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Nature Publishing Group sign French national license agreement with ISTEEX

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Nature Publishing Group (NPG) has signed a major agreement with the French national licensing programme ISTEEX, to make key scientific resources available to the French research community.

More than 1.9m students, researchers and scientists at over 200 French universities and institutions will have access to the full archives of *Nature* from 1869 to 2012 on nature.com. The agreement will also include the archives of seven other specialised titles in immunology, biology, chemistry and neurosciences, around 400,000 articles in total.

Launched in 2012, ISTEEX aims to provide online access to digital publications in all disciplines throughout the French research community on one central platform and currently holds more than 6 million articles from 2,500 journal titles.

The programme is a joint effort between the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) and the French National Agency for Research (ANR), who have signed a funding agreement with the Ministry of Higher Education and Research. The €60m budget to be spent over three years includes €55m for the acquisition of scientific archives and €5m for the creation of the platform that will host the acquired data.

"ISTEEX provides both researchers and students with an invaluable collection of academic resources," said Dean Sanderson, Commercial Director, Nature Publishing Group. "We are delighted that Nature Publishing Group is helping serve ISTEEX's information provision for institutions in France, and proud to be part of these ambitious digital plans."

"The priority of ISTEEX is not only about archive acquisitions, but also a research and development project. The platform provides the full texts of a very large corpus, which in turn, offers many new opportunities for research discoveries across the country," says the ABES Director, Jérôme Kalfon.

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About Nature Publishing Group (NPG)

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) is a publisher of high impact scientific information in print and online. NPG publishes journals, online databases and services across the life, physical, chemical and applied sciences.

Focusing on the needs of scientists, *Nature* (founded in 1869) is the leading weekly, international scientific journal. NPG publishes a range of Nature research journals and *Nature Reviews* journals, and a range of prestigious academic and partner journals including society-owned publications. Online, nature.com provides over 8 million visitors per month with access to NPG publications and services, including news and comment from *Nature*, and the leading scientific jobs board *Naturejobs*.

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ISTEEX

France is currently developing a policy for the national purchase of digital contents called ISTEEX. It is an extensive programme of acquisition of electronic documentation for scientists across the country.

The principal goal is to create a digital library of the highest international standard that will strengthen French research and higher education. The project aims to provide online access to an array of digital publications throughout the French research and higher education community, as well as build a national platform to exploit and make resources available.

In April 2012, the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) and the French National Agency for Research (ANR) signed a funding agreement with the Ministry of Higher Education and Research. The budget was for €60m to be spent over 3 years; €55m for the acquisition of scientific archives and €5m for the creation of the platform that will host the acquired data. The project brings together CNRS, the Bibliographic Agency for Higher Education (ABES), the consortium Couperin and the University of Lorraine on behalf of the Conference of University Presidents (CPU).

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