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Over the past 15 years, Grey Literature has developed from a millennium movement to a well defined field in information studies. This process has been considerably influenced and shaped by results of research issuing from the International Conference Series on Grey Literature. The Eleventh Conference in this series will endeavor to piece together traditional features inherent to grey literature with more recent elements both technology and policy driven. In any field of science and technology, information and knowledge aggregated in research must be made available beyond the limits of any one specific information community, and as such, should be openly accessible to net citizens. This principle related to grey literature, requires that its uses and applications in diverse subject areas benefit information society as a whole. Furthermore, net citizens must acquire a sense of safeguard and security that the grey resources on which they come to rely have passed some level of corporate governance. In piecing the various components and facets of grey literature together, GL11 hopes to depict a virtual image of the Grey Mosaic.

Conference Themes:
• Impact of Grey Literature on Net Citizens
• Corporate Governance of Grey Literature
• Uses and Applications of Subject based Grey Literature
• Grey Literature Repositories Revisited
• Open Access to Grey Resources

Call for Papers
Participants who seek to present a paper at GL11 are invited to submit an English abstract between 300-400 words. The abstract should deal with the problem/goal, the research method/procedure, an indication of costs related to the project, as well as the anticipated results of the research. The abstract should likewise include the title of the proposed paper, name(s) of the author(s), and full address information. Abstracts are the only tangible source that allows the Program Committee to guarantee content and balance in the conference program and sessions. Every effort should be made to reflect the content of your work in the abstract submitted.

Due Date
The abstract must be emailed on or before April 15, 2009 in MS Word. The author will receive written verification upon its receipt. http://www.textrelease.com/gl11callforpapers.html
FLICC/FEDLINK to Host GL11 in the Library of Congress

The Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) of the Library of Congress in Washington, DC is host to the Eleventh International Conference on Grey Literature, December 14-15, 2009. FLICC is an organization of U.S. federal agencies dedicated to cooperation and concerted action within the community of federal libraries and information centers. FLICC and FEDLINK, FLICC’s purchasing, training and resource-sharing consortium, achieve better utilization of federal information resources and facilities through promotion of common services, coordination and sharing of available resources and professional development. FLICC is also a forum for discussion of federal library and information policies, programs, and procedures to help inform the Congress, federal agencies, and others concerned with libraries and information centers. [http://www.loc.gov/flicc](http://www.loc.gov/flicc)

For the 7th year running INIST-CNRS sponsors the GL-Series

For the seventh year running, the Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (INIST) a subsidiary of CNRS, the National Centre for Scientific Research in France sponsors the GL Conference Series. INIST houses a huge library with extensive collections available to the public through document delivery services. Indexing services are also provided for (grey) literature in Science, Technology, Medicine, Humanities, and the Social Sciences. These services are designed to contribute to bibliographic databases. INIST’s Information services are available online, as well as in a variety of electronic formats and media. A recent development is their memSIC, Open Archive on Theses in Information Science, as well as their OpenSIGLE Repository. It is an honor to have this national institute in the forefront of grey literature. [http://international.inist.fr/](http://international.inist.fr/)

University of Ljubljana, New GreyNet Associate Member

The University of Ljubljana is the first and largest university in Slovenia. With 64,000 enrolled graduate and postgraduate students, it is among the largest universities in the world. The Faculty of Arts turns out highly educated individuals with an open, questioning and progressive approach to the humanities and social sciences. Particular emphasis is placed on the strengthening of national academic areas that help to shape Slovenian identity. The faculty cultivates research, supports inter-disciplinarily subjects, opens up new academic areas, and creates specialized educational programs for its students. The Department of Library and Information Science and Book Studies offers the only LIS academic educational program in Slovenia. Graduates acquire expertise in organizing and retrieving different types of information sources. Grey Literature is a key source of information and is becoming increasingly important. It is essential that future LIS professionals and practitioners acquire knowledge and skills in the uses and applications of grey literature. And, it is to this end that our faculty is focused. [http://www.uni-lj.si/en/](http://www.uni-lj.si/en/)
GreyNet secures open access for its former collections

“OpenSIGLE, where the crossroads of more than 25 years of bibliographic data on grey literature meet with 15 years of research in this field of information.”

GreyNet has recently purchased permission from Emerald to make available the papers published in the GL Conference Proceedings, 1994-2000. Since its relaunch in 2003, GreyNet has sought to recover this earlier research in the field of grey literature and make it available to librarians, researchers, educators, students, and net-users alike. These earlier collections will be included in the OpenSIGLE Repository and will rely on the efforts of INIST-CNRS to OCR the full-text of the conference papers and GreyNet to provide their corresponding metadata records. In 2008, GreyNet’s conference based collections 2003-2007, were included in the OpenSIGLE Repository. And, by the close of this year, it is anticipated that all of the papers in the International Conference Series on Grey Literature will be fully accessible via the OpenSIGLE Repository. http://www.greynet.org/opensiglerepository.html

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Victorine van Schaick Prize 2008
http://www.nvbonline.nl/4174/lijst_van_prijswinnaars.html

The Grey Journal, an international journal on Grey Literature, enters its 5th volume in the spring of 2009. Last year, TGJ won the Victorinne van Schaick Prize and just this past month Elsevier notified the journal editor that “in recognition of the high quality and relevance to the scientific community, we are pleased to inform you that your publication has been selected for coverage in Scopus as of 2009”. The Grey Journal has coverage in other A&I databases, appears in print and PDF format, and is also available on article level via EBSCO’s LISTA-FT, Full-Text Database. TGJ is the flagship journal for the grey literature community and is geared to Colleges and Schools of Library and Information Studies, as well as, information professionals, who produce, publish, process, manage, disseminate, and use grey literature.

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Undergraduates registered for GL Spring Semester Course, 2009

Twenty-nine junior/senior undergraduate students began the Course on Grey Literature offered for the second semester at the University of New Orleans (UNO) via their distance education program. GreyNet hopes that such an endeavor will provide new avenues for young researchers and scholars to enter and concentrate on this field of information. The structure of distance education allows that various stakeholders need not be physically present within one academic institution, but instead are brought together in a joint venture; one that guarantees students access to courseware, qualified instruction, and course credit. A course syllabus, e-reader, and course assignments have been revised since the first course offering in 2007. For further reading visit, http://opensigle.inist.fr/handle/10068/697878

Masters Students receive course credit for GL10 Assignments

Eleven masters students and their Instructor, Dr. Henk Voorbij from the Department of Media, Archive and Information Science at the University of Amsterdam attended the Tenth International Conference on Grey Literature. Afterwards, each of the graduate students submitted a written paper based one or more themes dealt with during the conference. This assignment counted for a quarter of their final course grade. Three of the students, who chose to submit their papers in English, will also have them reviewed for potential publication in The Grey Journal, an International Journal on Grey Literature. http://www.greynet.org/thegreyjournal.html

Luncheon Meeting on GL for Librarians at the VU University

A group of ten university librarians from various subject areas and disciplines met for a special luncheon meeting on grey literature organized by Drs. Joan de Roos. On behalf of GreyNet, Dominic Farace fielded questions and discussed the future of grey literature. A brief summary of his presentation is found here.

In 1997 the definition of grey literature often referred to as the 'Luxembourg Convention' took a sharp turn emphasizing for the first time the supply side of grey literature i.e. its production and publication both in electronic and print formats. This break from the previous quarter century that narrowly focused on problems of bibliographic control, indexing, cataloguing, and retrieval finally placed grey literature in fuller perspective. The further rise of electronic publishing has come to change the scale and diversity of grey literature facing librarians and other information professionals. With the emergence of new types of grey literature documents and the newfound awareness of organizations producing these documents that they too perform a publisher's role - even though their primary activity is not publishing - grey literature has entered a new 'level playing field' in information studies. (January 22, 2009)
GreyNet's 2008 Timeline, A Review of Events Shaping Grey Literature

Last year was a good year for Grey Literature and GreyNet

February 5th, The pre-announcement of GL10 was presented to members of the ICSTI meeting in Paris. It was at that same meeting that Brian Hitson, Associate Director of OSTI/DOE accepted to keynote at the Tenth International Conference on Grey Literature.

February 25th, The British Library took on GreyNet Associate Membership. It was The British Library who co-hosted the York Seminar in 1978, paving the way for the exploitation of European Grey Literature.

February 29th, Leap Day, GreyNet’s first batch file consisting of the GL8 Conference records was uploaded in the OpenSIGLE Repository. Subsequent batch files followed periodically during the course of the year.

April 11th, the Grey Literature Community voted for the first time a GreySource Frontrunner. GreySource is one of GreyNet’s most trafficked WebPages providing net-users immediate access to subject based resources and collections in grey literature. 'Information for Practice (IP)' edited by Prof. Gary Holden of New York University’s School of Social Work was chosen "GreySource Frontrunner 2008".

October 7th, The Grey Journal, An International Journal on Grey Literature (ISSN 1574-1796) won the Victorine van Schaick Prize 2008 - a Dutch National Award presented at the Netherlands Online Conference in the Amsterdam RAI.

October 24th, Site visit to The Library of Congress where GL11, the Eleventh International Conference on Grey Literature will be hosted by FLICC-FEDLINK on December 14-15, 2009.

November 17th, GreyNet received a green light for uploading statistical datasets in the DANSEASY Repository. There is an explicit understanding that the majority of these datasets originate outside The Netherlands from countries around the world. During GL10, a demonstration of this cross linking between the DANSEASY Repository and the OpenSIGLE Repository was presented.

December 4th, the GL9 conference papers became available in the OpenSIGLE Repository - marking that the past five consecutive years (2003-2007) of published research in the GL-Series are now available via open access.

December 7th, Anne Gentil-Beccot from the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) was presented the GreyNet Award 2008. This award was in recognition for her outstanding contribution to the field of grey literature.

December 8th – 9th, the Tenth International Conference on Grey Literature was held in Science Park Amsterdam in which participants from more than 60 organizations in some 20 countries worldwide participated.

GreyNet is proud of these accomplishments and particularly grateful to its Members, who guarantee both the continuity and development of its products and services. http://www.greynet.org/
About GreyNet Newsletter

This new serial publication endeavors to keep information professionals abreast of developments in the field of grey literature. The bimonthly newsletter gives exposure to GreyNet’s information resources and frontline activities with special emphasis on the International Conference Series on Grey Literature. The GreyNet Newsletter replaces the monthly GL Conference Memoranda (2003-2008) and is made possible through the support of GreyNet’s Associate Members and Corporate Authors: The British Library (United Kingdom), INIST-CNRS (France), New York Academy of Medicine (United States), and University of Ljubljana (Slovenia).

Grey Literature “information produced and distributed on all levels of government, academics, business and industry in electronic and print formats not controlled by commercial publishing i.e. where publishing is not the primary activity of the producing body.” (Luxembourg, 1997; New York, 2004)