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***Nature* archive reaches 1950, and keeps going back...**

Nature Publishing Group announces the online publication of the *Nature* archive back to January 1950. In addition, digitization back to the first issue of *Nature* has begun. The archive is expected to reach November 1869 by late 2007.

With over 56 years of content now available online, *Nature* provides access to 163 volumes, 2933 issues, and approximately 200,000 articles. Original papers now available include Watson and Crick's publication of the structure of DNA in 1953, plus other advancements in physics, medicine and the life sciences.

The *Nature* archive back to 1869 is a unique archive. Apart from its value to science historians and investigative journalists, it affords interesting browsing for today's *Nature* readers. Lecture reports, diary entries and opinion articles keep pace with and reflect both British and world history. Paid adverts exhibit an array of products from the era and reflect the diverse readership of this early chronicle of science and nature. Interestingly, article types have not diversified too greatly over time, as the earliest tables of contents list news and opinion articles, correspondence and Letters to the Editor, book reviews, supplements and reviews.

As an integrated part of the nature.com platform, the *Nature* archive has excellent searching capability and is integrated with current content across the NPG portfolio. Articles are published in PDF format, with html abstracts and linked references.

Online access to *Nature* is available to institutions with a site license, including all issues from January 1997 to the present issue. Access to the *Nature* archive: January 1987 - December 1996 and the *Nature* archive: January 1950 - December 1986 can be added to the license as one-time purchases.

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