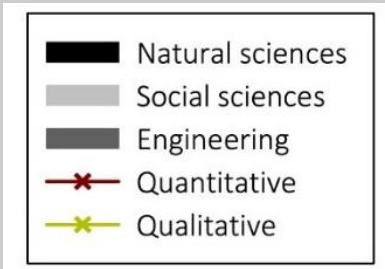
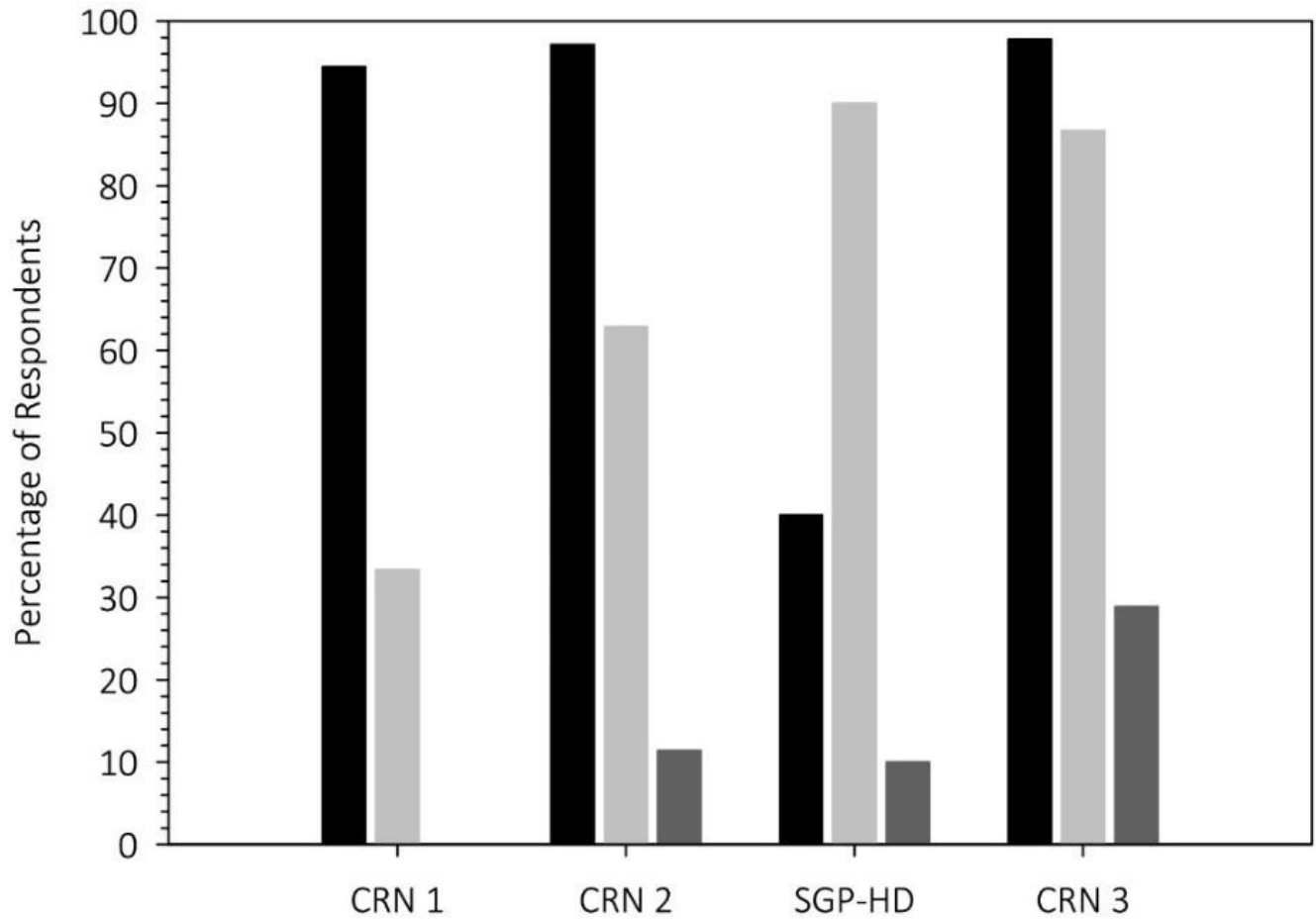


Successes

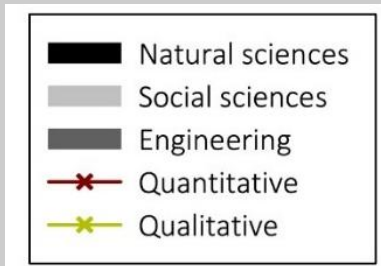
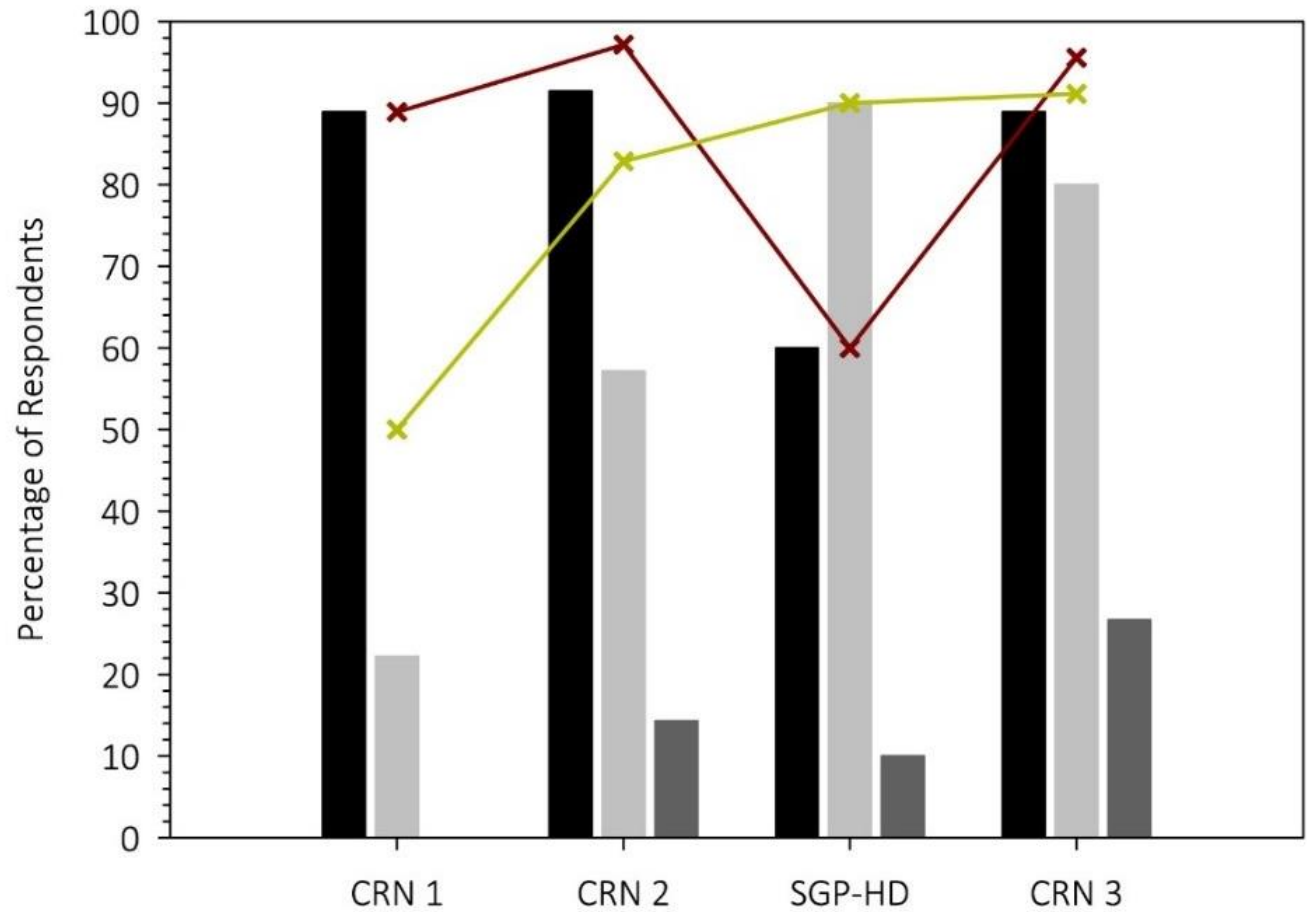
- Improved disciplinary integration during problem framing
- More use of diverse methods (qualitative and quantitative)
- Higher proportion of South-South collaboration
- Developing networks of interdisciplinary researchers
- Leveraging researchers' motivations to advance interdisciplinarity

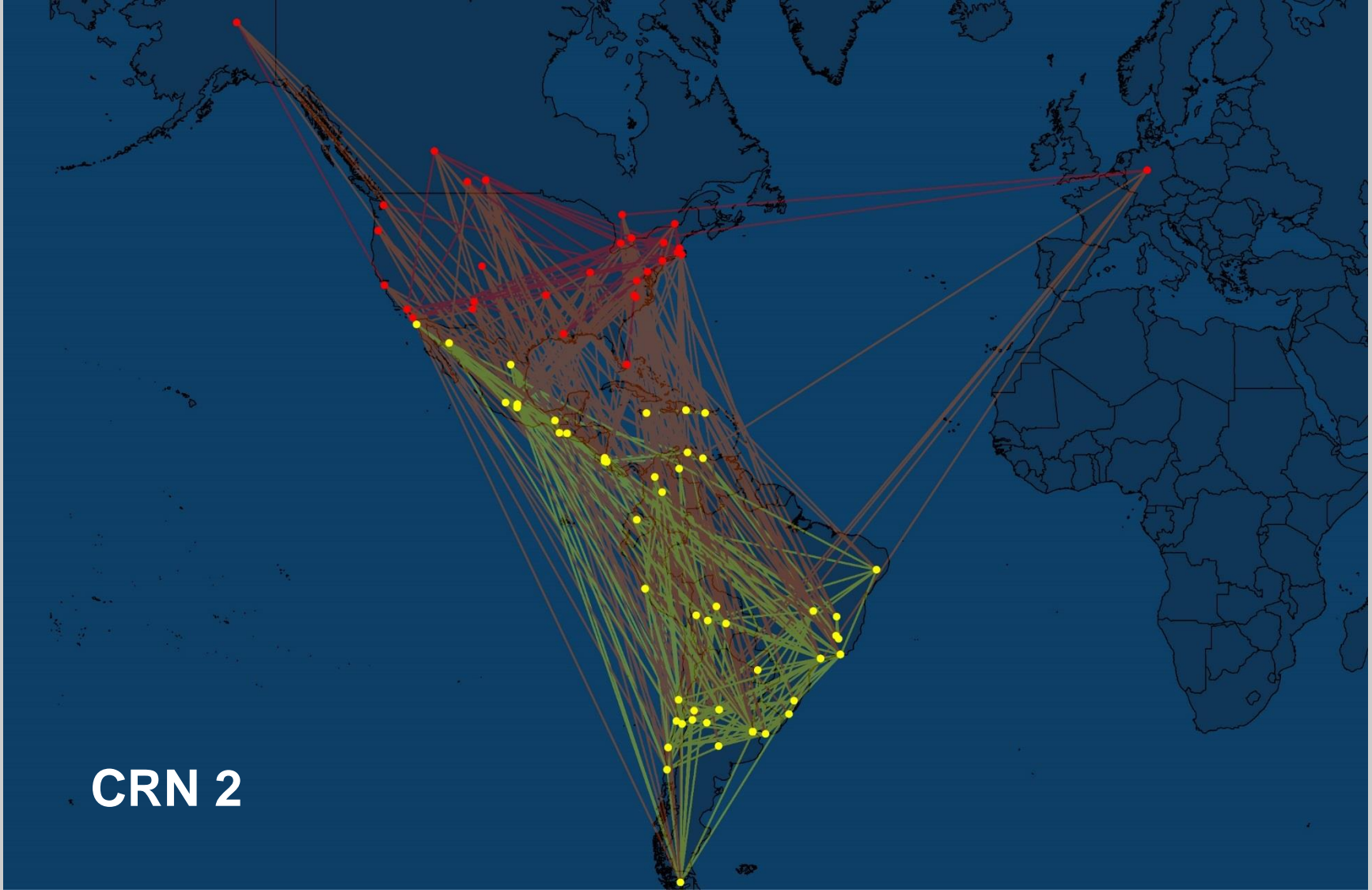


A. Disciplines informing project concept



B. Disciplines informing methods

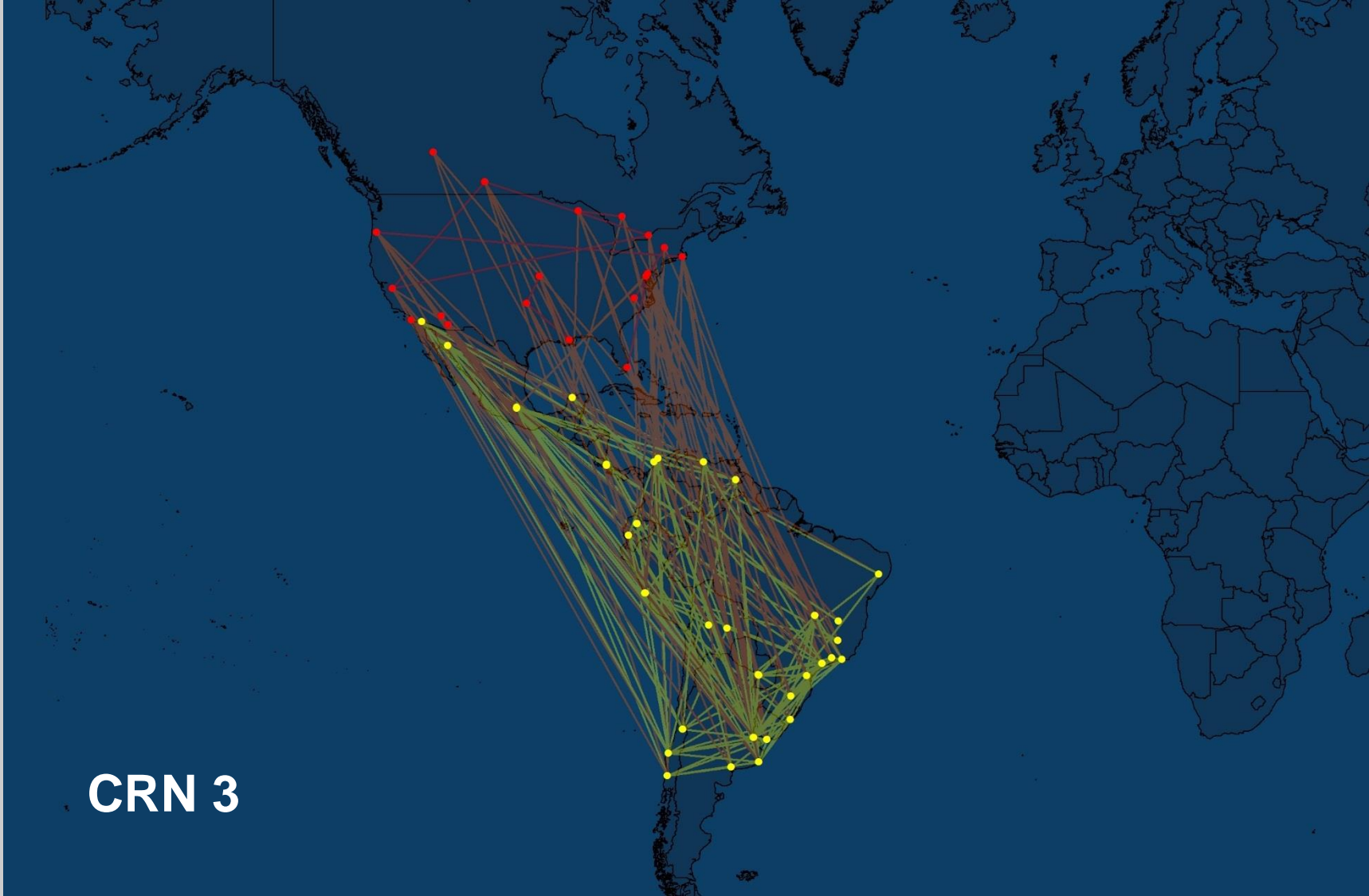




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Unforeseen Problems

- The inertia of disciplinary divides
- A lack of commitment or motivation towards true integration by research teams
 - Limited budgets for social sciences
 - Social science theses supervised by natural scientists
 - Inadequate provisions for social science fieldwork
 - Social science as an afterthought
- Review processes that did not evaluate interdisciplinarity adequately



Lessons Learned

- Provide space for experiential learning by researchers
- Expose researchers to new concepts/tools
- Facilitate networking across disciplines
- Provide mentorship and support
- Connect research to tangible problems
- Provide clear expectations in program calls
- Devise effective review and quality control mechanisms



Training Institute Seed Grants



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