Open Access to Grey Resources

SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREY LITERATURE

Conference Memorandum No. 4

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GL7 Program Committee set to meet next month in Nancy _____1

The GL7 Program Committee will meet on June 9, 2005 at the Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (INIST) in Nancy, France. The purpose of this full-day meeting will be to finalize the Conference Program and Conference Timetable. By June 16th, the authors and co-authors will have received notification of their papers' acceptance, the session in which it is scheduled, the time allotted for their presentation, along with further guidelines for submission of the full-text and PowerPoints. On behalf of the Program Committee and to those authors, who are still planning to submit an abstract, please note that the due date is May 17, 2005. For more on the Call-for-Papers **http://www.textrelease.com/pages/3**

TextRelease and EBSCO sign a Full-Text License Agreement _____ 2

TextRelease, an independent publisher in the field of grey literature, has entered into an electronic licensing relationship with EBSCO Publishing, the world's most prolific aggregator of full text journals, magazines and other sources. The full text of The Grey Journal (TGJ), an International Journal on Grey Literature, can soon be accessed on EBSCO Publishing's databases. This licensing agreement will have a significant impact on the GL Conference Series in that the conference papers will have even greater and far reaching access. For further information, see **http://www.greynet.org/pages/5**

GreyNet is More than a Web Organization _____ 3

The Grey Literature Network Service was founded twelve years ago and was born out of the International Conference Series on Grey Literature. In order to mark its Anniversary, GreyNet has recently moved from a subscription base to a membership base. This transition is not only more in line with the information products and services that it renders but also better reflects the true affiliation that individuals maintain with GreyNet – reaching well beyond most web organisations. For a complete overview of GreyNet Membership 2005, see **http://www.greynet.org/pages/8/index.htm**

Frequently Asked Questions on Grey Literature _____ 4

This top-ten list of FAQs is based on the results of an online survey carried out last year in which more than a hundred respondents from over twenty-five countries worldwide participated.

1. What is the definition of grey literature?
2. How is grey literature best described?
3. Once grey literature is indexed and referenced, does it cease to be grey?
4. Should grey literature be free to access?
5. Is grey literature subject to a review process?
6. Is the content of commercially published documents superior to grey literature?
7. Does grey literature constitute a field in information studies?
8. Should the average net-user recognize the term grey literature?
9. What problems currently face grey literature?
10. What is the impact of grey literature?

The responses to these questions can be found on **http://www.greynet.org/pages/2**

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