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- **Call-for-Papers harvests a New Season of Grey** _____ **1**
Twenty-five abstracts were submitted by some fifty-five authors/co-authors in more than a dozen countries worldwide. While the work of the Program Committee lies ahead, it is obvious from the contributions that GL8 brings with it a distinguished season of grey literature. Submissions from four new countries include Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, and Romania. While 40% of the submissions are from first-time authors to the GL-series, previous authors from different continents and countries are now teaming-up in research efforts. Also, this year, National Libraries and Research Centers will contribute major content to the conference program alongside that of colleges and universities. With such new and rich ingredients, the GL8 Program Committee will no doubt serve-up a very special conference program. <http://www.textrelease.com/pages/2>
- **An Online Instrument for Program and Public Awareness** _____ **2**
Whether you're headed to New Orleans next month for ALA'06 or in December for the Eighth International Conference on Grey Literature, check first the GL8 Barometer. This online instrument is a media gauge for information professionals. News coverage on the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina is filtered, classified, and linked. A visual count within the bars suggests a cumulative ranking of issues in public awareness. The news article featured this week is titled: *"Rebuilding New Orleans One Event At A Time"*. The GL8 Barometer is periodically updated and available at <http://www.greynet.org/pages/2>
- **The Grey Journal (TGJ) now online accessible via LISTA-FT** _____ **3**
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- **GLISC, Grey Literature International Steering Committee** _____ **4**
The GLISC initiative is an effort to enhance quality and standardization in the production of Grey Literature. Members of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS) in Rome prepared the initial draft of these Guidelines referred to as the "Nancy Style". The proposal was formally presented during the Seventh International Conference on Grey Literature held last December in Nancy, France. A number of representatives carried the work to further completion and signed on behalf of their respective organizations approval of this best practice. These organizations comprise the Steering Committee and currently include: Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS), Italy; Institut de l'Information Scientifique et Technique (INIST-CNRS), France; and Grey Literature Network Service (GreyNet), The Netherlands. Organizations worldwide, who produce, process, archive, or distribute grey literature, are encouraged to adopt these guidelines to the degree in which their organization allows. For more on GLISC visit <http://www.glisc.info/about.html>