

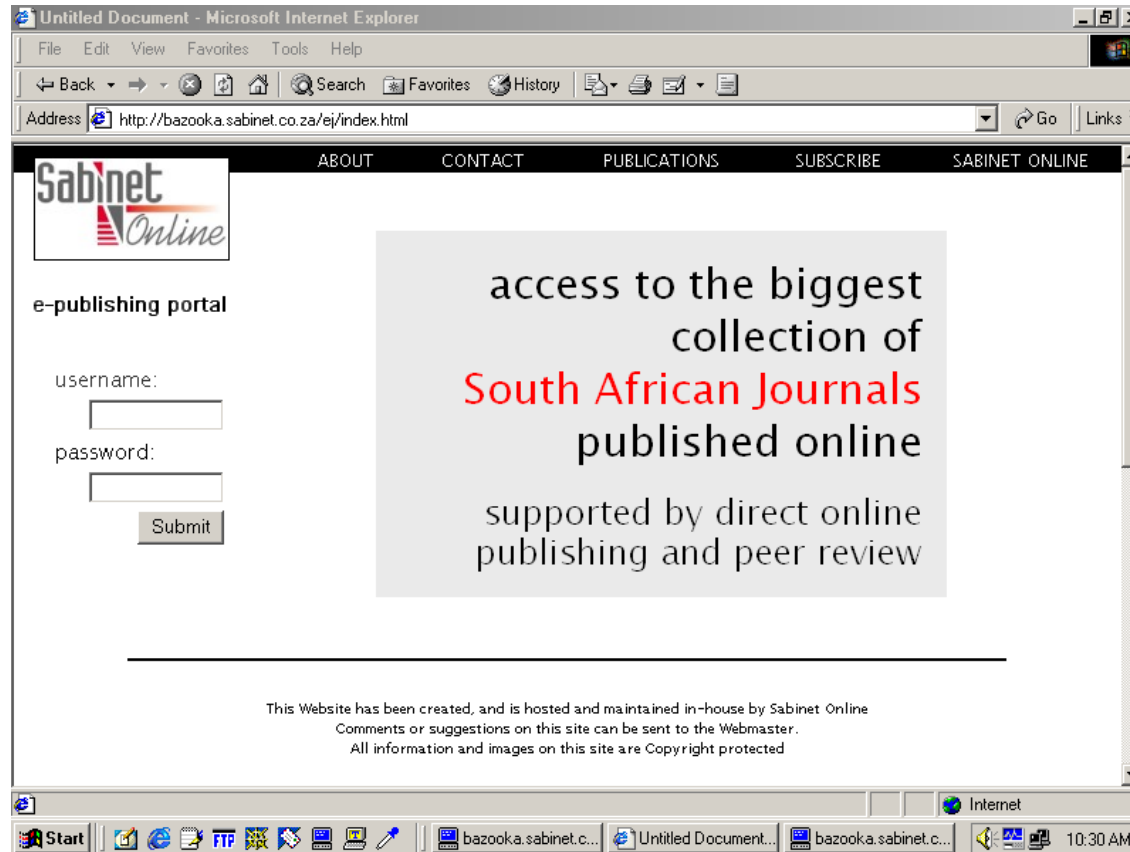
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Started in 2000 with our SA ePublications Initiative





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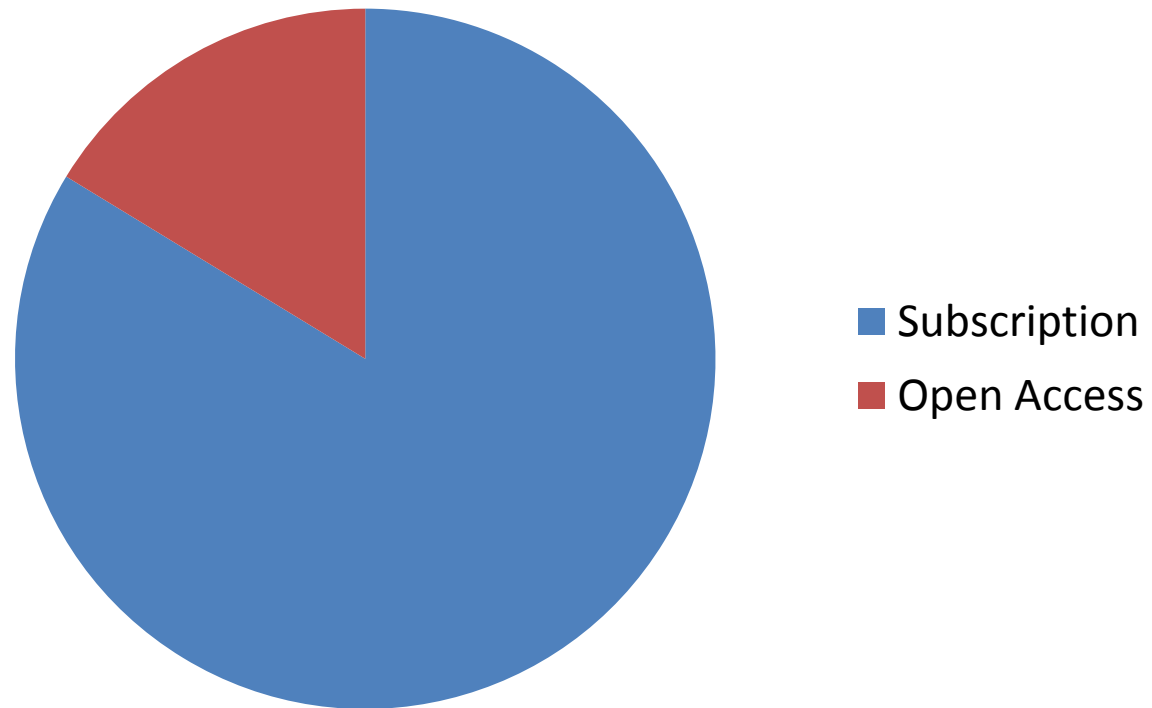
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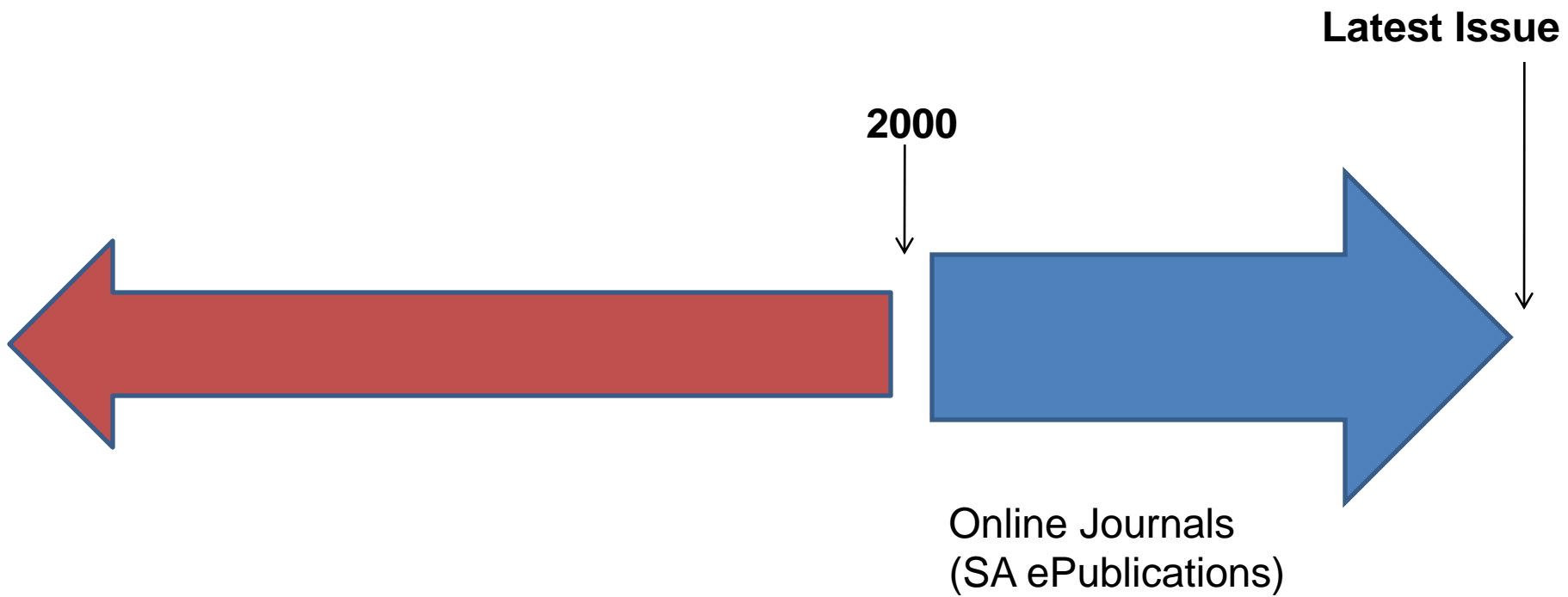
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Journals



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Start of the project

- 2007: research into the project started
 - Which countries should be included
 - Which journals should be included
 - How far back should the archive go
 - Technology to be used for storage and retrieval
 - Business model and sustainability
 - Intellectual property issues and licensing
 - Digitization processes
 - Standards
 - Lessons learnt from similar projects

African Journal Archive

About

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- Project started 2008
- Funded by the Carnegie Corporation and Sabinet



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- Create a digital archive of African journals
- 250 journals
- 5 000 volumes (issues)
- 90 000 articles
- 360 000 pages
- Four-year project



Investigation - platform

- DSpace, OJS, CONTENTdm and Inhouse
 - The extent to which the software/system supports the ability to deploy and use the system within the understood and proven workflow processes (within the organization and in terms of possible partnerships);
 - The extent to which the cost addresses issues of investment;
 - The technical architecture and standard compliance;
 - The extent of support and service required (internationally);
 - The functionality offered and usability.



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- publishers will represent that they have rights in the journal issues as “collective works” (that is, we will not ask for them to assert copyright in individual articles)
- Sabinet Gateway will have the final decision making power over whether to remove anything from the archive.
- Once a journal is archived, a copy of the electronic file will be returned to the publisher.
- Sabinet can add value to the content to generate revenue for future sustainability of the archive

Business model - sustainability



Where are we ?
3 years later

Available content

	Publications	Articles
SA ePublications	325	100 000
African Journal Archive	119	45 000
Total full text articles		145 000

First Issue



Archive
(African Journal Archive)

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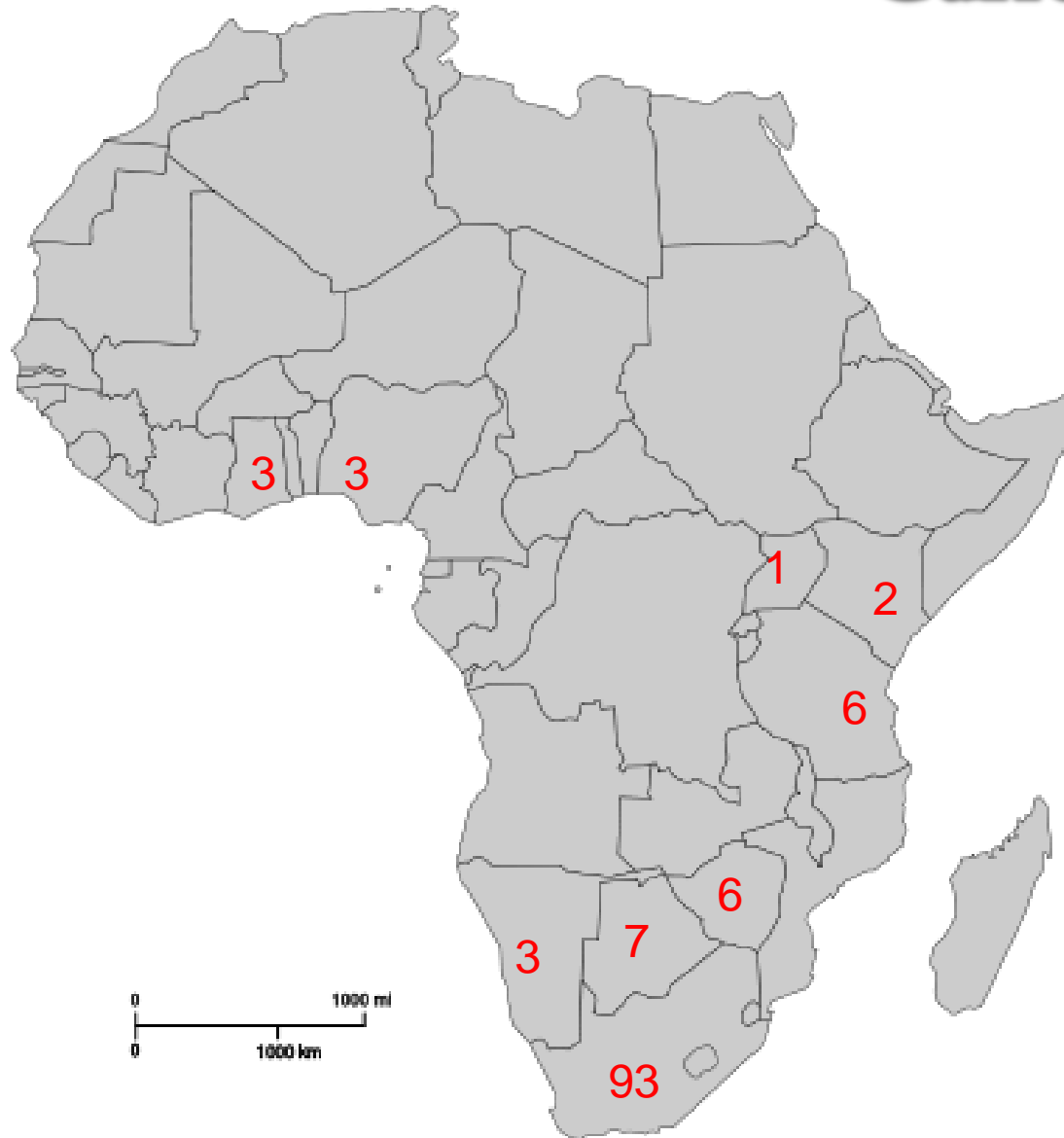


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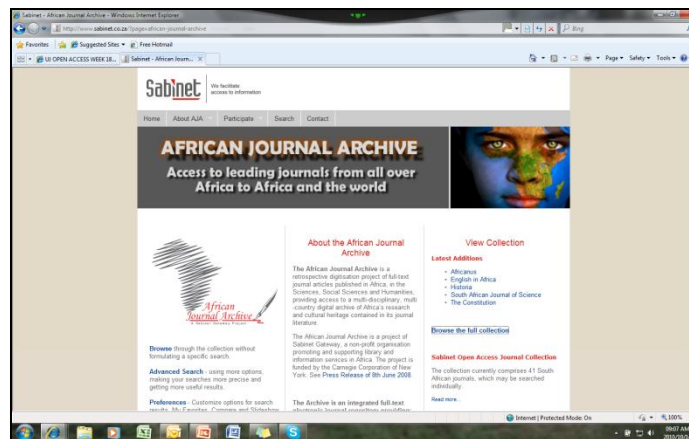
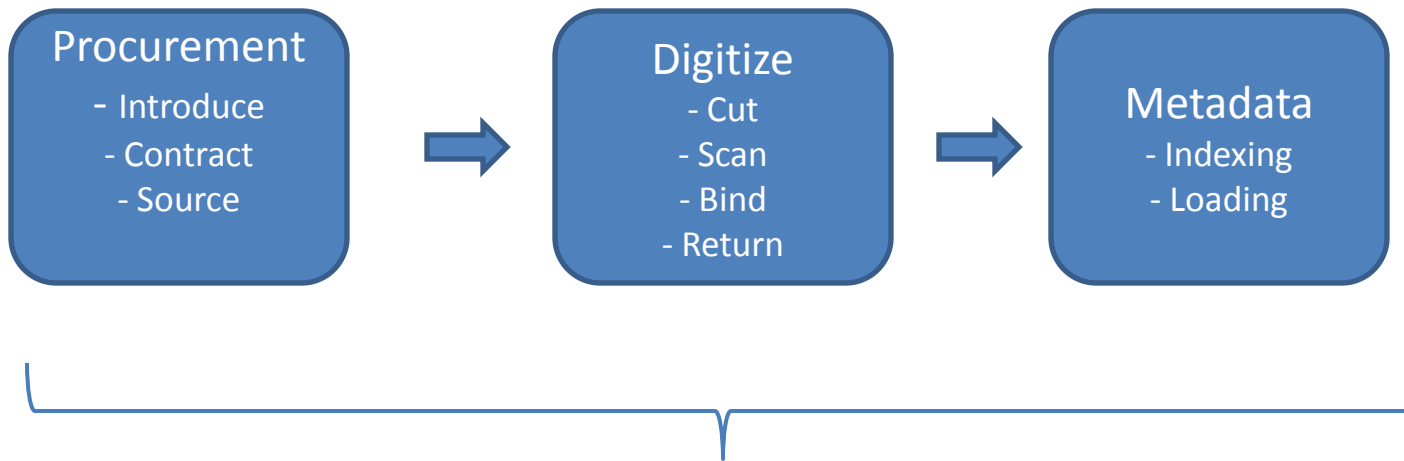
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The African Journal Archive is a Sabinet Gateway project funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Custodianship of the Archive will reside with Sabinet Gateway. Management, creation and maintenance will be contracted to Sabinet Online. Commenting on the project, Sabinet Online's Managing Director, Rosalind Hattingh says "the project will create for the first time a central full-text repository of retrospective journal content of unique value, providing not only the vital groundwork for further or related research but assisting to preserve the heritage of the African continent.

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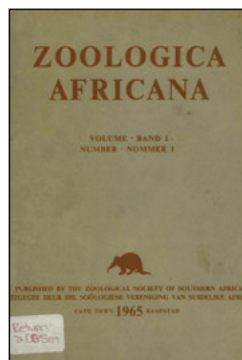
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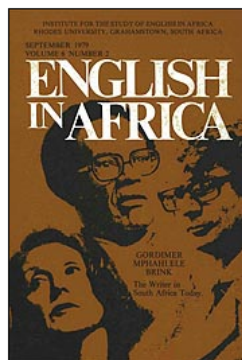
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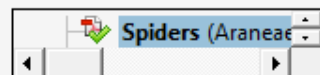
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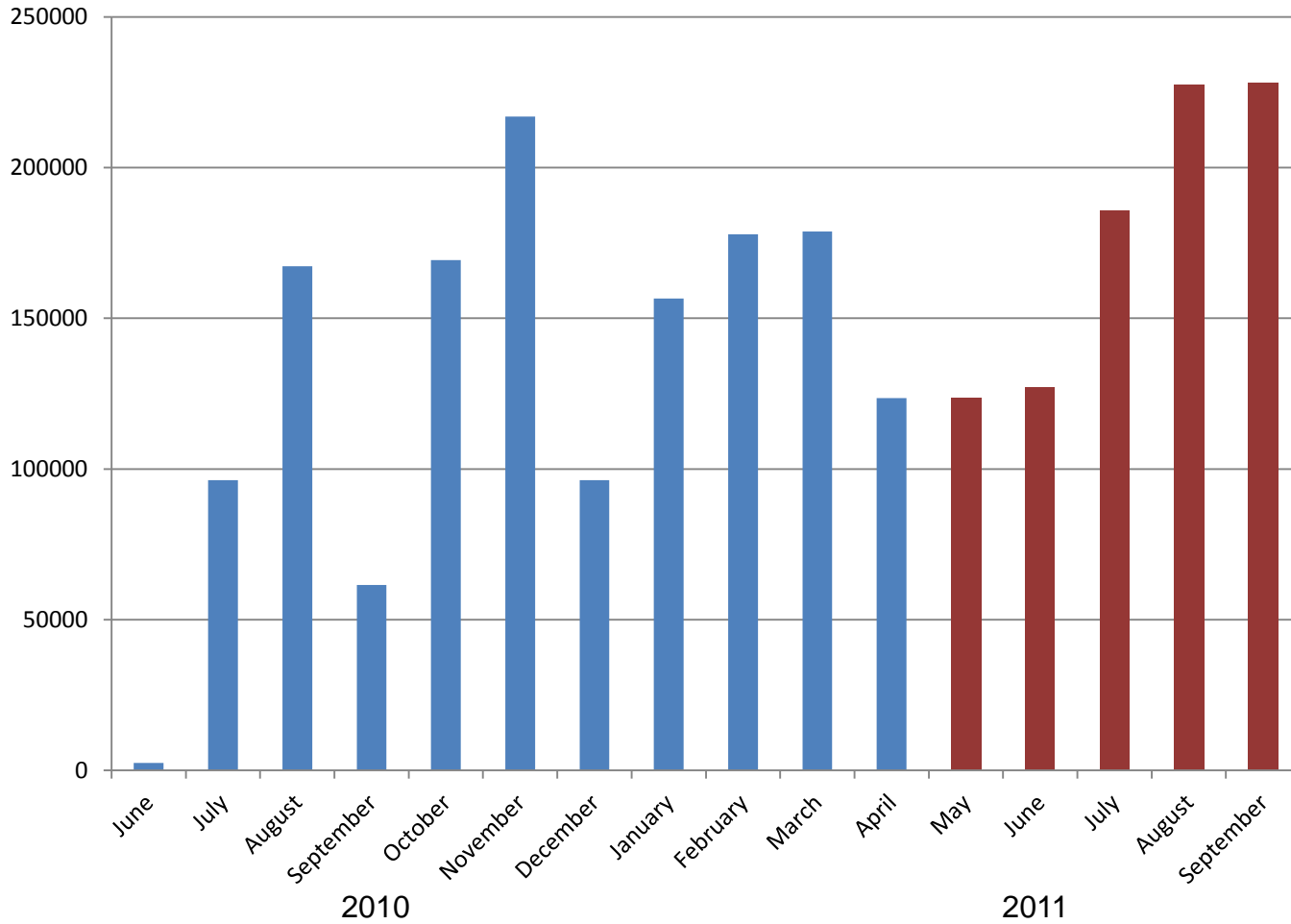
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- Not always easy to get publishers to agree to contract;
- Getting the physical copy of the publication;
- Digitization issues such as file sizes and quality of reproduction;
- Having to cut and bind journals;
- Indexing, and finding people to do the work;
- Marketing, gaining credibility and extending exposure.

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