

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 High 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

Purposes

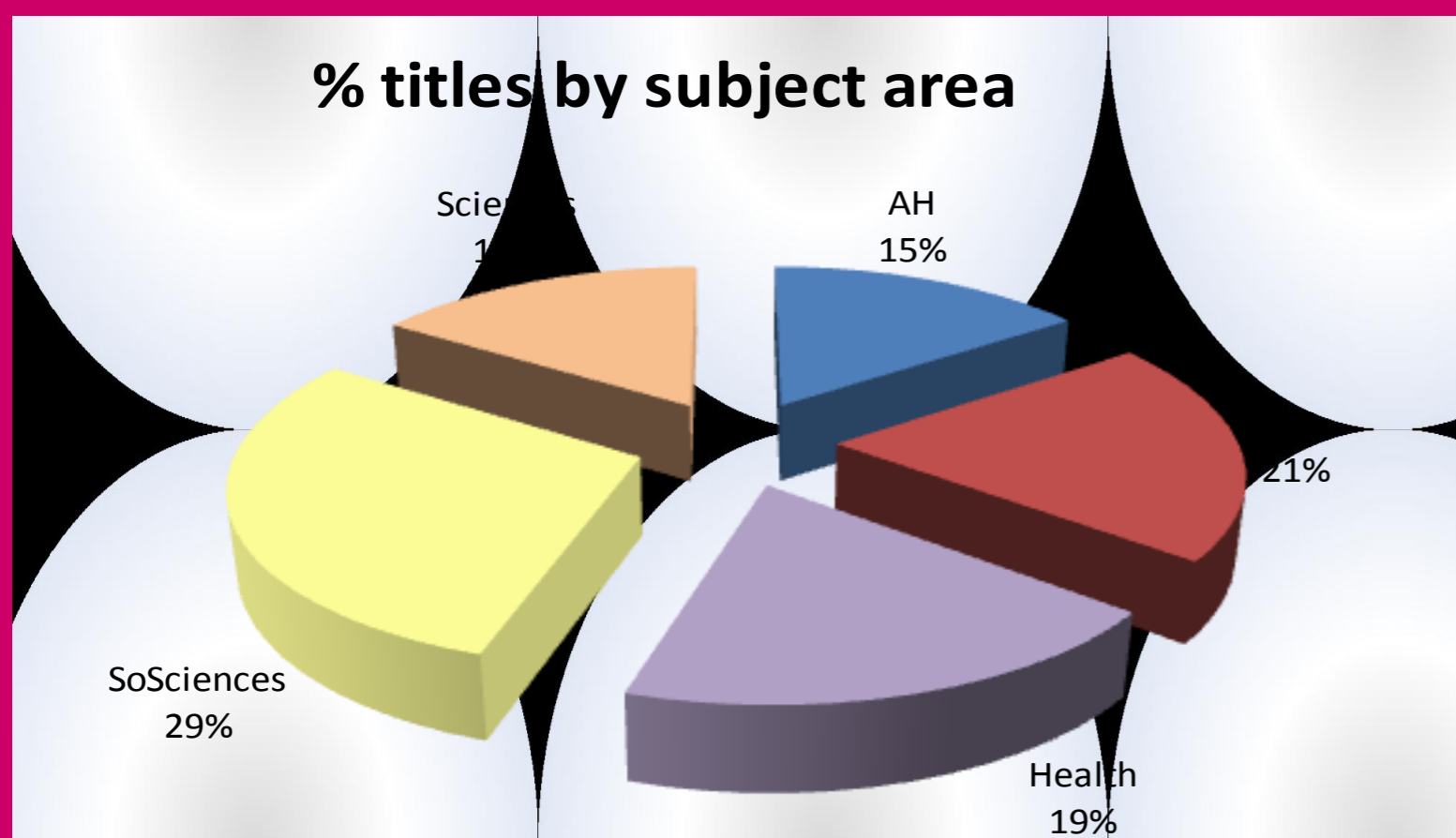
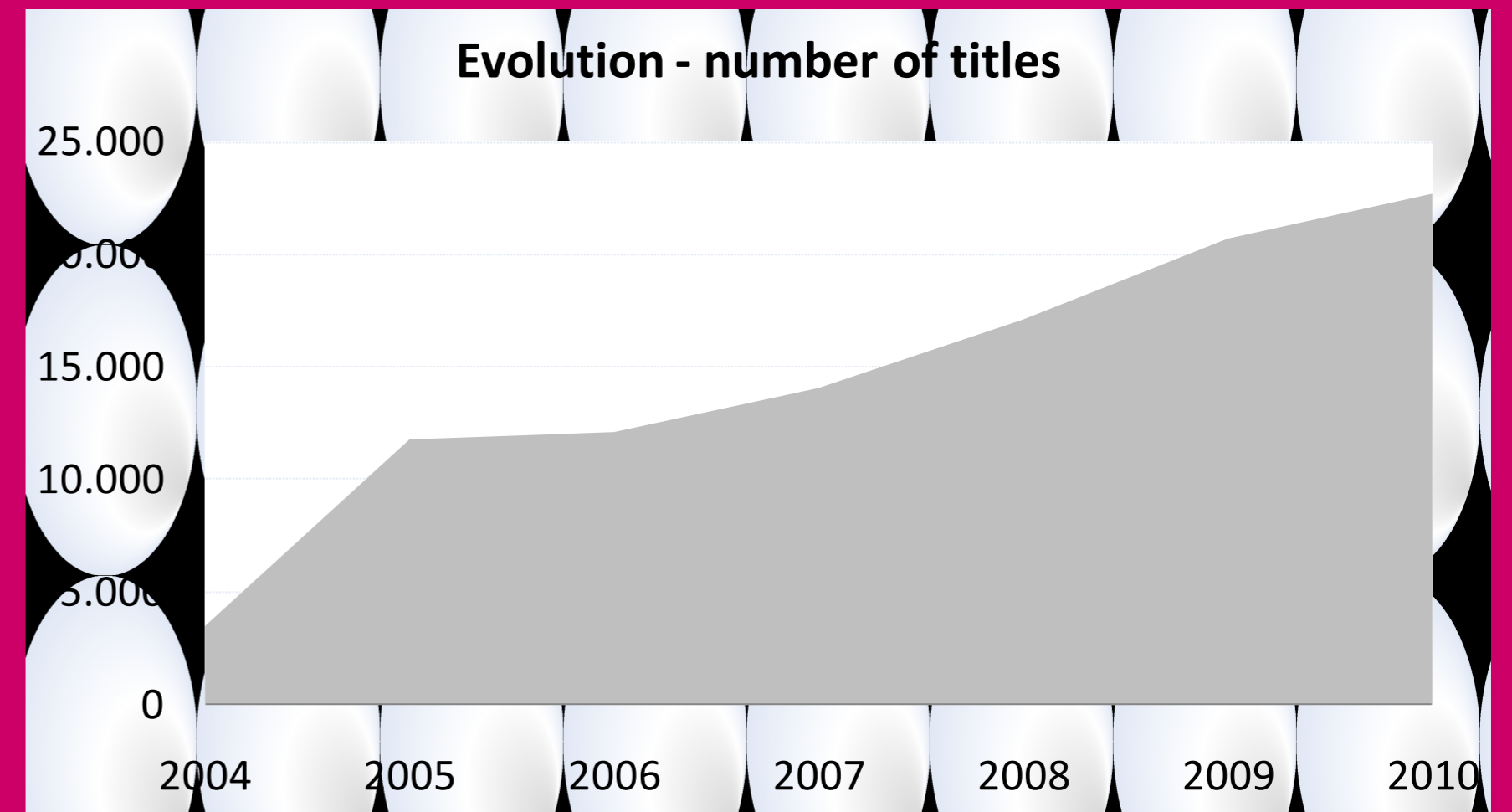
- Contribute to improve the national scientific system
- Stimulate community towards use and production of scientific contents
- Stimulate the cooperation between academic and scientific institutions
- Develop key- competences in the management of information and knowledge
- Promote the electronic access to the main international sources of knowledge
- Streamline costs through a centralized negotiation with editors and other content suppliers

Contents

Includes some of the leading editors of scientific publications and holders of international data bases

Provides to the national scientific community a vast set of on-line articles, in fulltext, in the different areas of knowledge

B-on provides access to more than 22.500 fulltext journals and 18.000 ebooks

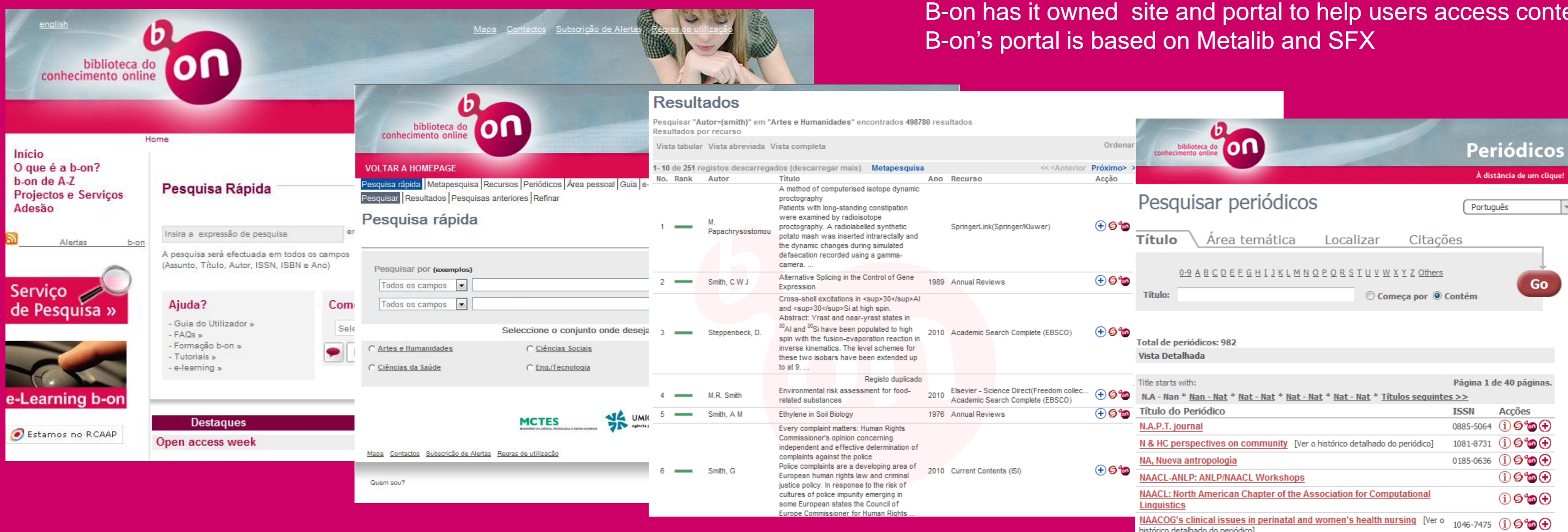


B-on provides two different types of packages:

- academic institutions, research institutes, non-profit institutions and governmental institutions
 - hospitals
- Within each package the members have access to the same content

Site and portal

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

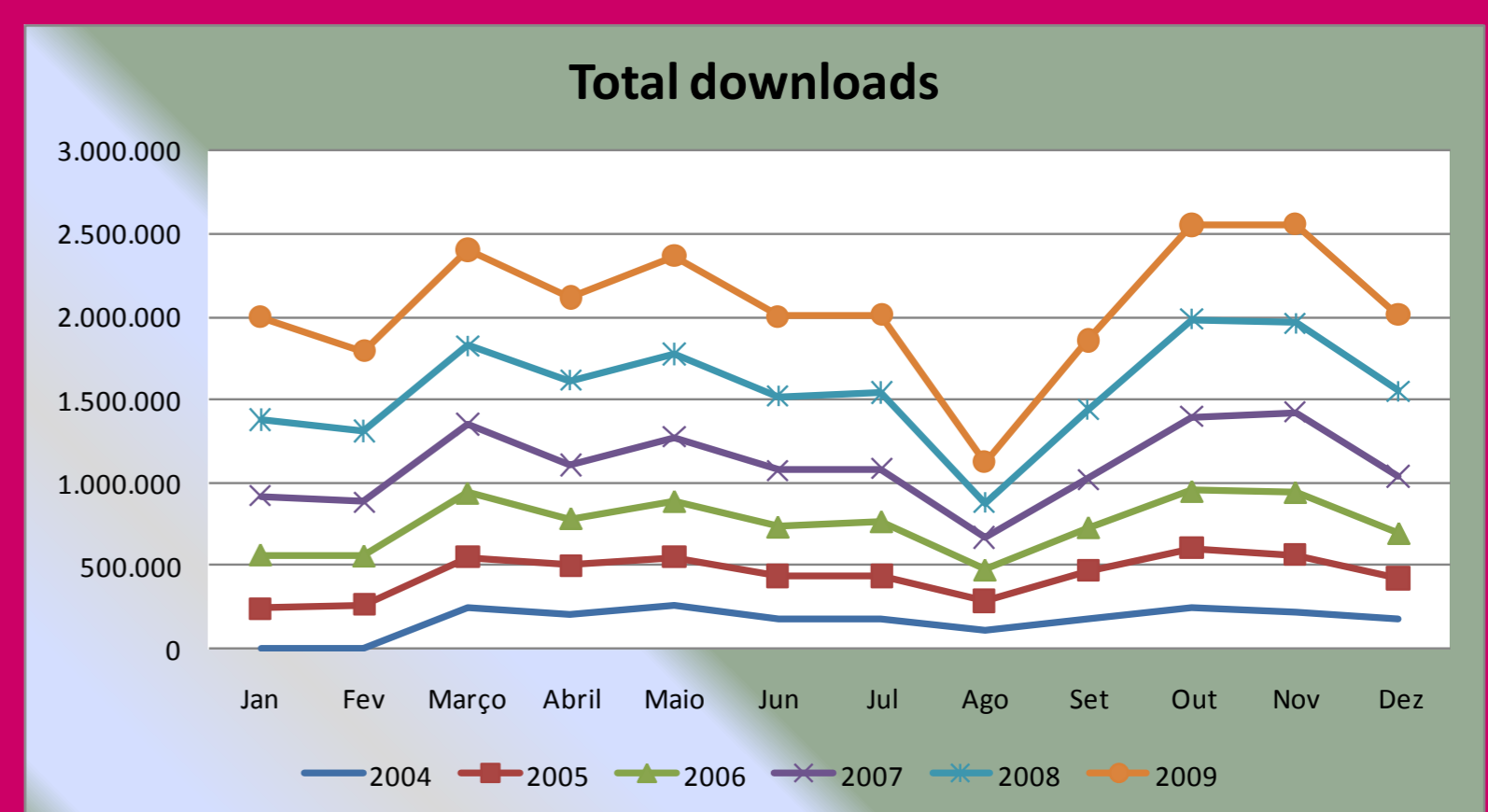
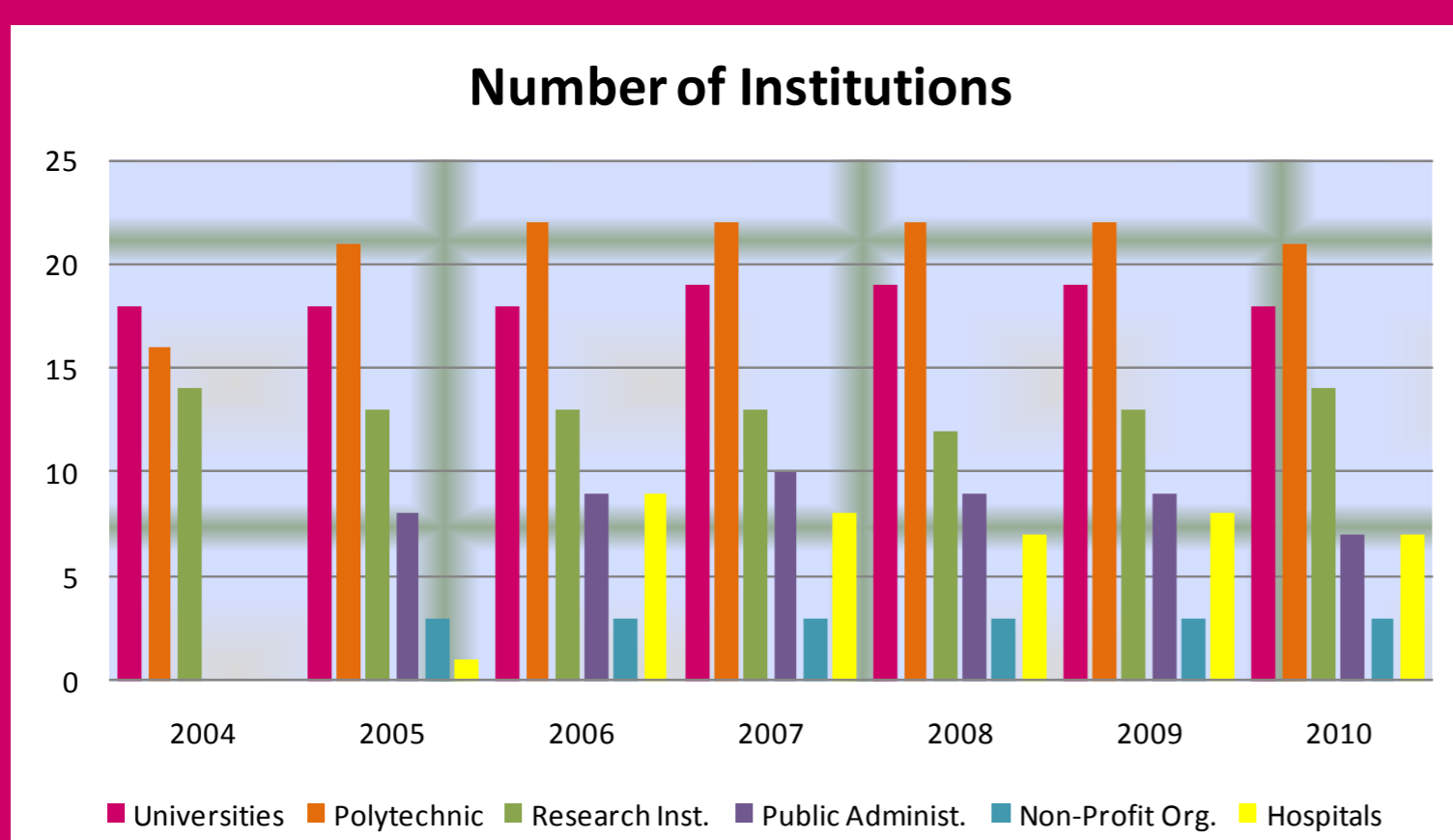


Members

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

Downloads

- began in 2004 with c. 2.120.000
- achieved more than 6.000.000 in 2009



b-on is today an indisputable success case. This is demonstrated by the interest it evoked in the national academic and scientific community, namely through the number of institutions or through the growing utilization volume