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## **Leiden Ranking 2016: introducing the next level**

World university systems are becoming increasingly sophisticated information tools, catering for national and global audiences in the higher education sector, and offering a range of information products and services.

The ongoing proliferation of rankings is driven by developments in ‘big data’ analytics that collide with powerful market forces of user demand and data supply. The dynamics is clearly visible. Rankings systems are changing quickly - in size, shape and design.

Several ranking systems have opted for in-depth accessibility and extensive levels of methodological transparency. The Leiden Ranking, produced by CWTS at the Leiden University, is one of those rankings. This specialized ranking system deals exclusively with research performance. Users can download underlying bibliometric data from the website; performance indicators are described in detail; known limitations of the data and metrics are clearly specified.

The 2016 edition of the CWTS Leiden Ranking, scheduled for launch on May 18<sup>th</sup>, will include an upgraded user-interface, more universities, and new performance indicators.

This presentation will elaborate on its analytical underpinnings while offering a sneak preview of its 2016 state-of-the-art features.

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