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Dear Colleagues,

The future of GreyNet is counting on the response by the international grey literature community to a couple of relevant questions. TextRelease, which powers the Grey Literature Network Service since its relaunch in 2003, is currently drafting a Business Report 2010-2011. An initial draft has already been circulated to GreyNet Associate Members and their comments and recommendations will be incorporated in a final draft that will be presented during the Twelfth International Conference on Grey Literature this December in Prague. A couple of core questions, however, require the response by the international grey literature community, and for this reason an online survey is being conducted. It will take only two minutes of your time, but it will make all the difference.

What type of infrastructure would best serve the international grey literature community? (1.) Sole Proprietorship, (2.) Foundation, (3.) International Association, (4.) Subsidiary Company, (5.) Other:

What type of infrastructure is most likely feasible for GreyNet International? (1.) Sole Proprietorship, (2.) Foundation, (3.) International Association, (4.) Subsidiary Company, (5.) Other:

Further comments:

Your name and affiliation:

To complete the online survey, http://www.textrelease.com/textreleasehome/survey2010.html

GreyNet Conference Preprints

Current, Comprehensive, and Now Available via the OpenSIGLE Repository

The most current and comprehensive knowledge base in the field of grey literature is now openly accessible to researchers, students of library and information science, as well as communities of information practitioners and professionals across science and technology. Sincere thanks to the hundreds of authors and researchers worldwide, who have contributed over the past 15 years to the International Conference Series on Grey Literature. You are the pioneers in this expanding field of information studies, and your years of work are now openly accessible today and everyday.

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Research on Grey Literature in Europe

Petra Pejšová, Guest Editor

As guest editor for this issue entitled “Research on Grey Literature in Europe”, I have brought together six articles from authors and researchers in the Czech Republic and Italy. While Italy is well known for its contributions to this field of information dating back even before the First International Conference on Grey Literature in 1993, the Czech Republic has only recently focused on research in this field. To a great extent, this has been motivated by a project organized and managed by the National Technical Library in Prague. The project is discussed in the opening article of this journal. Even more recently, we find that Czech research on grey literature has become aware of the advantages of collaborating with other researchers in Europe and abroad. During the Twelfth International Conference on Grey Literature in Prague, the results of one such study carried out with a Canadian researcher will be presented. The study deals with document typology, and the analysis is based on the classification of a number of systems including GreyNet, OpenSIGLE, Czech ASEP, RIV, et cetera.

In analyzing lists of document types, it was discovered that these typologies contain other aspects, besides “real” document types (reports, theses, etc.). Take for example events (arrangement, organization), types of events (conferences, speeches), producers (universities, institutes), processes (translations, output), content (political documents, legal texts), location (domestic, foreign), and format (e-texts, numeric data). However, since this approach is not systematic, it was decided to create a classification scheme for document types only, and then classify the other aspects into various groups in order to define them more precisely. The scheme will appear in text version and will schematically incorporate the use of mind maps.

It is believed that identifying a specific typology for credible grey literature document types, particularly reports, conference proceedings, and government documents, will assist in the classification of grey literature in the fields of science, research, and education. On the other hand, grey literature also consists of various means of communication, such as telephone calls, meetings, e-mails, blogs, interviews, social networking tools, and discussions in Wiki. And, these now present an added challenge for the grey literature community. [http://www.greynet.org/thegreyjournal/currentissue.html](http://www.greynet.org/thegreyjournal/currentissue.html)

Multimedia and Visualization Innovations for Science

ICSTI Workshop hosted by Microsoft Research on February 8, 2011

Multimedia and visualization tools and technology offer tremendous opportunity for accelerating scientific discovery. Where science was once limited to text and two-dimensional graphs and charts for communications purposes, multiple factors have contributed to a rise in the use and availability of multimedia and visualization as tools to augment and enhance more rapid uptake of science. This workshop will feature leading-edge innovations in science-oriented web multimedia, large-scale data exploration and visualization, speech and object recognition, image indexing and analysis, human/computer interaction and virtual environments, among other topics. Presentations will be made by technology, science, and information professionals across the broad spectrum of academia, government, business, and industry.

GreyNet Members are eligible for a special rate,
For more information & to register [http://www.icsti.org](http://www.icsti.org)
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