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Biblioteca do Conhecimento Online secures *Nature* for 69 Portuguese institutions

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More than 300,000 researchers and students in Portugal now have access to the excellent research and news published in *Nature*, it was announced today. The Biblioteca do Conhecimento Online (b-on) and Nature Publishing Group (NPG) have signed a three-year agreement to provide 69 institutions in Portugal with site license access to *Nature*. Higher education institutions, research institutes, and hospitals throughout the country are participating in the agreement.

b-on (Online Knowledge Library) facilitates access for research and higher education libraries in Portugal to over 16,750 scientific international publications from 16 publishers, through subscriptions negotiated on a national basis.

"b-on are extremely pleased to be able to offer Portuguese scientists, students and clinicians this extremely important resource," said Pedro Veiga, Chairman of FCCN. "With *Nature* we have expanded our national access to leading journals."

"Nature Publishing Group is delighted to agree this license with b-on that provides so many Portugese researchers and students with access to *Nature*," said Bethan Creighton, Consortia Sales Manager at NPG. "We are confident that we provide excellent value for money, and provide free trial access so that institutions can judge the value and demand for our journals. We look forward to working with other national consortia to ensure the widest possible access to the quality content that NPG publishes."

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