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The New York Academy of Medicine, former host in the GL Conference Series, has signed-on as co-sponsor of the Seventh International Conference on Grey Literature. NYAM is one of the foremost-recognized organizations in the field of grey literature. The Academy Library seeks new ways to offer and enhance access to quality health information. Today, NYAM looks to initiate and support new technologies and services that improve the access to health for its wide audience of researchers, students, Academy Fellows, and the general public. The Grey Literature Report, a bimonthly web-based publication and their detailed guide to organizations and agencies producing grey literature in the fields of Health Policy and Public Health are but two examples of this. <http://www.nyam.org/library/grey.shtml>

Overview of the GL-Conference Series, 1993-2005 2

Acronym	Titles and Themes	Results and Impact
^{1st} GL'93	Weinberg Report 2000 <i>"The needs and demands of Grey Literature for producers, processing Centers, and users"</i>	Participants from 28 countries met. A core group endorsed GreyNet's mission reflected in the conference theme and the future of the GL Conference Series was guaranteed.
^{2nd} GL'95	Grey Exploitations in the 21st Century <i>"New forms of grey literature - their marketing, promotion, and management"</i>	Participants from 20 countries met. Raised awareness of the complexity of grey literature and the need for models and paradigms that would address both the public and private sectors, as well as geographic diversity.
^{3rd} GL'97	Perspectives on the Design & Transfer of Scientific and Technical Information <i>"Technology Transfer and Innovation. Redesigning grey literature products and services, and the training needed"</i>	Participants from 24 countries met. The definition of grey literature was redefined and is still referred to as the "Luxembourg Convention". Another major spin-off from this conference was the implementation of courses and training in grey literature for information workers.
^{4th} GL'99	New Frontiers in Grey Literature <i>"Assessment of grey literature collections, electronic archiving, and issues of copyright and licensing"</i>	Participants from 22 countries met. Organizations predominantly in academics and government began surveying their GL collections both in print and electronic formats. This has resulted in policy and positions statements now incorporated within a growing number of organizations.
^{5th} GL5	Grey Matters in the World of Networked Information <i>"Strategies and Models for Academic and Research based Grey Literature, A Roadmap of GL Systems and Services"</i>	The GL Conference series was re-launched after a four-year interval. Participants from 16 countries met. Enabling net-users to distinguish grey literature from the gigabytes of other web information require a set of guarantees that grey publishers should manifest.
^{6th} GL6	Work on Grey in Progress <i>"Institutional Repositories, Use Analysis, Research Initiatives, Knowledge Management and Resource Discovery of Grey Literature"</i>	Participants from 13 countries and 13 U.S. states met. The GL-Series became an annual S&T event in order to deal with new developments and expanding research in the field. Consensus is that grey literature has become a daily work experience in both public and private sectors and has moved from uncharted and untapped resources to our mainstream information.
^{7th} GL7	Open Access to Grey Resources <i>"Open access to Repositories, Collections, and other grey resources. Quality Assessment of grey literature, as well as, new teaching initiatives based on grey content"</i>	Participants from 20 countries are expected to meet. Models and paradigms for open access in public and private sectors will be elaborated. A "Nancy Style" for grey literature standards will be proposed for adoption. And, the future of the SIGLE database as well as the proposed MetaGrey Europe Project will be discussed.