

B-on: Online Knowledge Library

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B-on is the acronym for Biblioteca do Conhecimento Online (Online Knowledge Library), a virtual library born in Portugal on March 2004
B-on's political coordination is guaranteed by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education (MCTES) and the Knowledge Society Agency (UMIC)

Vision

To be a strategic base in the building of the Society of Knowledge, working as a fundamental instrument for access to knowledge for the national academic and scientific community

Mission

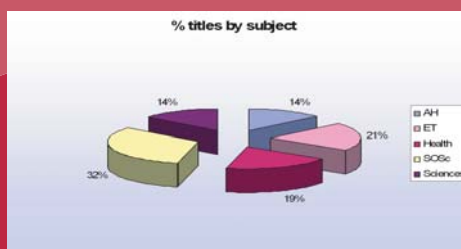
To provide access to a vast number of publications and electronic services to the national academic and scientific community

Contents

B-on includes some of the leading publishers of scientific publications and holders of international databases

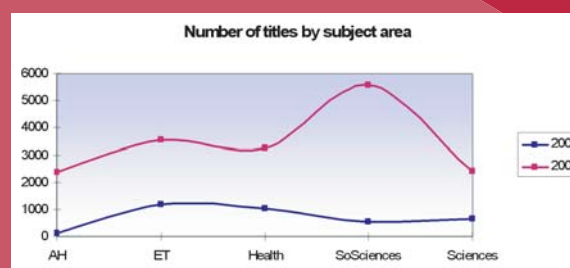
B-on also provides to the national scientific community a vast set of online articles, in fulltext, in the different areas of knowledge

B-on provides access to more than 17 500 fulltext titles



Purposes

- To contribute to improve the national scientific system
- To stimulate the community towards the use and production of scientific contents
- To stimulate cooperation between academic and scientific institutions
- To develop key - competences in the management of information and knowledge
- To promote electronic access to the main international sources of knowledge
- To reduce costs through a centralized negotiation with publishers and other content suppliers



B-on provides two different types of packages:

- academic institutions, research institutes, non-profit institutions and governmental institutions
- hospitals

The members have access to the same content within each package

Site and portal

B-on has it's own site and portal to help users to access the content
B-on's portal is based on Metalib and SFX

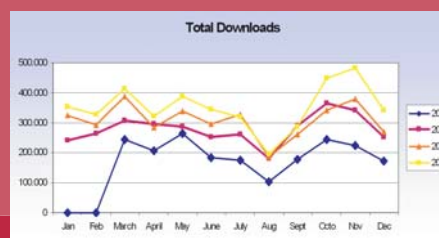
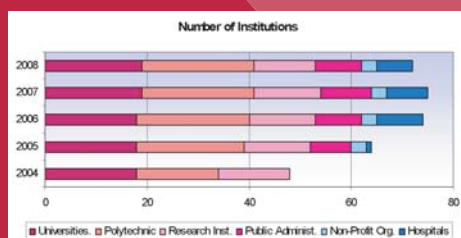


Members

- B-on began with 48 members in 2004
- Currently it has 72 members: 19 universities, 22 polytechnics, 12 research institutes, 3 non-profit institutions, 9 governmental institutions and 7 hospitals

Downloads

- in 2004: c. 2.120.000
- in 2005: c. 3.230.000
- in 2006: more than 3.600.000
- in 2007: more than 4.220.000



After four years, b-on is today an indisputable success case
This is demonstrated by the interest it generates in the national academic and scientific community, namely through the number of members institutions and through the growing utilization volume