



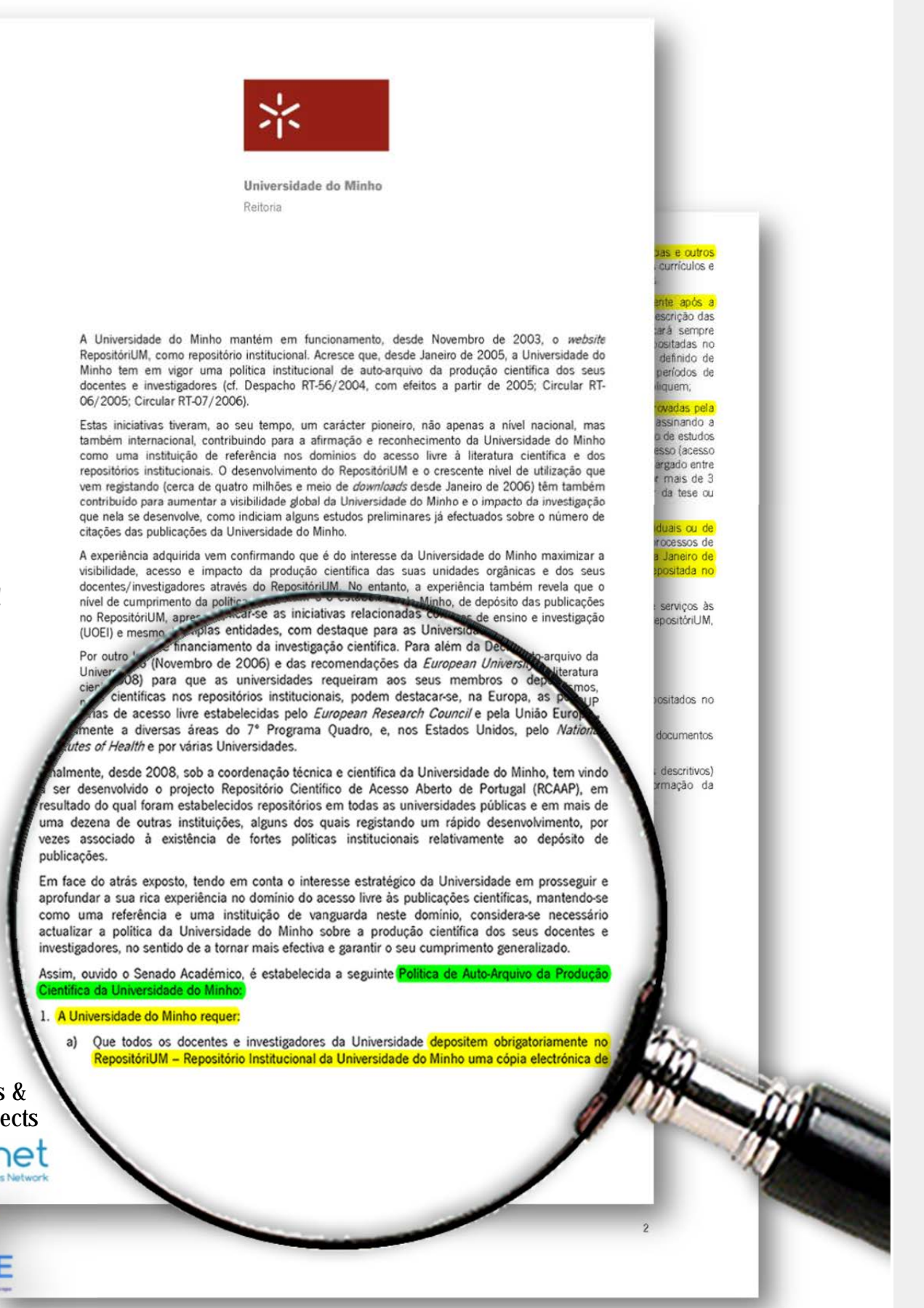
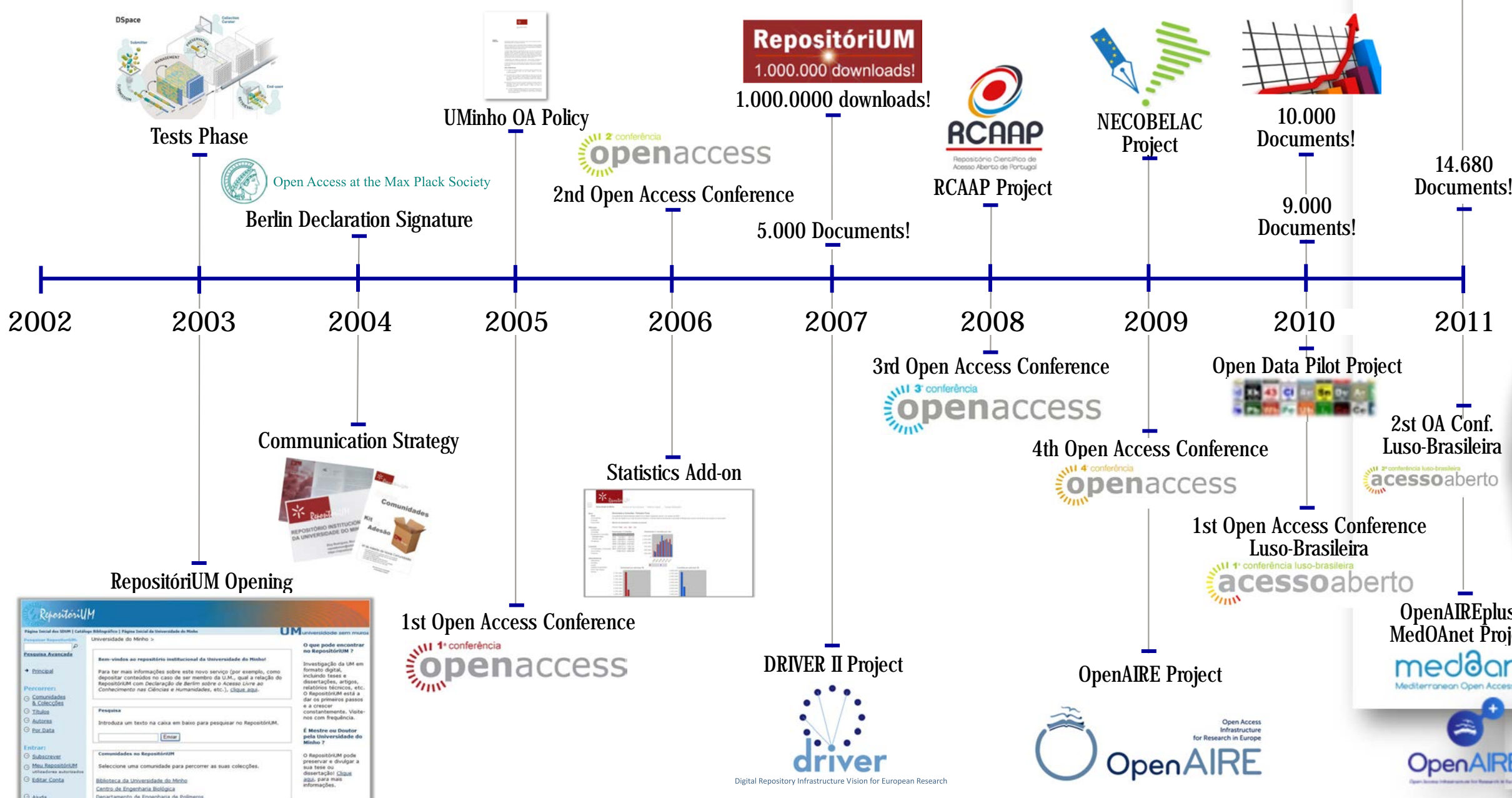
# RepositoriUM and the University of Minho Open Access Policy: How to follow-up and monitor OA policies

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## Historical

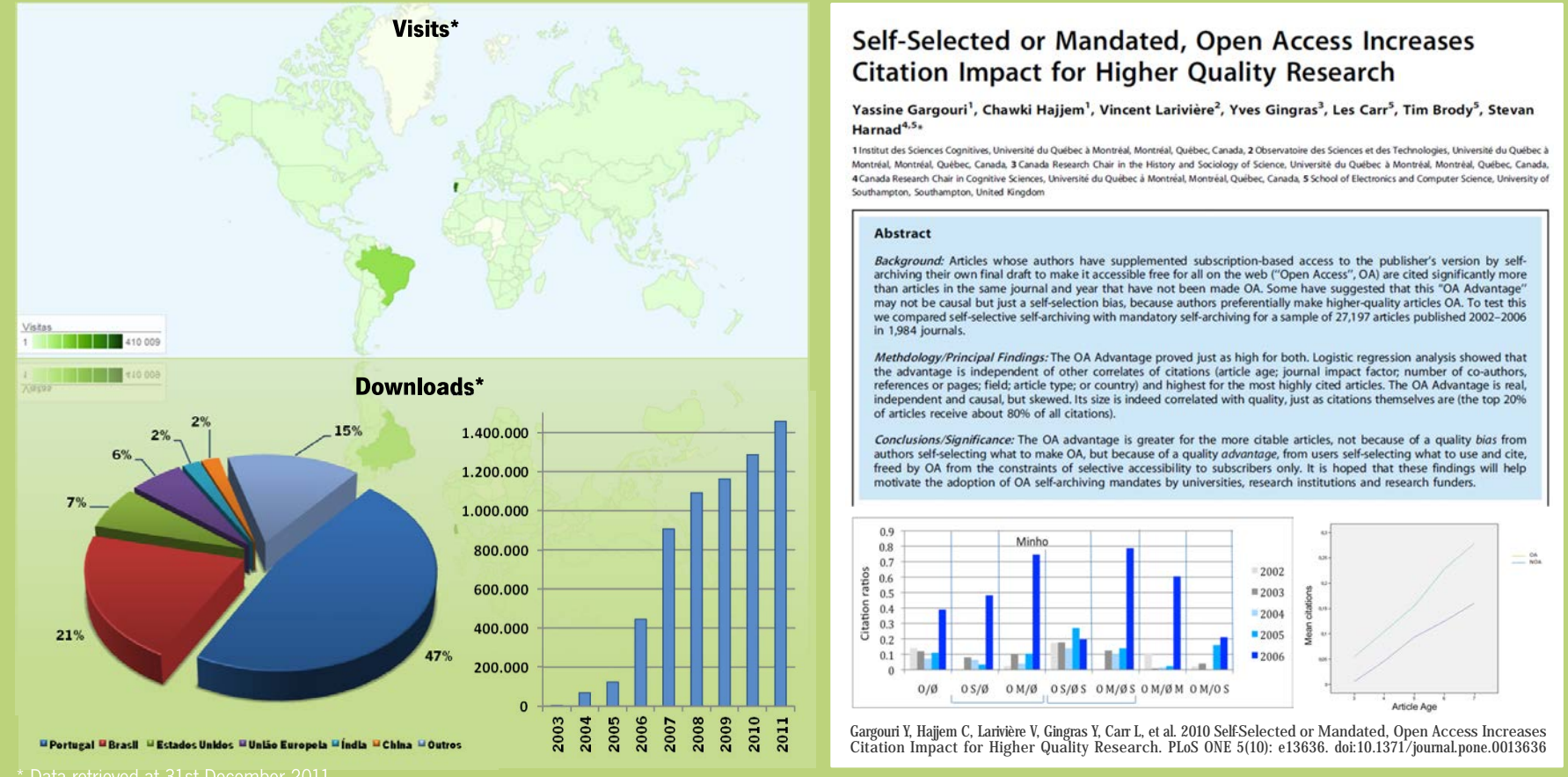
The creation of the RepositoriUM - institutional repository of the University of Minho, in November 2003, and the definition a year later, November 2004, of an institutional self-archiving policy regarding the scientific output of its faculty and researchers (valid from January 2005 onwards), were at that time pioneering, not only nationally but also internationally, contributing to the recognition of the University of Minho as a reference institution in the area of open access and institutional repositories.

Intending to improve the efficacy of its policy, carrying on, building upon and deepening its rich experience in the field of open access to scientific publications and to maintain its position as a reference institution in this field, a new University of Minho self-archiving policy was defined and implemented with effects from 1st of January 2011 onwards.

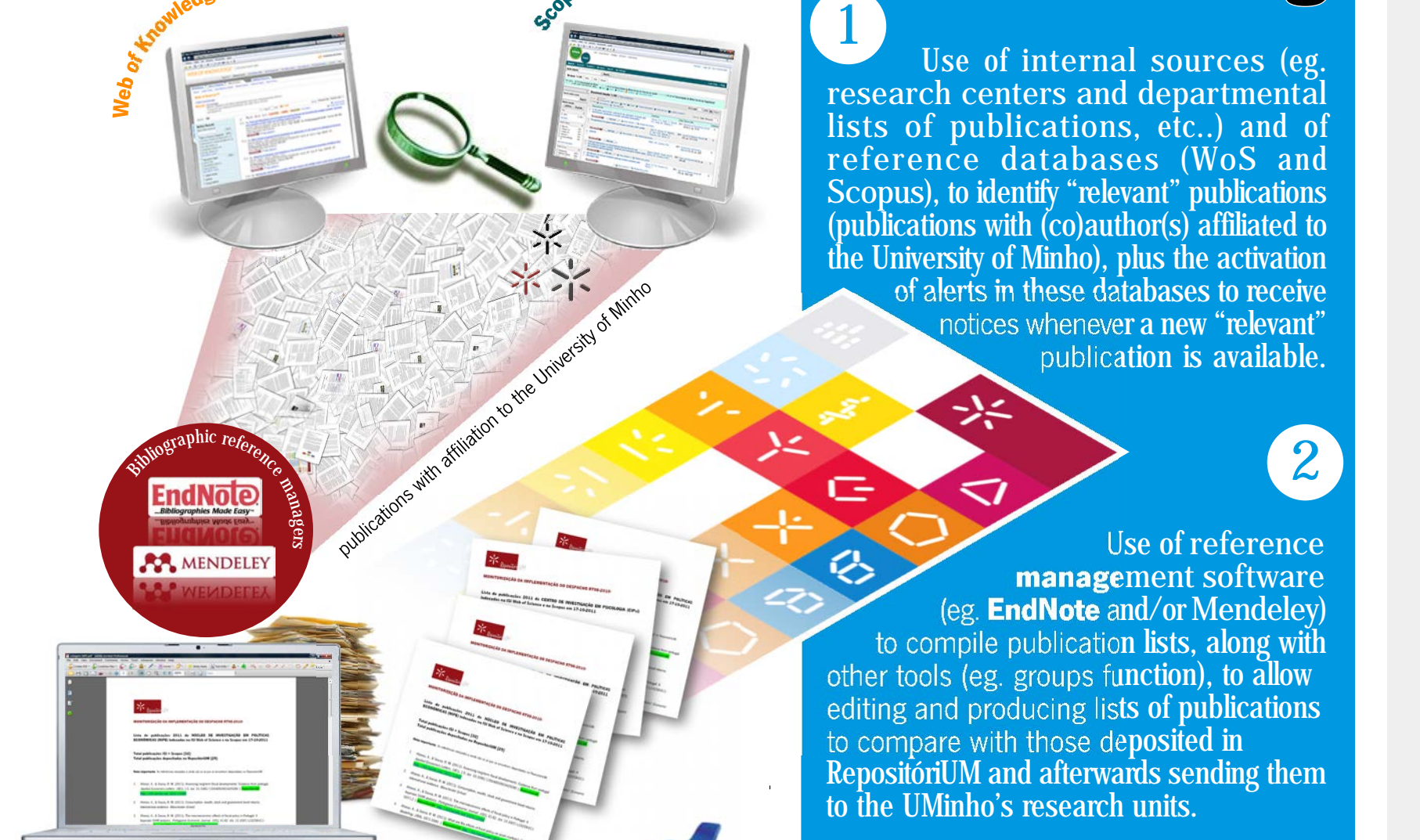


## Visibility & Impact

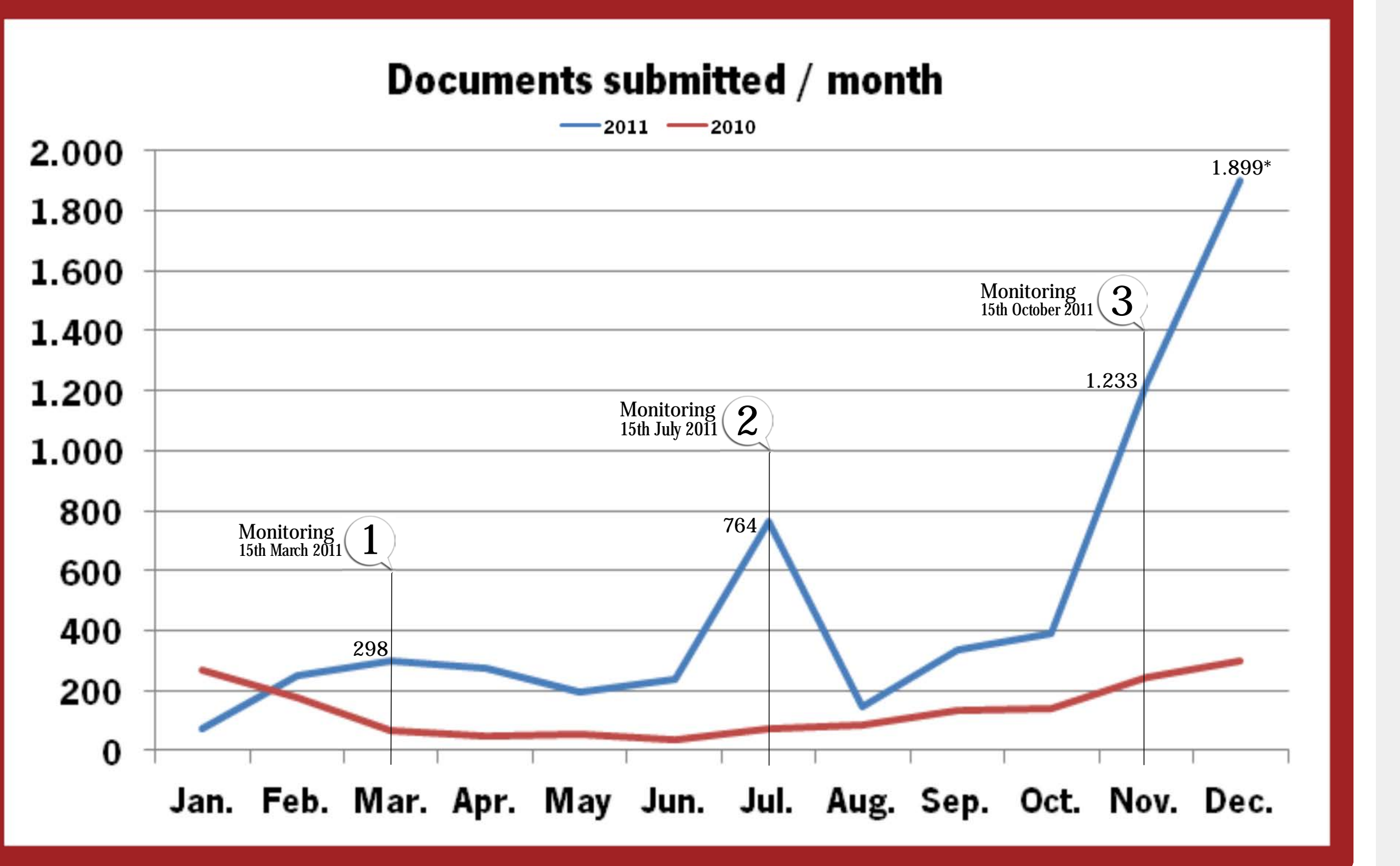
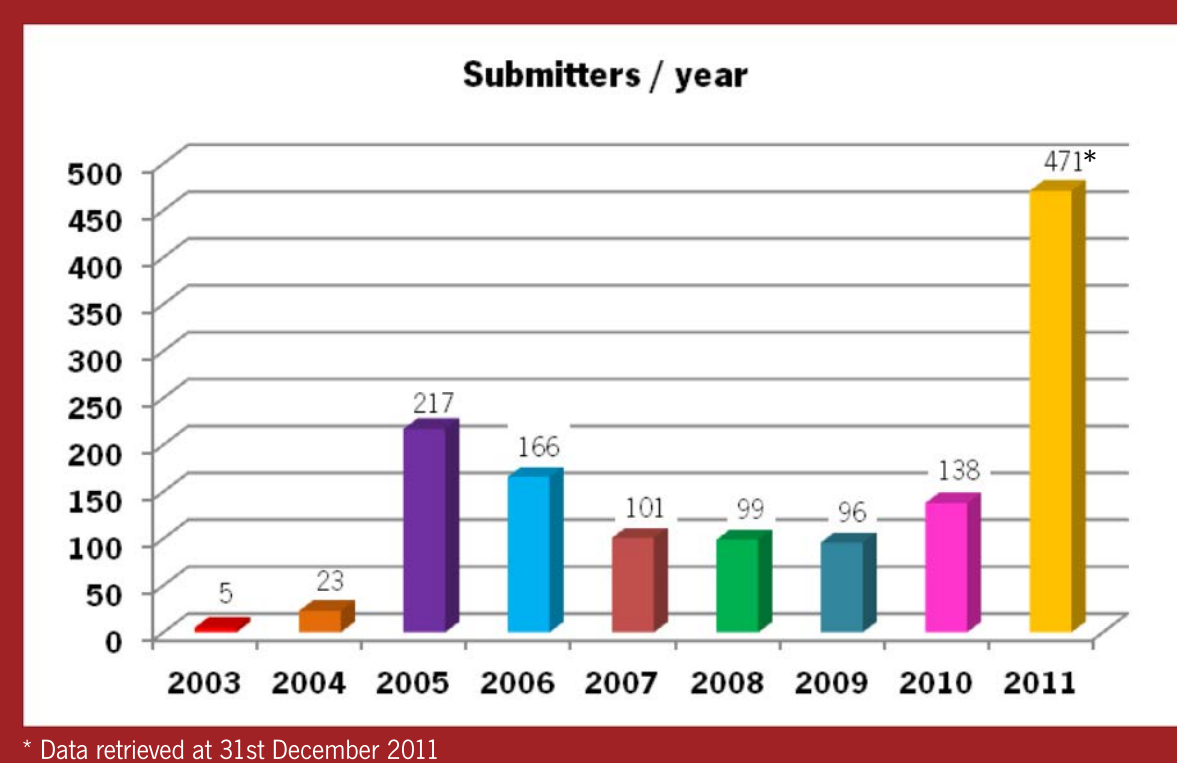
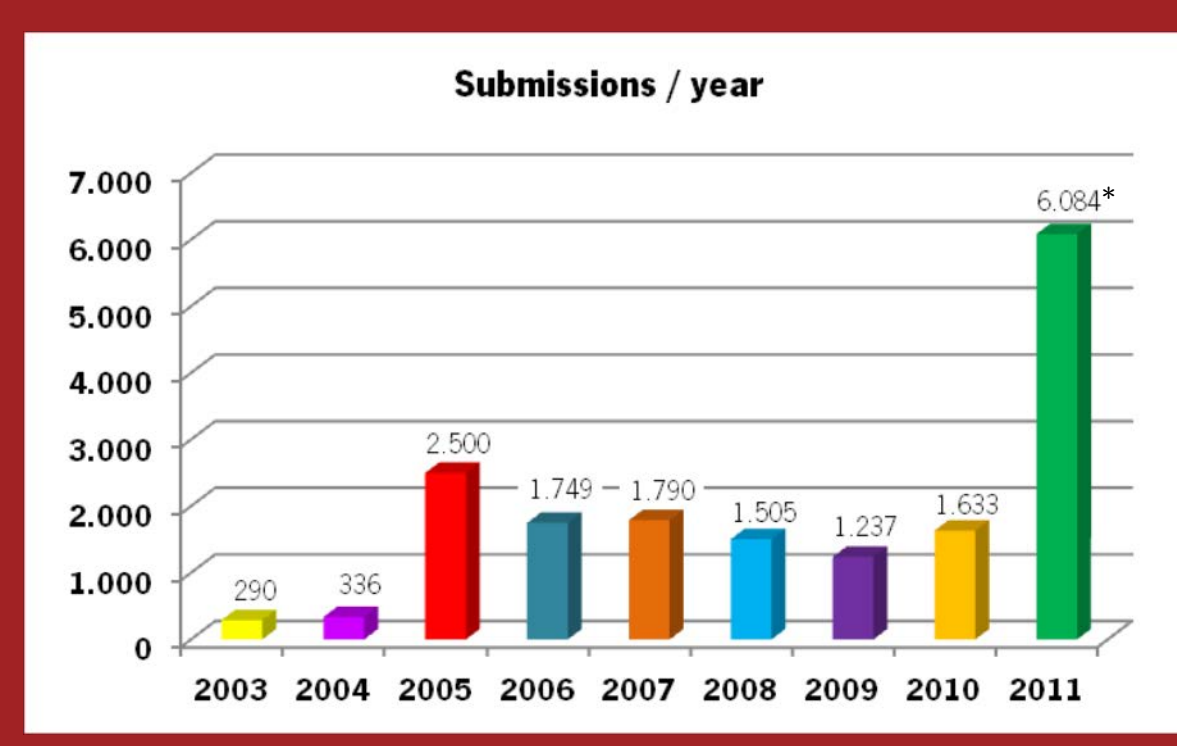
RepositoriUM growth and the increasing levels of usage recorded since inception (more than 7 million downloads only counting from January 2006 onwards) have been contributing to raise the overall visibility and impact of the research being produced at the University of Minho (UMinho), as some rankings and studies on the number of UMinho's publications citations already indicate.



## Monitoring



## Results



## Conclusions

The data referring to 2011, points out to a significant impact of the new University of Minho self-archiving policy according to various criteria. During 2011, more than 6.080 documents were submitted into RepositoriUM, the highest annual total ever since the opening of RepositoriUM. Similarly, when comparing 2011 with the previous year, there was an increase of 273% concerning the number of self-archived publications as well as an increase of 434% in the number of submitters. It is also particularly significant the vast number of article submissions with issue date 2011 and referenced in databases such as Scopus or Web of Science.

Finally, the periodic monitoring of the policy appears to be an important contribution to its success. There was a very significant increase in the self-archiving activity after the notification of the results of each monitoring. At the time of the final monitoring, it was estimated that 65% of the UMinho's 2011 scientific output was deposited in RepositoriUM.

