



Implications for dissemination

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AJOL's Vision is for African learning to translate into African development

AJOL's Mission is to provide the continent and the rest of the world with a quality on-line information resource covering African-published, peer-reviewed research output and to support African scholarly publishing

Focus on Journals:

- To ↑ access to and ↑ visibility of African-published journals using the internet
- to promote, establish, protect, preserve and maintain an online library and archive of academic journals published throughout the continent of Africa



– journals must be

- Published within the African continent
- Peer-reviewed, reputable, scholarly in content
- Provide AJOL with hard and soft copy - ongoing
- Permission from the authors to allow AJOL to operate a full text access service

- Nearly 300 journals & 27 000 records
- Includes full range of academic disciplines – very strong section on health
- Each journal decides their accessibility model and AJOL respects & accommodates this
- Both Open Access & Subscription-based





- benefits to journals

- Much higher visibility than being online in isolation
- Much wider international audience
- Increased author submissions
- Increased subscriptions
- Potential for additional income stream
- Free hosting, software and website maintenance

- Piloted by INASP 1998 - 2001
- Re-launched and expanded 2001- 2005
- Free online database of African journals based on tailored PKP open source software
- Transferred to African management in association with NISC SA in late 2005
- Move from “docdels” to full text online...2007
- New website with increased functionality

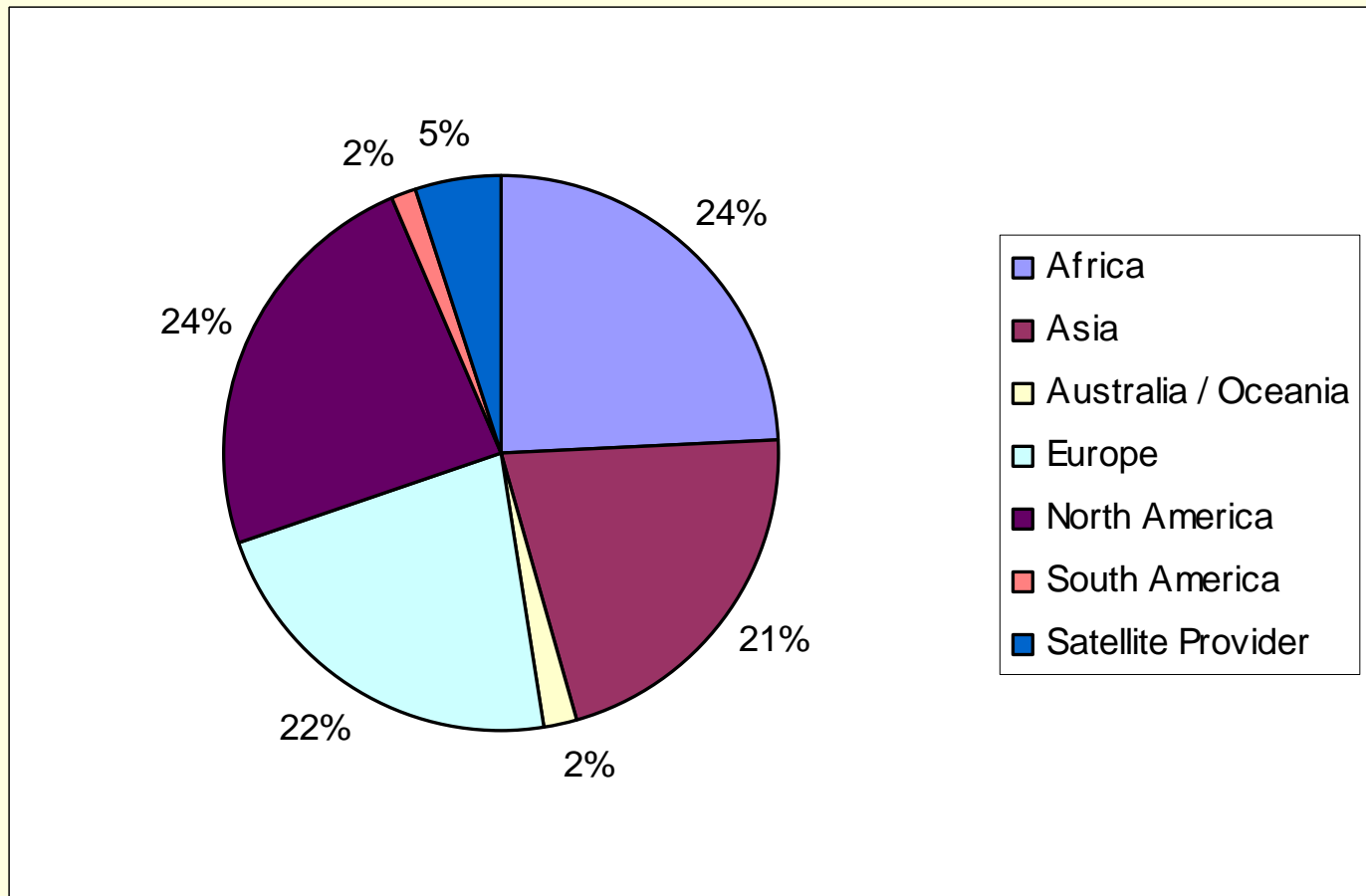
- Search entire database or specific journal
- User-friendly access to meta-data free on AJOL website
- Access to article full text
 - full text is progressively subsidized; O-journals free.
- Free email alerts to registered users
- Journal information from each homepage
 - author guidelines, contact information, etc.



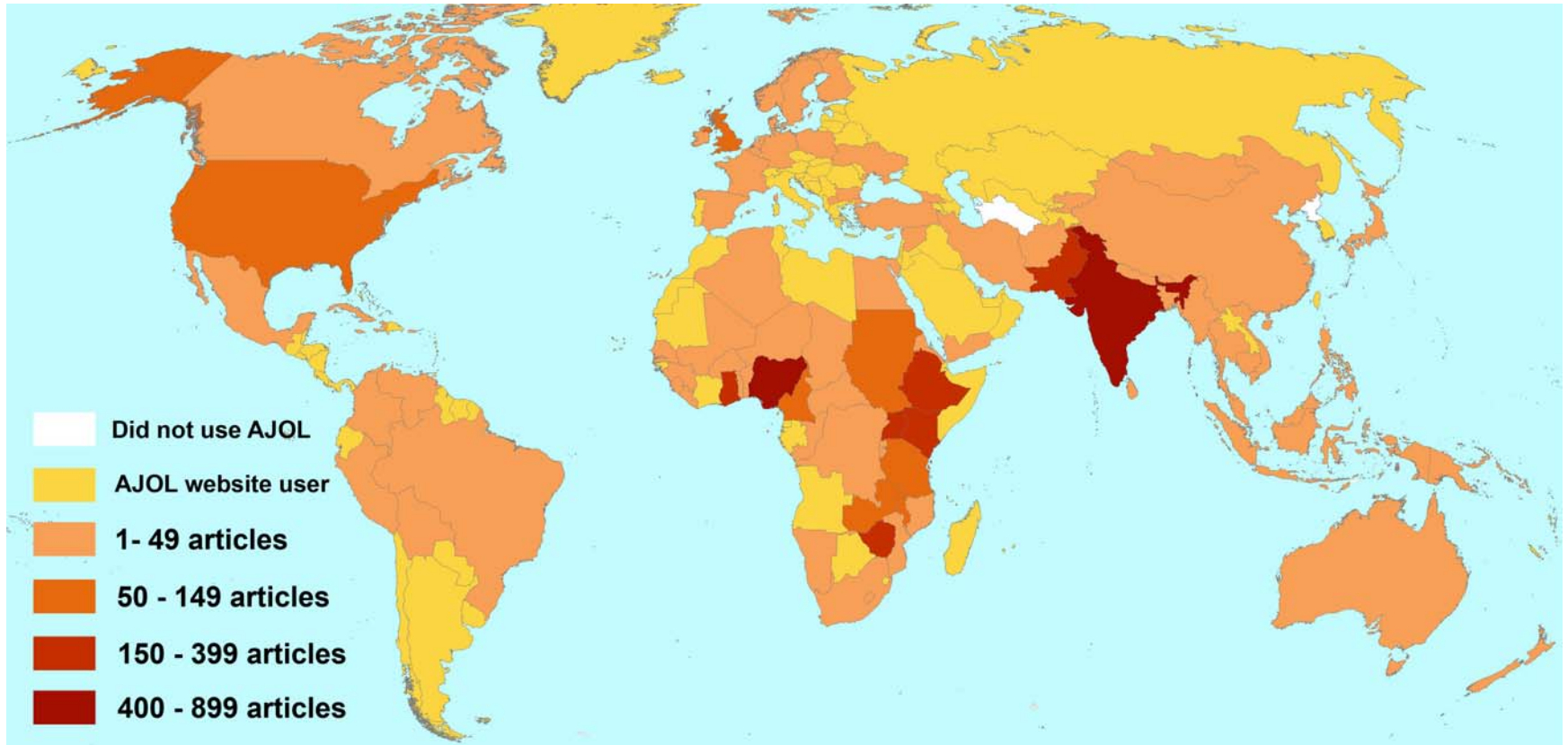
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2 Implications for Dissemination

+/- 50 000 researchers use AJOL per month

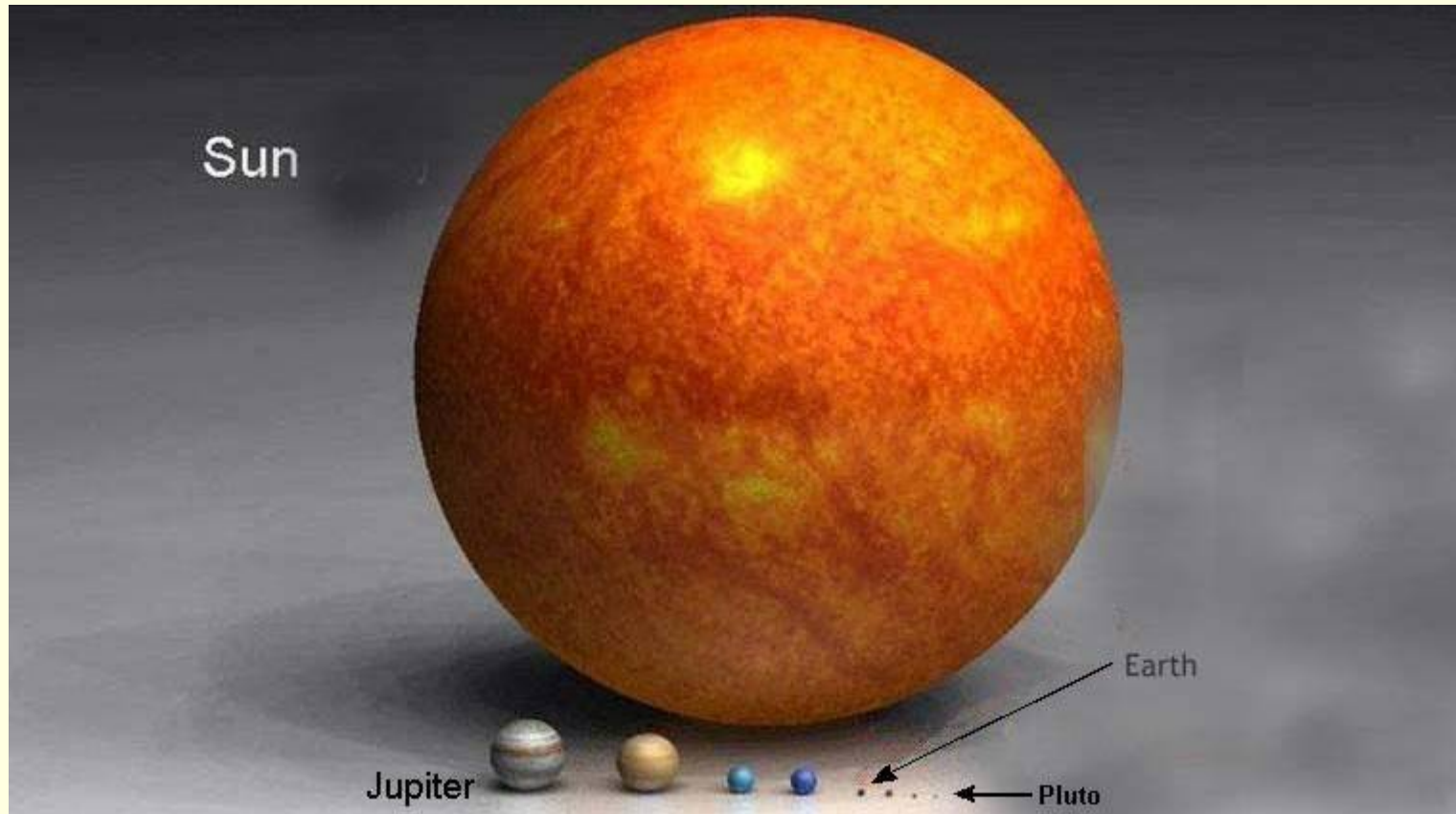


– full text (over 4000)



- Based on good Open Source Software
- Amended this to full functionality needed
- Designed simple content management system
- Digitized whole library
- Full text of journals online from late 2007
- Off-line loading tool in development

3 The Big Picture



The Big Picture

<http://www.internetworldstats.com/stats1.htm#africa>

<http://www.top25web.com/pagerank.php>

www.google.com/analytics

<http://www.yahoo.com/>



Key big picture points

- Closing the digital divide is the responsibility of –ing AND –ed
- Information FROM Africa – not just TO and ABOUT Africa
 - Beware of and control for negative externalities of well-intentioned efforts
- Africa under-developed region = regional efforts
 - Multi-disciplinary not just thematic
- The internet – even if intermittent or slow access – still a modern miracle and an opportunity to increase access to and visibility of African research output in Africa (and globally)

- Continue and expand ongoing journal hosting
- Additional resources to support African scholarly publishing (including information on Open Access publishing in LDC institutions, create and maintain a listserv or forum for African editors to share solutions to their common challenges)
- The evaluation of and expansion to include additional online African information resources (e.g. African-published scholarly magazines and grey literature)

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We believe that AJOL has greatly enhanced our visibility.

Currently, we are receiving manuscripts from international authors.

Congratulations for the good work and service you are offering to African journals.

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