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Where we are & ideas for doing better

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7th Board Meeting, Port Louis, Mauritius

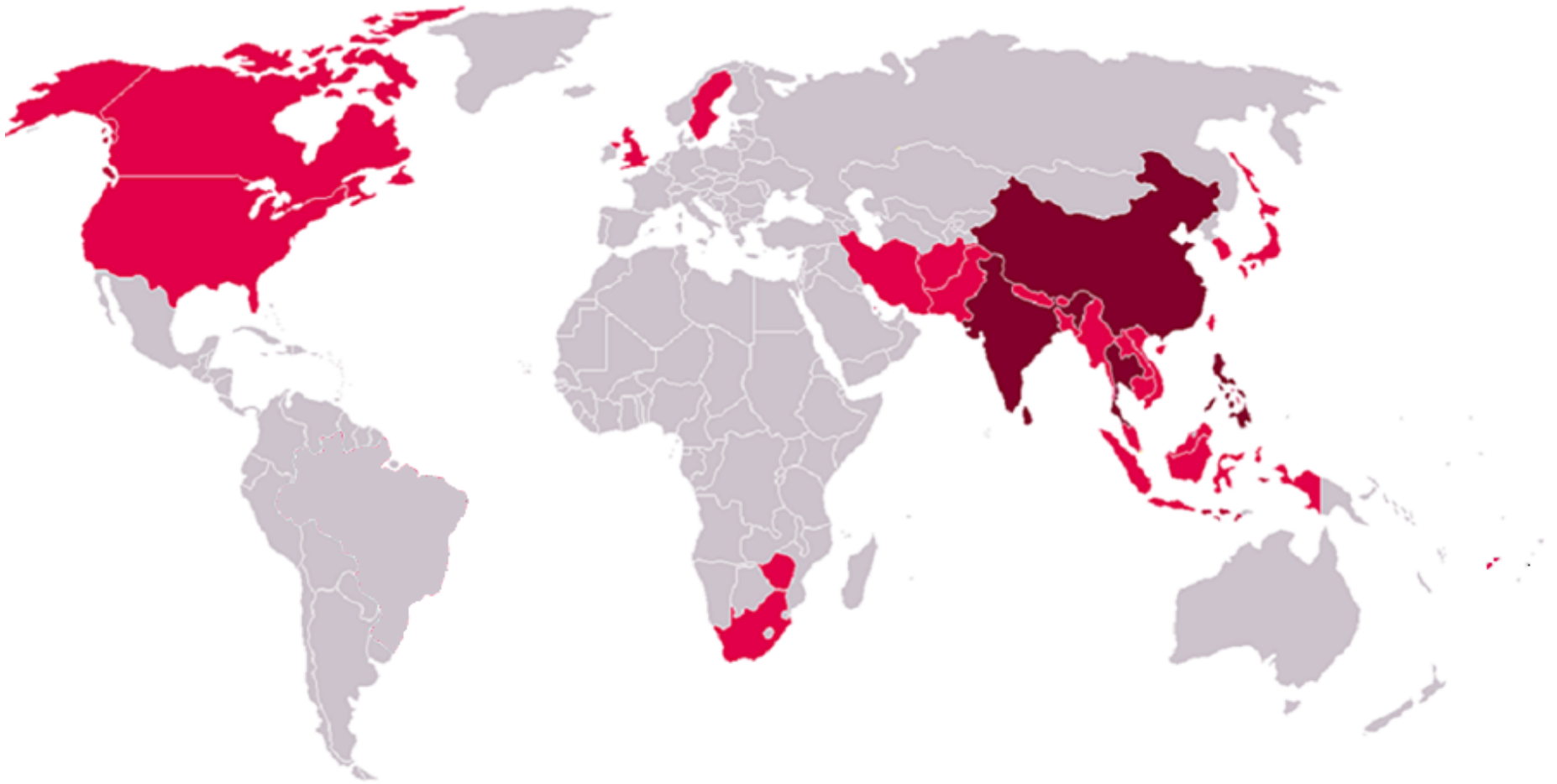
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Young scholars: Darker shades = higher participation

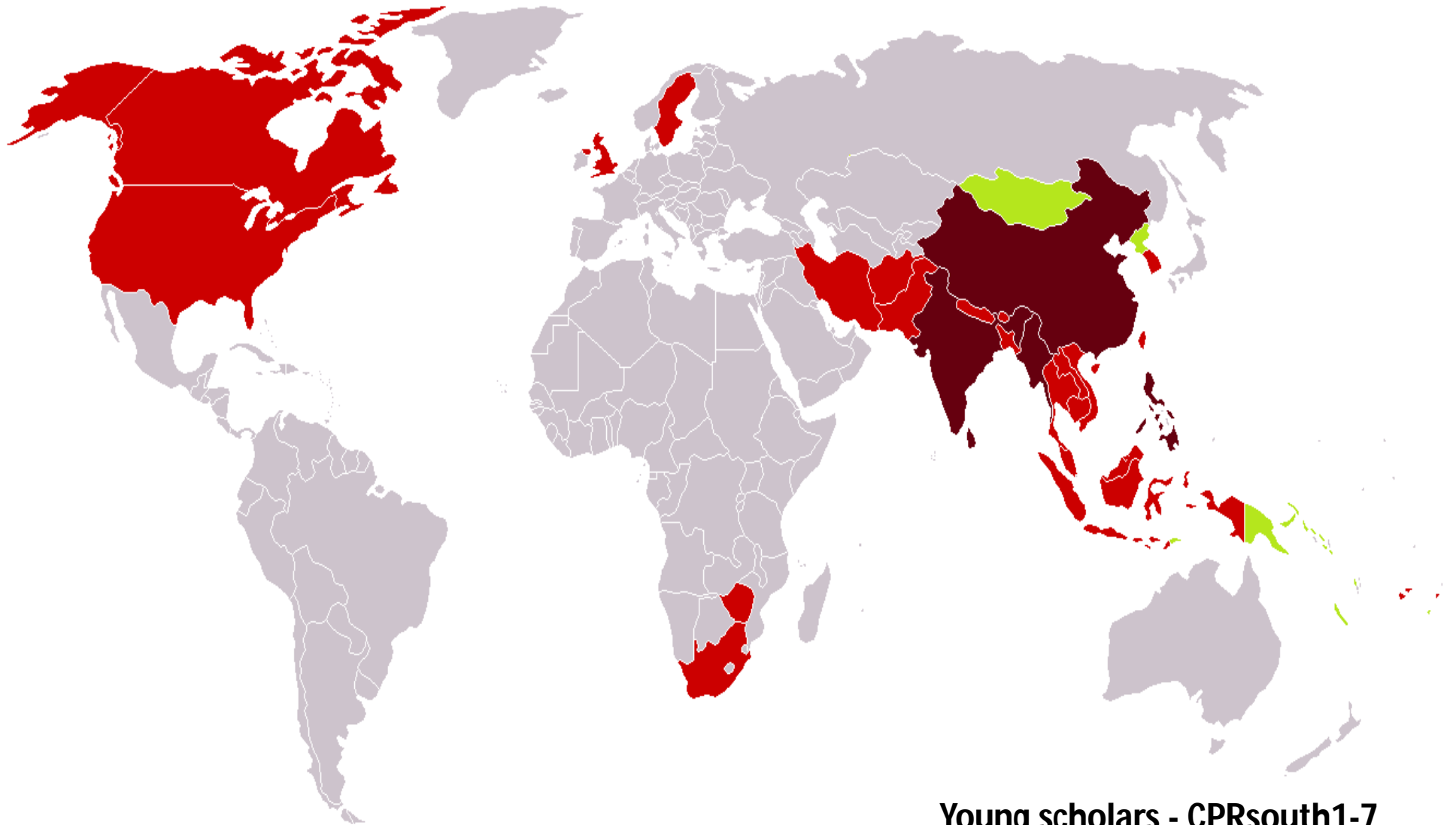


Only young scholars from within Asia-Pacific are funded now; African young scholars were funded by Research ICT Africa

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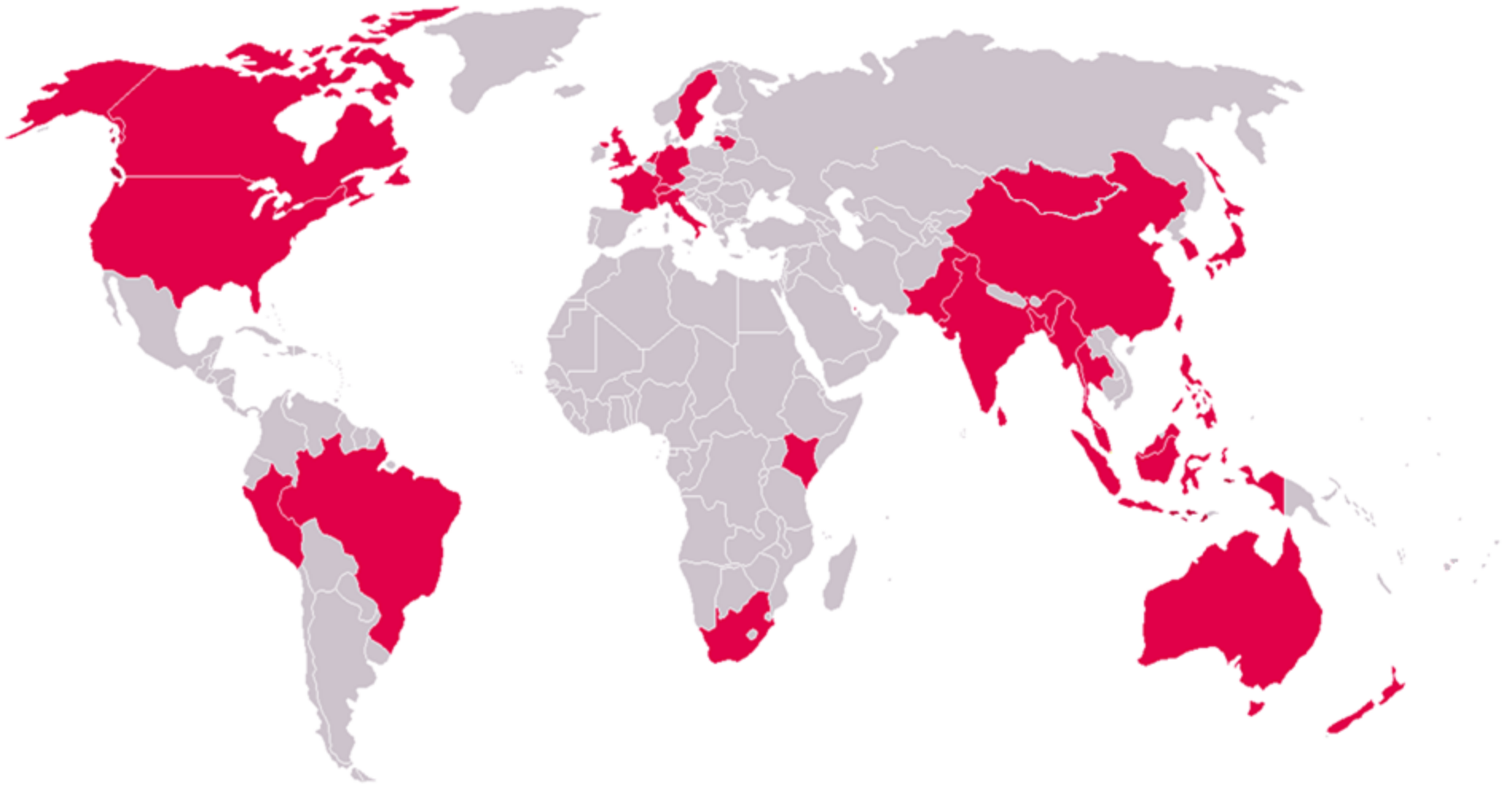
Not yet, Mongolia, N Korea, Timor Leste, Maldives, Papua New Guinea, Brunei Darussalam, Pacific islands other than Fiji & Samoa .

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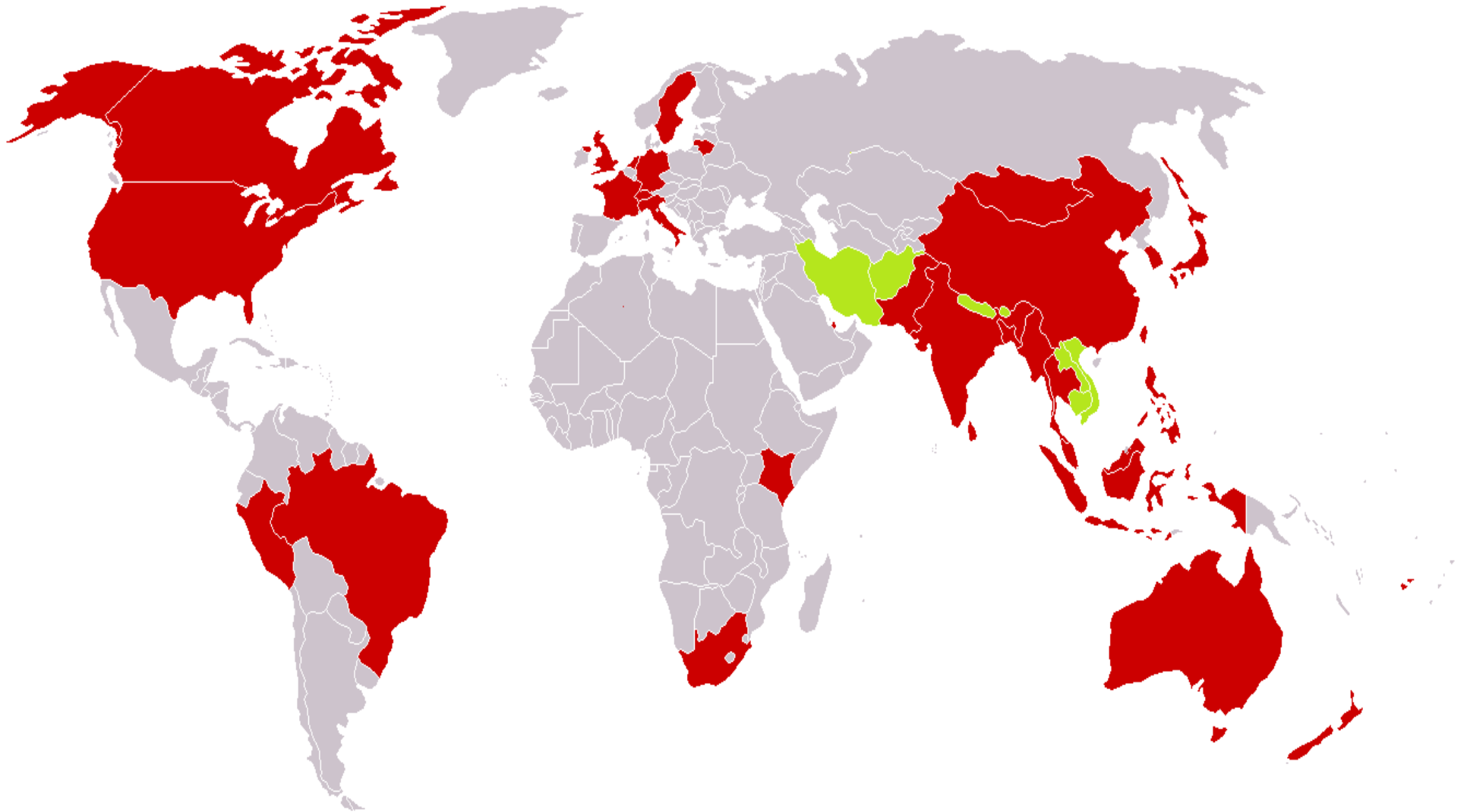
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Paper givers now include those from Myanmar & Mongolia



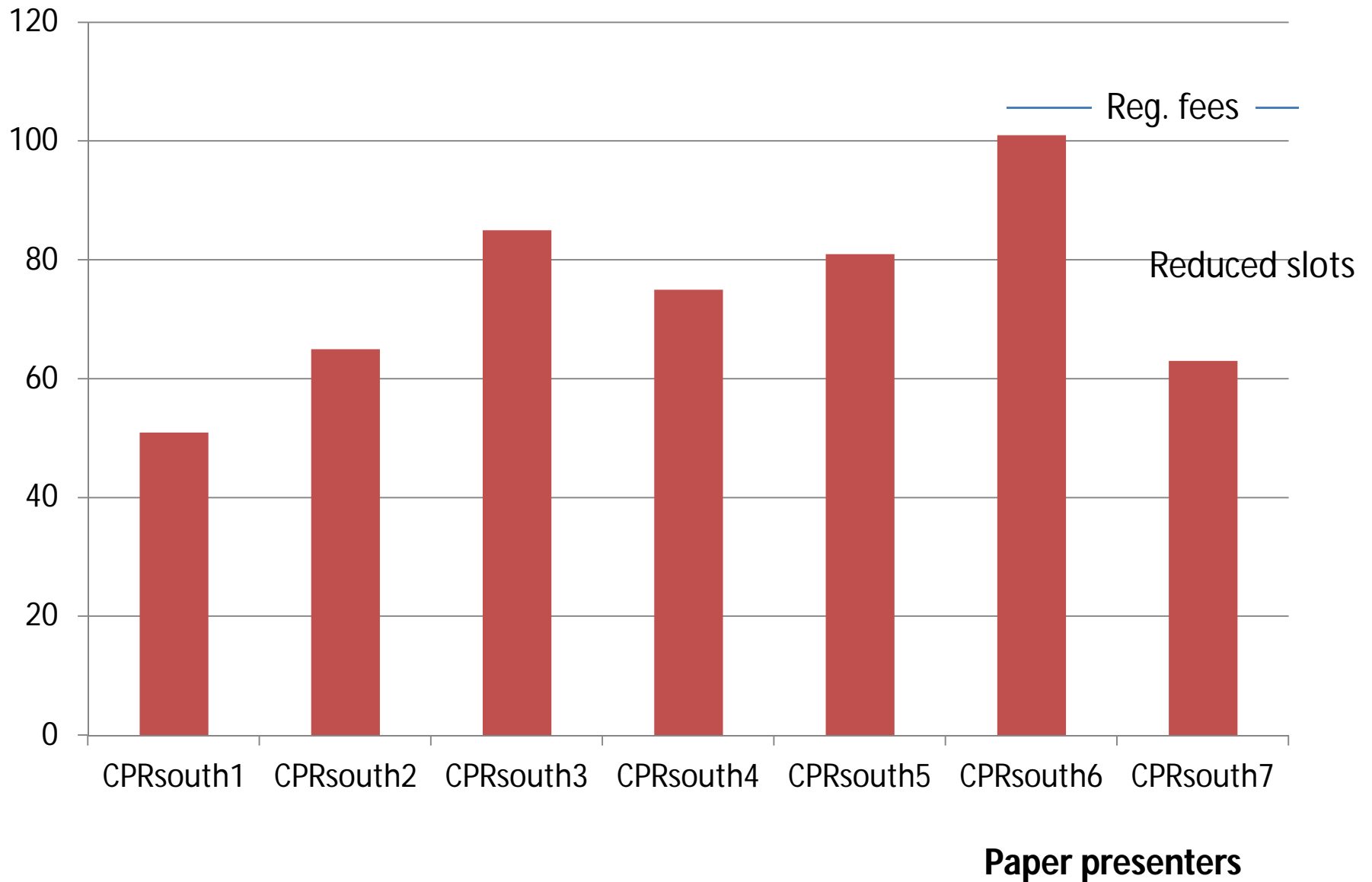
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**But still nothing west of Pakistan; Nepal,
Bhutan, GMR, etc.**

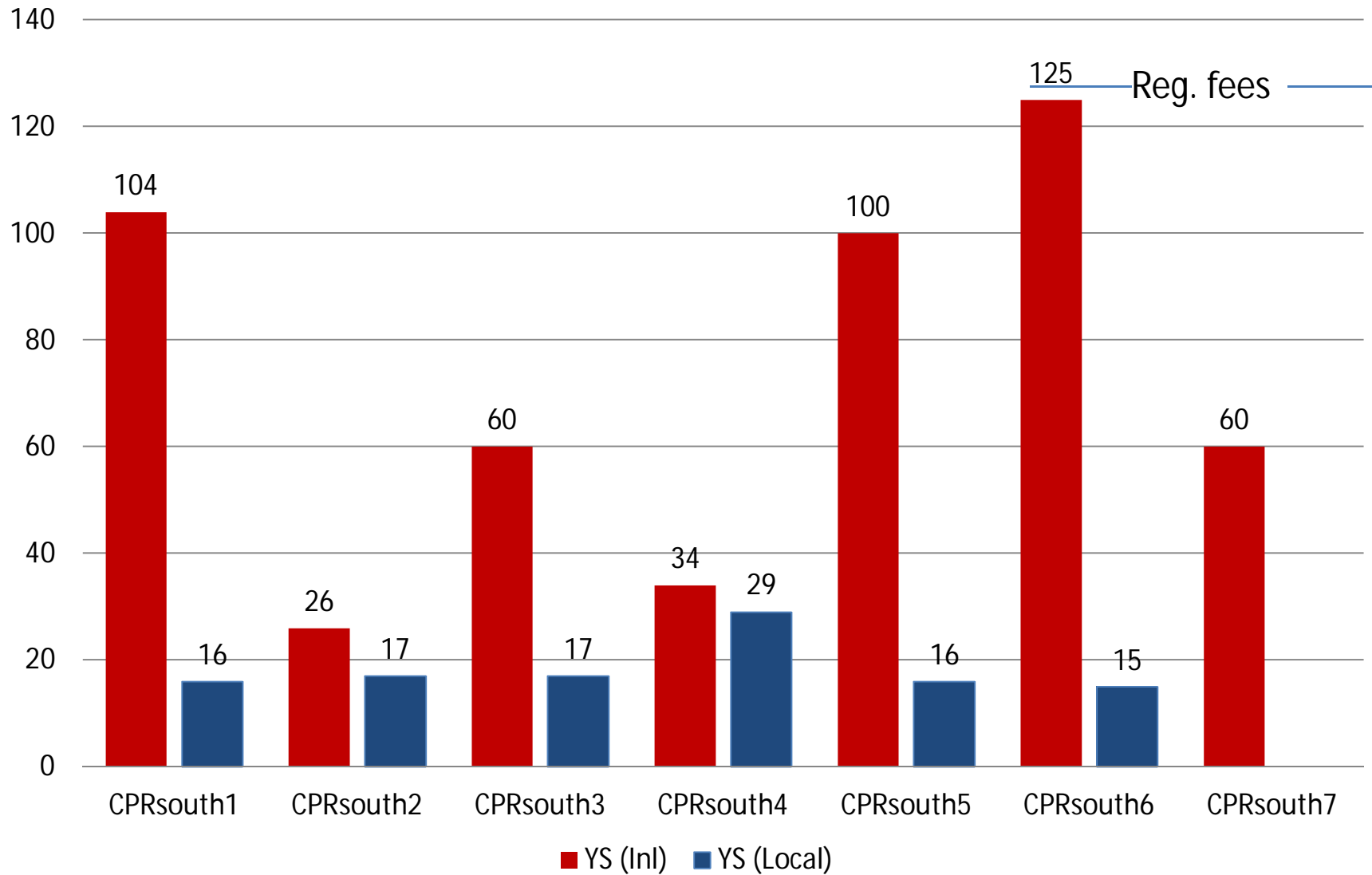


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Applicant numbers, rising until Mauritius



Young-scholar applications...

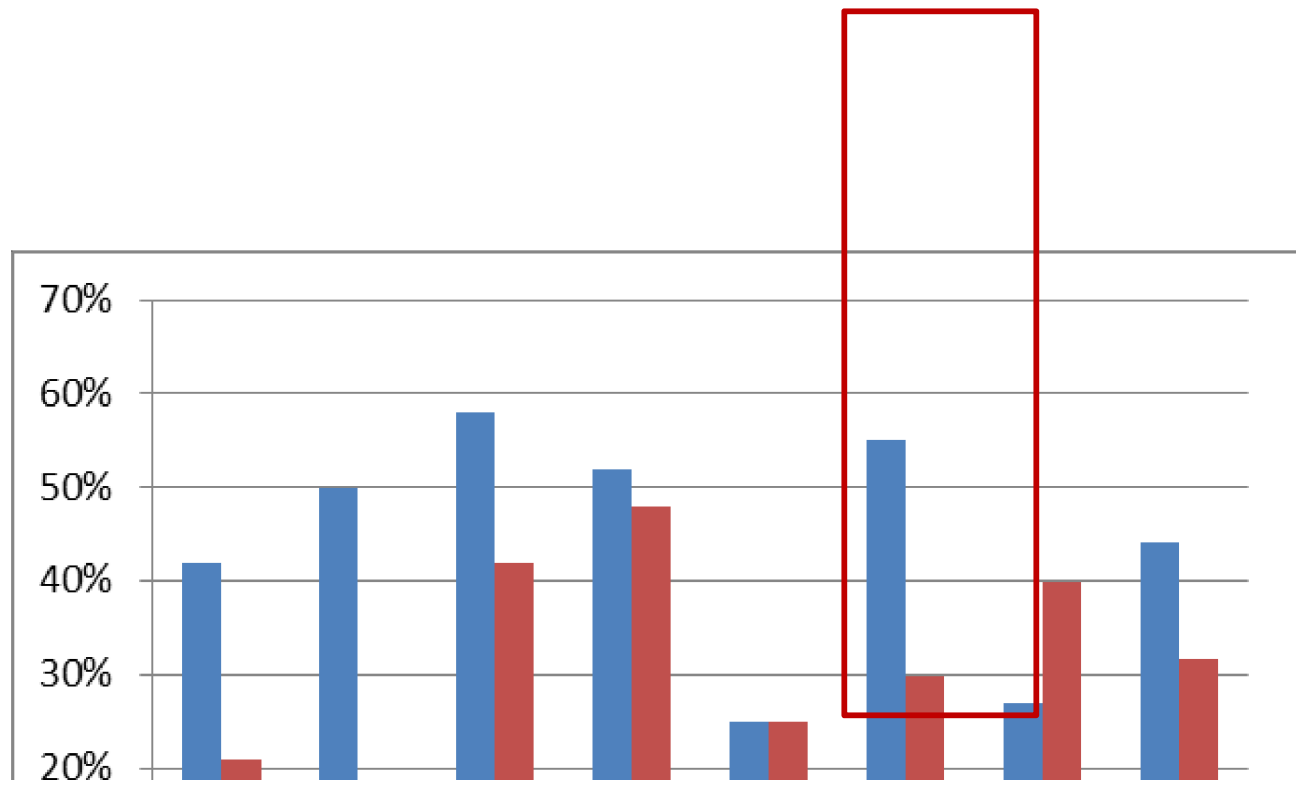


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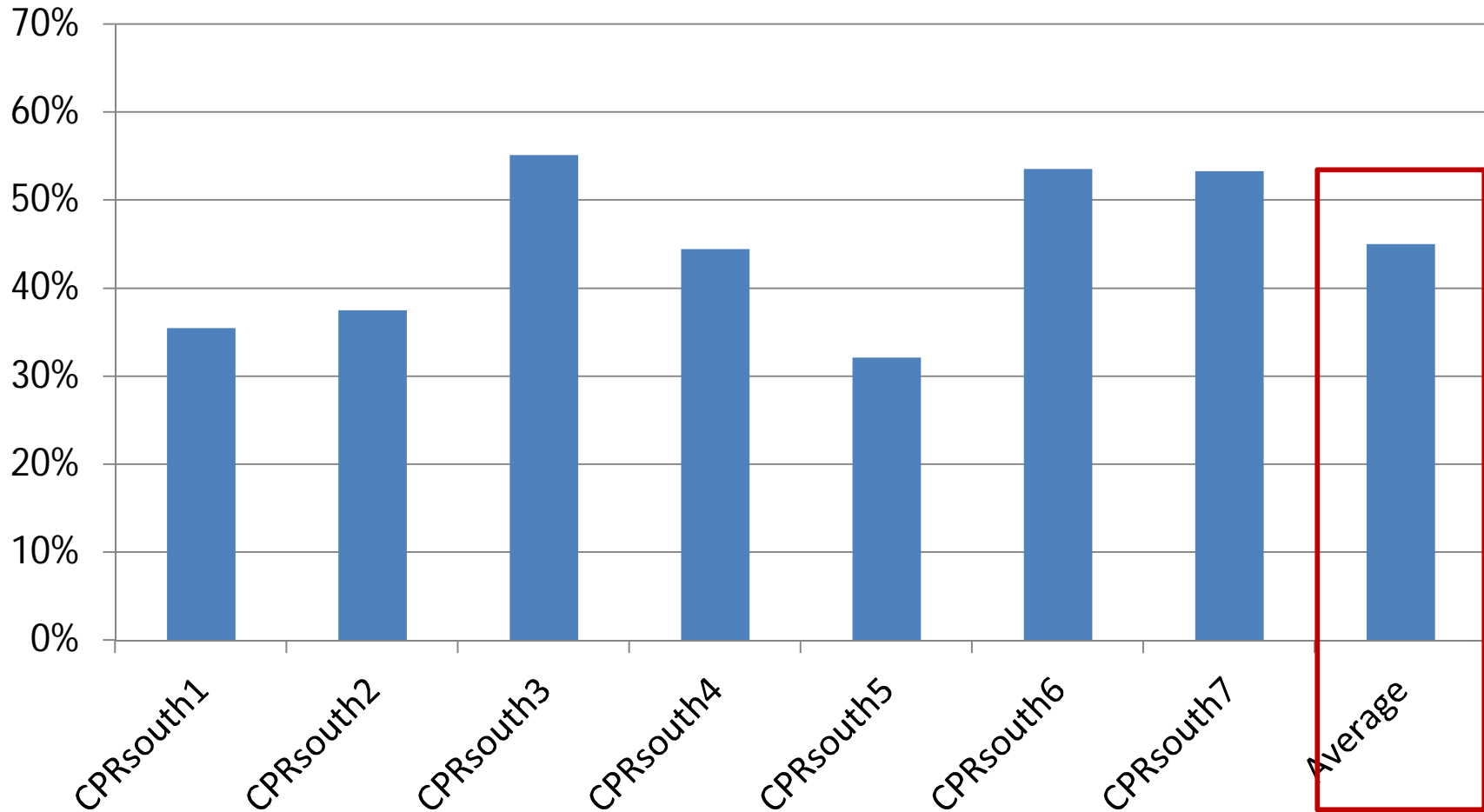
Approximate disciplinary composition

Discipline	Percentage
Social science	30
Computer science/ engineering	30
Business	25
Communication	15

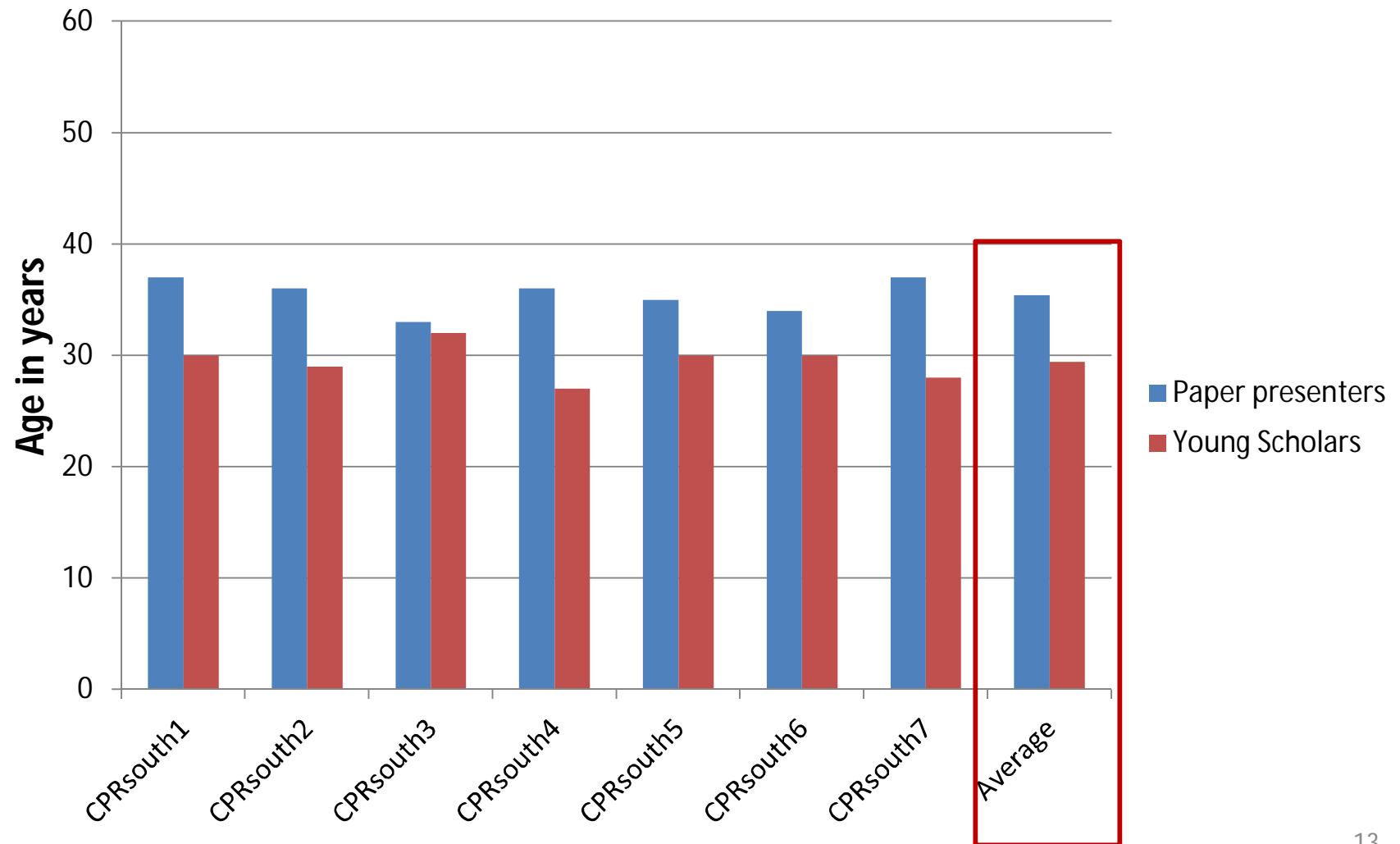
Paper-givers: Females & PhDs



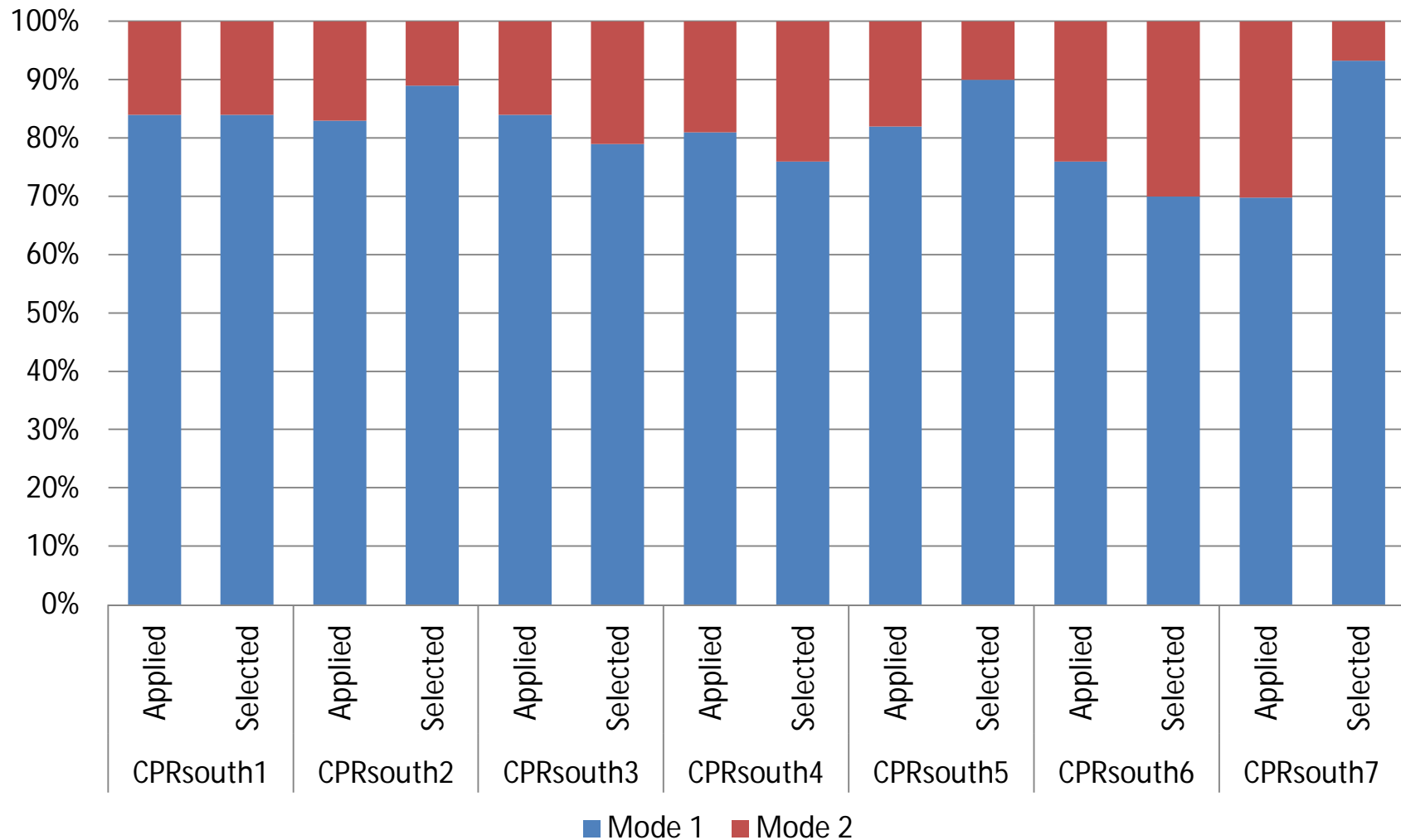
Female representation in the Young Scholar pipeline



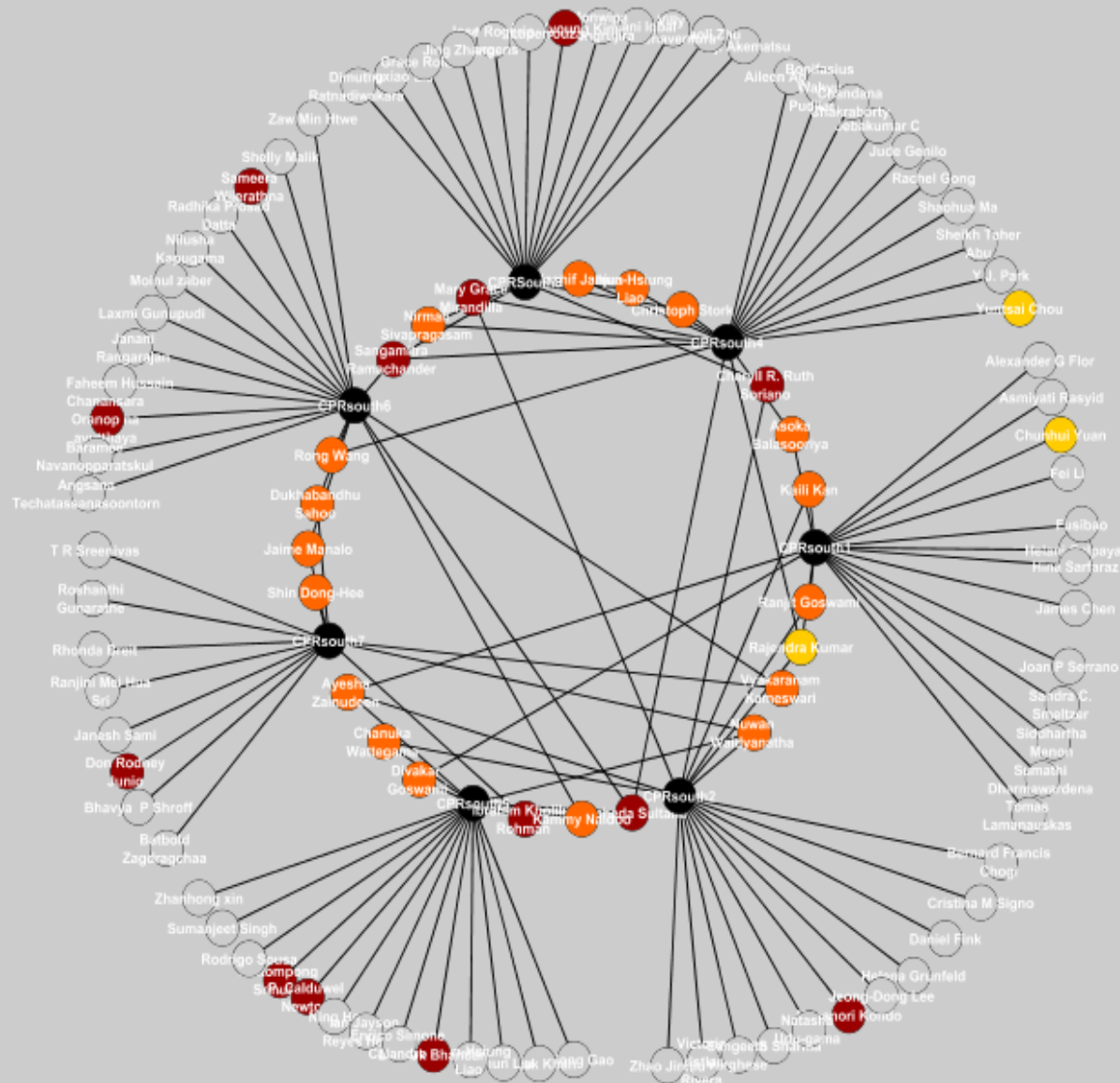
A youthful community



Mode 1 & Mode 2 applicant/selectees



Is pipeline working? Young scholars → paper presenters



Connectedness higher than expected for inter-disciplinary network

INDICATORS OF CONNECTEDNESS	#	%
CITING ONLY (Authors citing others)	18	23%
CITED ONLY (Authors cited by others)	23	29%
CITED & CITING (Authors citing and cited)	5	5%
NO CITED OR CITING (Authors with no citations in or out)	34	43%

Based on 60 papers from CPR*south* 4, 5 & 6

Inter-disciplinary conferences take longer to connect

- Pham, Derntl and Klamma (2012), based on 20 years of data analysis
 - We found that TEL conferences exhibit a mixed development of pattern of young emerging conferences that are still in the process of developing their communities. We also found that the more interdisciplinary conferences in our data set exhibited a slower rate of community development compared to those conferences with more focused topics

But connectedness is still thin

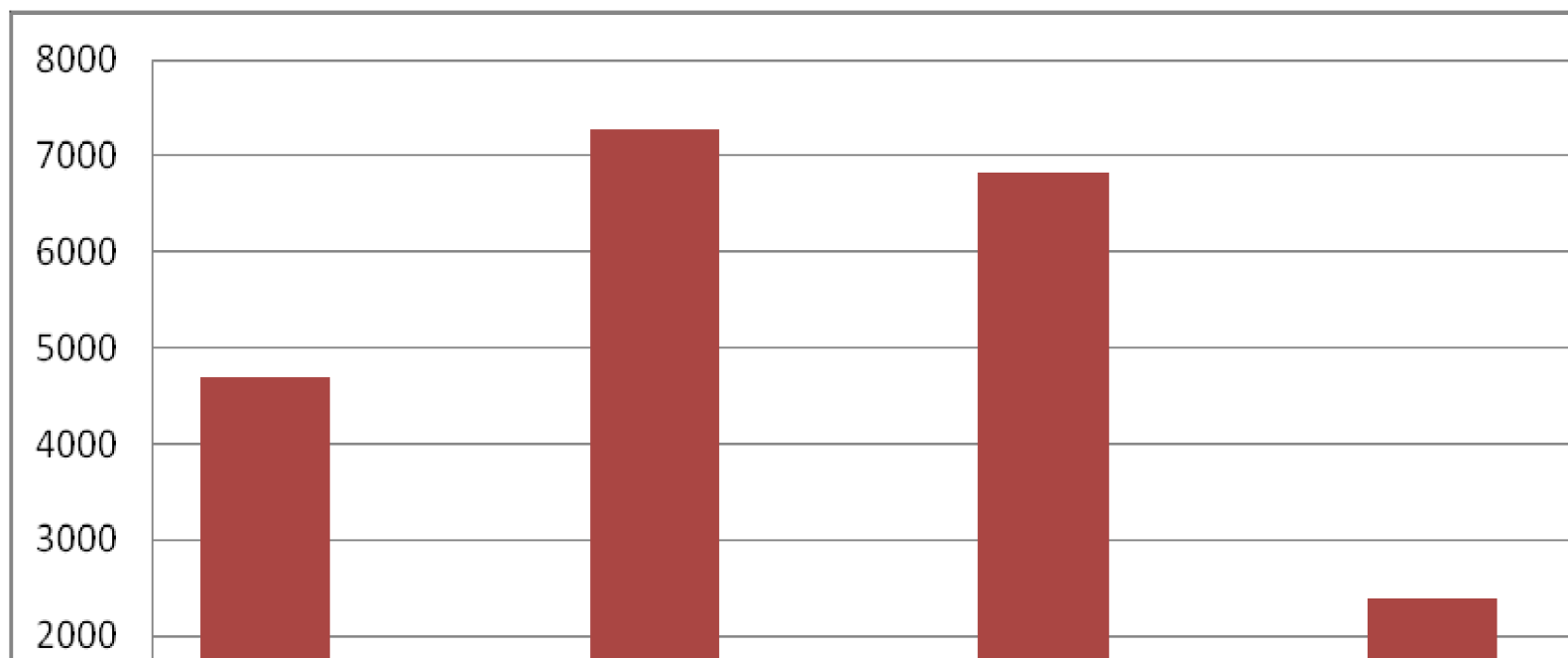
- All co-authorships until *CPRsouth7* are from within organizations
- All five in “Cited-and-Citing” category are co-workers from within two organizations
 - Three from LIRNEasia
 - Two from RIA

CPR*south*: From platform to organized network?

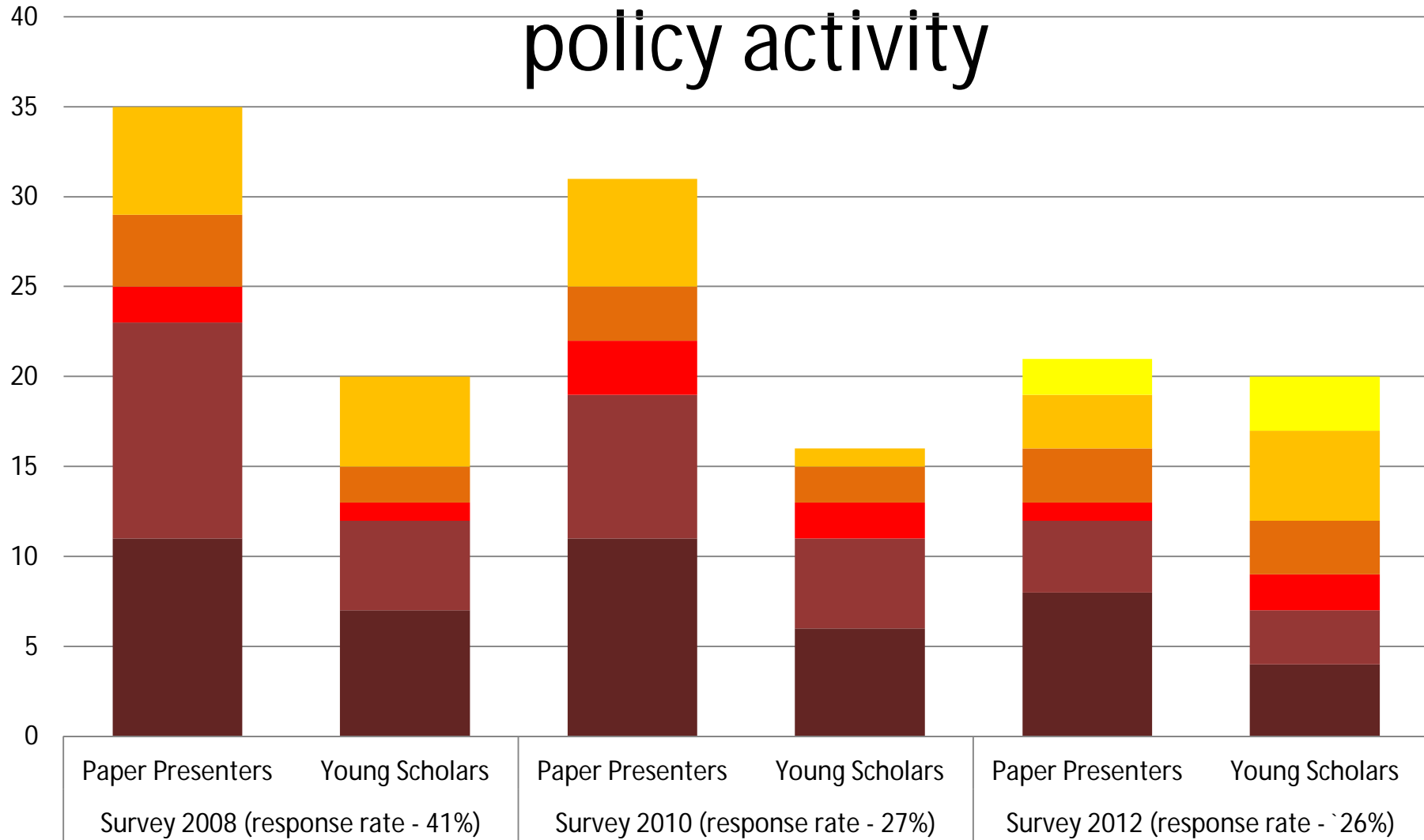


OUTPUT

SSRN abstract views and downloads



CPR*south* community previous-year policy activity



■ Policy Papers / brief

■ Interviews to the media

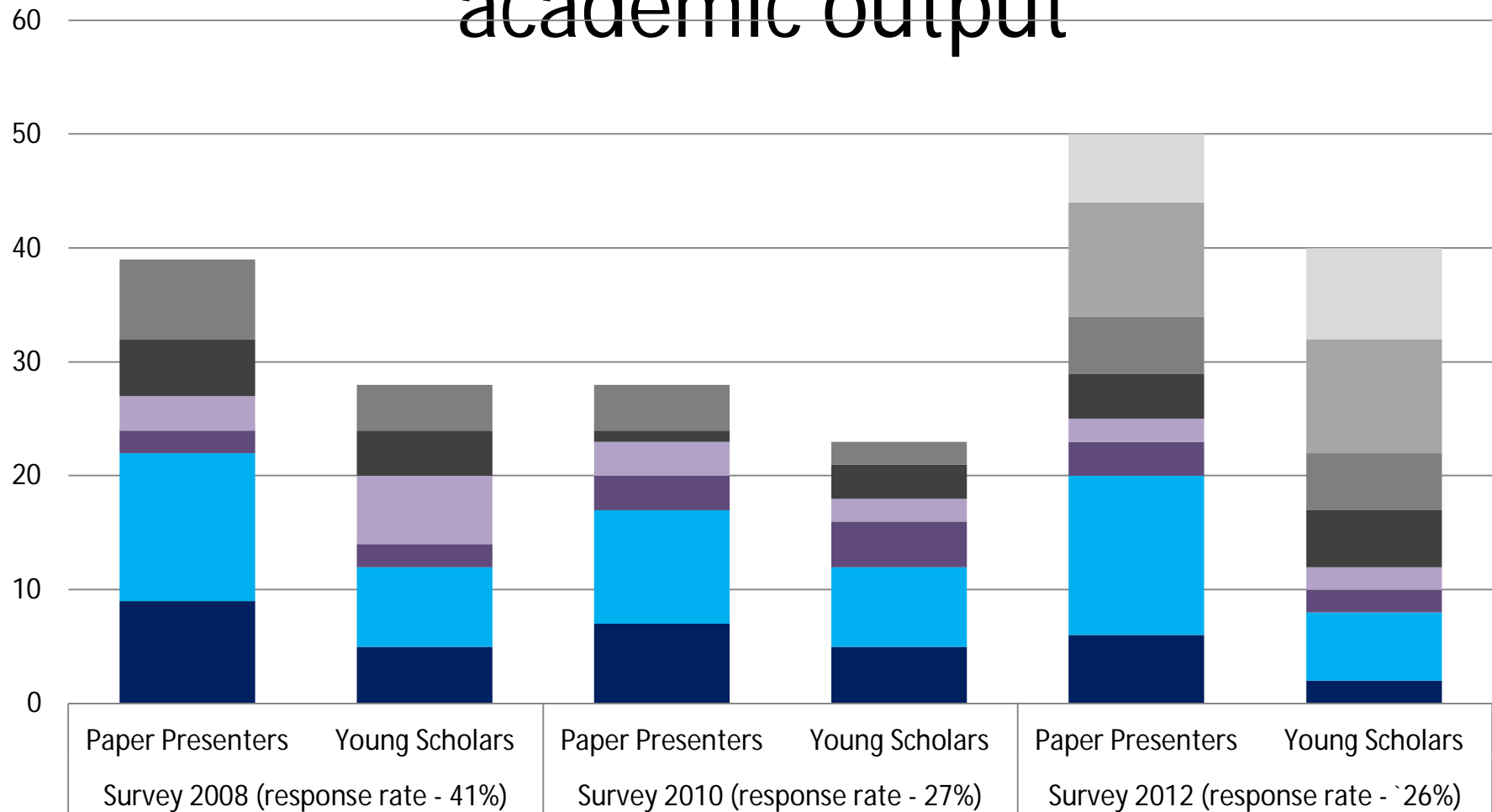
■ Policy submissions / Presentations

■ Participation in blogs

■ Op-ed pieces in the media

■ Project Policy implementation

CPR*south* community: Previous-year academic output



- Journal Publications
- Submitted Theses proposals
- Project reports and internal reports
- Conference papers
- Received Grants
- Research formulation
- Submitted Theses
- Submitted Grant Proposals

How are we doing?

- Very difficult to provide definitive evidence of positive outcomes from capacity building work
 - Both paper-givers & young scholars are active between conferences, but can we identify resulting influences?
 - Making progress on connectedness, but is this output or intermediate step?
 - Especially given age of members, how realistic is expectation they will break through into circles of policy influence?
- Anecdotes:
 - Inside the system: A three-time paper presenter is now Joint Secretary (e Gov) at Department of IT, India; joining the *CPRsouth* Board next year
 - Outside the system: Researchers from Indonesia & Namibia who met at *CPRsouth* published an op-ed in leading Indonesian daily AND have a paper at *CPRsouth7*
 - Co-authors from across the continents



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The significant growth of Indonesian mobile telephony to over 211 million active SIM cards in 2010 (Directorate General of Post and Telecommunications, 2011), three and half times larger than the number in 2006, has been accompanied by an overwhelming number of products and prices, thereby making an informed choice by customers nearly impossible.

Eight mobile operators compete fiercely, whereas products and prices change frequently and the choice of discounts and specials are offered in the market.

The pricing structure of cellular services in Indonesia is unique. Besides conventional price discrimination between on-net (calling on the same network) and off-net (calling from one network to another) and peak and off-peak rates, accumulative discounts, friends and family discounts and cash (airtime) backs are being used. Prices differ also by region and distance. Billing is either in minutes or seconds. Flat rates for voice, SMS and data in any permutation

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What more can be done?

- US and Europe have identifiable loci of policy & regulatory activity: Washington DC & Brussels
 - Asia Pacific does not → additional challenges
- The loci of policy-regulatory activity are the capitals of Asia-Pacific states
- Paper-givers & young scholars are young: Can they break through to decision makers?
 - Now that we have 130+ paper givers and 125+ who have attended Young Scholar tutorials, is it time to think about national clusters, led by Board members?
 - Are Board members willing to take on additional mentorship responsibilities?

More ideas?