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## **GreyNet International Business Report**

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This business report is intended to provide a comprehensive, up to date overview of the workings of TextRelease and the International Grey Literature Network Service. TextRelease is an independent program and conference bureau specializing in the field of grey literature and networked information.

GreyNet, Grey Literature Network Service, was founded in 1992 and re-launched in 2003 under the leadership and direction of TextRelease. Since its re-launch, it has developed into an international network capable of serving various sectors of government, academics, business and industry as well as subject based communities producing, processing, distributing, and preserving grey literature. GreyNet's mission is dedicated to research, publication, open access, education, and public awareness to grey literature, which requires now more than ever an infrastructure commensurate to its real potential.

In order to further expand and develop future capabilities for the international Grey Literature Network Service, an infrastructure other than that of a sole proprietorship is recommended. While TextRelease provided a basis for GreyNet's re-launch, it alone cannot render the needed capital and investment for GreyNet's potential to develop and expand on the global information landscape. The ideal organization would be focused internationally and have genuine interest in the field of grey literature both in digital and print formats.

GreyNet might do well to model upon an infrastructure of that of an international association or to merge with a major partner seeking to enhance its position on the information landscape. In either case, TextRelease will strive to cooperate with leading organizations in the further development of GreyNet International. More on this and other developments are found in this Business Report.

*Dominic Farace, Director*  
Amsterdam, October 2017

*GreyNet*

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## Leadership in the field of Grey Literature



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Director 1992- ...*



*Jerry Frantzen,  
Technical Assistant 1996- ...*

Dr. Dominic Farace, Founder/Director GreyNet, Grey Literature Network Service since 1992.

In the above capacity, he is author, journal editor, guest lecturer, part-time instructor, and curriculum developer in the field of grey literature. Farace is also a recipient of the Golden Candle Award in 2000 for his work in the field of grey literature as well as the Victorine van Schaick Prize in 2008 for The Grey Journal.

## Company Information

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Commercial Banking:	Rabobank Amsterdam, IBAN: NL70 RABO 0313 5853 42
Credit Card Recipient:	Visa Card, MasterCard, and American Express
Tax Office (NL):	VAT N° NL1203.62.867.B01
Registered (NL):	Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce N° 34188522
Registered (USA):	DUNS N° 408545049

### GreyNet was formerly powered by

TransAtlantic <sup>DF</sup> GreyNet	1992-1998, Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce No. 229159
MCB/UP GreyNet	1998-2000, Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce No. 33229159

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## GreyNet Associate and Institutional Members 2017

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GreyNet provides two levels of organizational membership: **Associate** and **Institutional**. The Associate Members together constitute GreyNet's corporate authorship, which is tasked with capturing various types of information including factual, bibliographic, biographic, documentary and full-text along with accompanying metadata, research data, and post-publication data issuing from the annual Conference Series on Grey Literature as well as related workshops in this field of information. This body of textual and non-textual content is then further compiled, edited, and published in a number of serial works. A third type of membership, which is offered to individuals, resembles more a subscription to GreyNet's range of products and services.

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Inist-CNRS, France

New York Academy of Medicine, United States

EBSCO Publishing, United States

NTK, Czech Republic

FEDLINK, Library of Congress, United States

CVTISR, Slovak Republic

ISTI-CNR, Italy

NIS, Nuclear Information Section, IAEA

KISTI, Korea

DANS-KNAW, Netherlands

TIB, German National Library for Science and Technology

UF, University of Florida; George A. Smathers Libraries

Associate Member from 2005 - ...

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Institutional Member 2017 - ...

## Partnerships and Agreements

Over the years, GreyNet powered by TextRelease has entered into a number of agreements with other businesses and organizations for the advancement of grey literature. Among these include:



WorldWideScience.org

OpenAIRE

ISTI-CNR

Dans Data Archive

FedGrey Working Group

ICSTI

Inist-CNRS

EBSCO/LISTA-FT

World Wide Science Alliance, 2016 - ...

Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe, 2015 - ...

GreyGuide Repository and Web Access Portal, 2013 - ...

GreyNet Research Data entry and open access, 2012 - ...

FEDLINK-GreyNet Memorandum of Understanding, 2011 - ...

GreyNet Partnership, 2009 - ...

OpenGrey [formerly OpenSIGLE] Repository, 2007 - ...

License Agreement for The Grey Journal, 2005- ...

## Other Business Agreements

CSA/PAIS Int.

MLA International

LISA Index

SCOPUS/Elsevier

Thomson Reuters

Thomson Reuters

Curran's Scopus|Compendex

Cabell's Directories

EBSCO

Emerald

Gruyter/Saur

A&I Service for 'The Grey Journal', 2006 - ...

A&I Service for 'The Grey Journal', 2006 - ...

A&I Service for 'The Grey Journal', 2006 - ...

A&I Service for 'The Grey Journal', 2009 - ...

A&I Service for 'The Grey Journal', 2009 - ...

A&I Service for the GL Conference Proceedings, 2009 - ...

A&I Service for the GL Conference Proceedings, 2004 - ...

TGJ Journal Listing, 2013 - ...

TGJ Subscription Agent, 2005 - ...

Rights to former GreyNet content 1994-2000 via open access, 2009 De Monograph on Grey Literature, 2010

## GreyNet International – Infrastructure 2017

<p><b>CPC</b></p> <p><b>Conference Program Committee</b></p> <p><i>Chair</i> <b>Dr. Alberto De Rosa, Italy</b></p> <p>International Conference Series on Grey Literature</p>	<p><b>SMP</b></p> <p><b>Social Media Publishing Committee</b></p> <p><i>Chair</i> <b>Dr. Joachim Schöpfel, France</b></p> <p>Serials, Non-Serials, and Social Media</p>
<p><b>RPC</b></p> <p><b>Resource Policy Committee</b></p> <p><i>Chair</i> <b>Dr. Dobrica Savić, Austria</b></p> <p>Repositories, Portals, and Web-based Resources</p>	<p><b>LIS</b></p> <p><b>Library &amp; Information Studies Committee</b></p> <p><i>Chair</i> <b>Marcus Vaska, Canada</b></p> <p>Training and Education in Grey Literature</p>

In providing an infrastructure commensurate to its mission and core activities, GreyNet is supported by four working committees. Together they advance GreyNet's manifold mission dedicated to research, publication, open access, education, and public awareness to grey literature

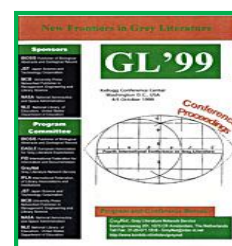
## TextRelease

### Products, Services, and Professional Activities

As Program and Conference Bureau, the main activities of TextRelease include the identification and negotiation with potential conference hosts for the annual conference venues and the identification and acquisition of conference sponsors and advertisers. The formation of Program Committees and Chairpersons along with the initial draft of conference themes incorporated in the announcements and call-for-papers. TextRelease maintains contact with authors throughout the lead-up to the conference providing them with guidelines for their content submissions and informing them of their status on the conference program. TextRelease is further responsible for the design, compilation, editing, and publication of conference materials and documents issuing from the Conference Series. Foremost among these are the conference site, newsletters, program books, and conference proceedings.

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### International Conference Series on Grey Literature, 1993-2017



The GL Conference Series began as a biannual event in the early '90s, however with its relaunch in 2003, the conference series rose to an annual event. The GL Conference Series maintains a transatlantic character alternating between Europe and North America. However, participants from recognized organizations worldwide actively sponsor and participate.



- GL1 **Weinberg Report 2000**  
Amsterdam RAI Congress Center, 13-15 December (NL) 1993
- GL2 **Grey Exploitations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**  
Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., 2-3 November (USA) 1995
- GL3 **Perspectives on the Design and Transfer of STI**  
EU Jean Monnet Building, Luxembourg, 13-14 November (LUX), 1997
- GL4 **New Frontiers in Grey Literature**  
Kellogg Conference Center, Washington D.C., 4-5 October (USA) 1999



- GL5 **Grey Matters in the World of Networked Information**  
KNAW Congress Center, Amsterdam, 4-5 December (NL) 2003
- GL6 **Work on Grey in Progress**  
NYAM Conference Center, New York, 6-7 December (USA) 2004
- GL7 **Open Access to Grey Resources**  
INIST-CNRS Congress Centre, Nancy, 5-6 December (FR) 2005
- GL8 **Harnessing the Power of Grey**  
UNO Conference Center, New Orleans, 4-5 December (USA) 2006



- GL9 **Grey Foundations in Information Landscape**  
Provincial House, Antwerp, 10-11 December (BE) 2007
- GL10 **Designing the Grey Grid for Information Society**  
Amsterdam Science Park, 8-9 December (NL) 2008
- GL11 **The Grey Mosaic, Piecing It All Together**  
Library of Congress, Washington D.C., 14-15 December (USA) 2009
- GL12 **Transparency in Grey Literature, Grey Tech Approaches ...**  
National Library of Technology, Prague, 6-7 December (CZ) 2010



- GL13 **The Grey Circuit, From Social Networking to Wealth Creation**  
Library of Congress, Washington D.C., 5-6 December (USA) 2011
- GL14 **Tracking Innovation through Grey Literature**  
National Research Council, Rome, 29-30 November (IT) 2012
- GL15 **The Grey Audit, A Field Assessment of Grey Literature**  
CVTISR, Bratislava, Slovak Republic, 2-3 December (SK) 2013
- GL16 **Grey Literature Lobby, Engines and Requesters for Change**  
Library of Congress, Washington D.C., 8-9 December (USA) 2014



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| GL17 | <b>A New Wave of Textual and Non-Textual Grey Literature</b><br>KNAW Congress Center, Amsterdam, 1-2 December                      | (NL) 2015  |
| GL18 | <b>Leveraging Diversity in Grey Literature</b><br>The New York Academy of Medicine, New York, 28-29 November                       | (USA) 2016 |
| GL19 | <b>Public Awareness and Access to Grey Literature</b><br>National Research Council of Italy, CNR Rome, 23-24 October               | (IT) 2017  |
| GL20 | <b>Research Data Fuels and Sustains Grey Literature</b><br>Loyola University, New Orleans, LA ( <i>Forthcoming, 3-4 December</i> ) | (USA) 2018 |

## GL Conference Hosts 1993-2017

CNR Rome	Italy
CUA Washington D.C.	United States
CVTI SR Bratislava	Slovak Republic
EU CEC/DG XIII	Luxembourg
EWI Brussels	Belgium
FEDLINK, Library of Congress	United States
Inist-CNRS, Nancy	France
MCB University Press	United Kingdom
NTK Prague	Czech Republic
New York Academy of Medicine	United States

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## GL Conference Sponsors 1993-2017

ACM Digital Library	United States
British Library	United Kingdom
BIOSIS	United States
City of Amsterdam	Netherlands
City of Nancy	France
CRL	United States
DANS-KNAW	Netherlands
Deanet Media Company	Italy
DTIC	United States
EAGLE	Luxembourg
EBSCO Publishing	United States
Elsevier	Netherlands
Endeavor Information Services	United States
EU Bookshop	Luxembourg
EU Cordis	Luxembourg
GESIS	Germany
ICSTI	France
Ila, Inc.	United States



ISTI-CNR  
JST  
KISTI  
LLC  
NIS/IAEA  
NTIS  
NLE  
NLM  
OSTI-DOE  
Springer Verlag  
Swets  
Swinburne University of Technology  
Thomson Reuters  
TIB Hannover  
University of Florida; George A. Smathers Libraries  
University of Ljubljana  
Wiley

Italy  
Japan  
Korea  
United States  
Austria  
United States  
United States  
United States  
United States  
Germany  
Netherlands  
Australia  
United States  
Germany  
United States  
Slovenia  
Italy



## The Grey Journal, 2005-2017

International Journal on Grey Literature, ISSN 1574-1796

TGJ Volume 13, Special Winter Issue	2017	Current Trends that Impact Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 13, Number 1, Spring	2017	Grey Literature Domain in Broad View
TGJ Volume 13, Number 2, Summer	2017	Finding and Bridging Knowledge Gaps via Grey Literature <sup>9</sup>
TGJ Volume 13, Number 3, Autumn	2017	Mapping Crossroads in the Field of Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 12, Special Winter Issue	2016	New Challenges and Opportunities Facing Repositories
TGJ Volume 12, Number 1, Spring	2016	Mining Textual and Non-Textual Data Sources
TGJ Volume 12, Number 2, Summer	2016	Convergence and Change in Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 12, Number 3, Autumn	2016	Data Fuels and Validates Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 11, Special Winter Issue	2015	The Value Grey Literature in Repositories
TGJ Volume 11, Number 1, Spring	2015	Raising Awareness to Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 11, Number 2, Summer	2015	Publishing, Licensing, and Open Access
TGJ Volume 11, Number 3, Autumn	2015	Topical and Technical Advances in Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 10, Number 1, Spring	2014	Sustaining Good Practices In Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 10, Number 2, Summer	2014	Research Communities And Data Sharing
TGJ Volume 10, Number 3, Autumn	2014	Weighing up Public Access to Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 9, Number 1, Spring	2013	Adapting New Technologies for Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 9, Number 2, Summer	2013	Tracking Grey Literature Across Disciplines
TGJ Volume 9, Number 3, Autumn	2013	Improving Grey Literature through Innovation
TGJ Volume 8, Number 1, Spring	2012	Social Networking and Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 8, Number 2, Summer	2012	Data Frontiers in Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 8, Number 3, Autumn	2012	Managing Change in Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 7, Number 1, Spring	2011	Transparency in Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 7, Number 2, Summer	2011	System Approaches to Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 7, Number 3, Autumn	2011	Research and Education in Grey Literature

TGJ Volume 6, Number 1, Spring	2010	Government Alliance to Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 6, Number 2, Summer	2010	Shared Strategies for Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 6, Number 3, Autumn	2010	Research on Grey Literature in Europe
TGJ Volume 5, Number 1, Spring	2009	Paperless Initiatives for Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 5, Number 2, Summer	2009	Archaeology and Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 5, Number 3, Autumn	2009	Trusted Grey Sources and Resources
TGJ Volume 4, Number 1, Spring	2008	Praxis and Theory in Grey Literature
TGJ Volume 4, Number 2, Summer	2008	Access to Grey in a Web Environment
TGJ Volume 4, Number 3, Autumn	2008	Making Grey more Visible
TGJ Volume 3, Number 1, Spring	2007	Grey Standards in Transition and Use
TGJ Volume 3, Number 2, Summer	2007	Academic and Scholarly Grey
TGJ Volume 3, Number 3, Autumn	2007	Mapping Grey Resources
TGJ Volume 2, Number 1, Spring	2006	Grey Matters for OAI
TGJ Volume 2, Number 2, Summer	2006	Collections on a Grey Scale
TGJ Volume 2, Number 3, Autumn	2006	Using Grey to Sustain Innovation
TGJ Volume 1, Number 1, Spring	2005	Publish Grey or Perish
TGJ Volume 1, Number 2, Summer	2005	Repositories - Home2Grey
TGJ Volume 1, Number 3, Autumn	2005	Grey Areas in Education

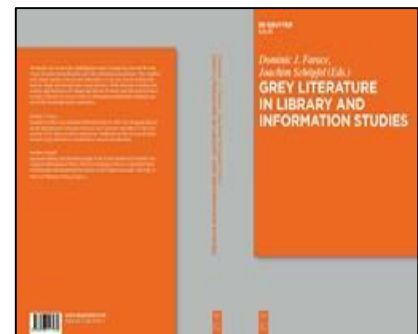
## Other Serial and Non-Serial Publications



**PRQ**



**ELIS**



**De Gruyter | Saur**

Publishing Research Quarterly - Spring Issues on Grey Literature, 2004-2007 - ISSN 1053-8801  
 Encyclopedia of Library and Information Sciences, 2009 (3rd Ed.) - ISBN 978-0-8493-9712-7  
 De Gruyter - Grey Literature in Library and Information Studies, 2010 - ISBN 978-3-598-11793-0

## Other GreyNet Publications

Conference Proceedings on Grey Literature,	2004 - 2017	ISSN 1386-2316
Conference Program Books on Grey Literature,	2003 - 2016	ISSN 1386-2308
GreyNet Quarterly Newsletter,	2009 - 2017	ISSN 1877-6035
GreyWorks Summer Workshop Series,	2009 - 2016	ISSN 2211-1425
GreyForum Series, Onsite-Online Workshops	2013 - 2016	ISSN 2213-5735

## Social Media and Networking



**GreyNet LinkedIn Group**

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/GreyNet-3718857>

**GreyNet Twitter Social Blogging**

<https://twitter.com/GreyLitNet>

**Netvibes Dashboard Publishing**

<http://www.netvibes.com/greynetinternational>

**GreyNet Listserv**

<http://greynet.org/greynethome/listserv.html>

**GreyNet International Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/greynetinternational>

**GreyNet RSS Feeds**

<http://www.textrelease.com/rss.xml>

**Wikipedia**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grey\\_Literature\\_Network\\_Service](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grey_Literature_Network_Service)

## GreyNet's Open Access Resources and Service Providers



Over 360 metadata records originating in the GL Conference Series including their corresponding full-text papers, PowerPoint slides, abstracts, biographical notes, and post-publication commentaries are available via the OpenGrey Repository <http://www.opengrey.eu>. This web-based resource has become a significant reference tool for GreyNet's own referral service. In 2007, GreyNet (data provider) signed an agreement with INIST (service provider) in which all of its past and future collections of conference preprints would be openly accessible in the OpenGrey Repository (formerly OpenSIGLE). In 2009, GreyNet purchased back the rights to content from its first four conference proceedings (1994-2000), making these also openly accessible and thus guaranteeing that its collections would be comprehensive.



Agreement has been reached between OpenGrey and OpenAIRE, whereby GreyNet's Collection of Conference Preprints in the OpenGrey Repository are now harvested and accessible in OpenAIRE via its Discovery services.



GreyNet completed the second phase of an Enhanced Publications Project (EPP) in which research data accompanying conference preprints are entered in the DANS Data Archive and cross-linked to metadata records in the OpenGrey Repository. Since the project's completion in 2012, research data accompanying conference preprints in the GL-Series are requested as an integral part of the annual call-for-papers and is now embedded in GreyNet's workflow. GreyNet currently has 30 research datasets in DANS. More on this project at [www.greynet.org/opengreyrepository/enhancedpublications.html](http://www.greynet.org/opengreyrepository/enhancedpublications.html).

The Repository and Guide to Good Practices and Resources in Grey Literature <http://greyguide.isti.cnr.it/> offers information professionals, practitioners and students shared common ground in the field of grey literature. The GreyGuide is a portal and repository of good practices and resources focusing on both the supply and demand sides of grey literature. This is a collaborative project involving GreyNet International and ISTI-CNR Pisa, Italy.



WorldWideScience.org is a global science gateway comprised of national and international scientific databases and portals among which now include the **GreyGuide**, **OpenAIRE**, **OpenGrey**, and **DANS** via NARCIS. WorldWideScience.org accelerates scientific discovery and progress by providing one-stop searching of databases from around the world. Multilingual WorldWideScience.org provides real-time searching and translation of globally-dispersed multilingual scientific literature.

## The GreyGuide is GreyNet's Web Access Portal

### The GreyGuide portal redefines GreyNet's position on the information landscape

In early 2014, GreyNet reached agreement with the National Research Center in Pisa, the service provider for the GreyGuide Repository. GreyNet collections and content that as yet were only accessible either via its website or allied conference site are in the process of migrating to the GreyGuide Repository. As such, the GreyGuide now functions as GreyNet's web access portal. This allows for combined search, browse, and retrieval capability across collections - where standardized metadata and full-text can be harvested online. Alongside good practices in the GreyGuide, GreyNet's in-house collections of persons and organizations in the field of grey literature, as well as projects, conference proposals, tables of content, and other web-based resources in grey literature are now openly accessible via the GreyGuide. To date, these collections include

<b>GGP</b>	Good Practices in Grey Literature	<b>GLP</b>	Conference Papers
<b>GSI</b>	GreySource Index	<b>TGJ</b>	The Grey Journal: Table of Contents
<b>BIO</b>	Who is in Grey Literature	<b>RGL</b>	Resources in Grey Literature: A Generic, Multidisciplinary Collection <i>(In Progress)</i>
<b>GLA</b>	Conference Proposals		



### The Pisa Declaration on Policy Development for Grey Literature Resources

In April 2014, information professionals from prominent European academic and research centers met in Pisa to address issues dealing with the policy and management of grey literature resources. This meeting resulted in the formulation of the Pisa Declaration on Policy Development for Grey Literature Resources – a fifteen point roadmap, which serves as a guide for organizations

involved in the production, publication, access and use of grey literature well into the 21st Century. The Pisa Declaration much like the Budapest, Bethesda, and Berlin Declarations are neither inventions of the mind nor improvements in doing the same things better – instead, they offer a different approach in dealing with information and data to meet the market needs and requirements of today. Until now, the problem was the lack of cooperation and coordination between and among organizations dealing with grey literature. However, the time of going it alone is now ended. The Pisa Declaration marks the close of an era of *ad hoc* policy and decision making with regard to grey literature resources. Since its original publication in English, the Pisa Declaration has been endorsed by over 140 information professionals from renowned organizations worldwide and has now been translated into 20 languages: Armenian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Macedonian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Spanish, Tagalog, and Turkish.

### **Conference based Projects on Grey Literature, 1993-2000**

Since the initial launch of the GL-Conference Series, GreyNet in collaboration with its pool of authors compiled and edited four information resources. And since its relaunch in 2003, GreyNet annually carries out research projects beneficial to stakeholders in the international grey literature community.

**1993 - 2000** Bibliographic Database on the Topic of Grey Literature

**1995 - 2000** International Guide to Persons and Organizations in Grey Literature

**1997 - 2000** Glossary of Terms in Grey Literature

**1999 - 2000** International Journal on Grey Literature (IJGL)

### **Conference based Research Projects on Grey Literature, 2003-2016**

**2003** Literature Review of four Pioneers in the field of grey literature

**2004** General Survey on Grey Literature and a Citation Analysis

**2005** Author Survey on Grey Literature and a Citation Analysis

**2006** Project Information Data, PID-Study

**2007** Design and implementation of a distance education course on Grey Literature

**2008** OpenSIGLE-GreyNet: A Service and Data Provider Project

**2009** OpenSIGLE-GreyNet: e-Infrastructures FP7 Proposal

**2010** Comparative study of peer review by grey and commercial publishers

**2011** Enhanced Publications Project - Phase 1: Survey and Post-Publication Data

**2012** Enhanced Publications Project - Phase 2: Linking Research Data to Full-text

**2013** Guide to Good Practice in Grey Literature – GreyGuide Project and Repository

**2014** Guide to Good Practices and Resources in Grey Literature – GreyGuide Web Access Portal

**2015** Leveraging Grey Literature – A Cumulative Case Study

**2016** Policy Development for Grey Literature Resources: Assessment of the Pisa Declaration

**2017** Data Papers are Witness to Trusted References in Grey Literature

## GreyNet Annual Award for Outstanding Achievement in Grey Literature

Since 1999, GreyNet has issued an award in recognition for an author(s) contribution to the field of grey literature. Nominations for the GreyNet Award are based on a number of criteria (1) Results from conference evaluation forms, (2) Publication of the authors' full-text paper in the official Conference Proceedings, (3) Selection and publication of the authors work as a journal article, thus exporting and distributing research results originating in the Conference Series, and (4) Prior history of the author and/or author's organization in the field of grey literature. The recipient may also be an information professional, whose significant contributions over the years has sustained the growth and development of GreyNet International.



### GreyNet Award Recipients 1999 - 2017

- 1999** Julia Gelfand, University of California Irvine, USA  
Awarded for her work as journal editor on grey literature.
- 2000** Daniela Luzi, National Research Centre, Italy  
Awarded for her methodological approaches to grey literature.

- 2004** Bertrum MacDonald, Dalhousie University, Canada  
Awarded for his study on the marine science community and grey literature.
- 2005** Keith Jeffrey, CCLRC U.K. and Anne Asserson, University of Bergen, Norway  
Awarded for their work on CRIS systems for grey literature.
- 2006** Marcus Banks, New York University School of Medicine, USA  
Awarded for his work on open access to grey literature.
- 2007** Todd A. Chavez [et al.], University of South Florida, USA  
Awarded for his research on the Karst community and grey literature.
- 2008** Anne Gentil-Beccot, CERN, Switzerland  
Awarded for her research on the physics community and grey literature.
- 2009** Debbie Rabina, Pratt Institute's School of Information and Library Science, USA  
Awarded for her research on copyright licenses and legal deposit of grey literature.
- 2010** Joachim Schöpfel, University of Lille, France  
Award presented for his extensive research and publications on grey literature.
- 2010** Christiane Stock, Inist-CNRS, France  
Award presented for her work and publication on the OpenSIGLE Repository
- 2011** Bonnie C. Carroll and June Crowe, Information International Associates, Inc. USA  
Awards presented for their work on scientific data in grey literature and NGOs.
- 2012** Petra Pejřová, National Technical Library, Prague, Czech Republic  
Award presented for her research and management skills in the field of grey literature
- 2013** Marcus Vaska, Knowledge Resource Service; University of Calgary, Canada  
Award presented for his extended research in raising awareness of grey literature.
- 2014** Kiyoshi Ikeda, Intellectual Resources Department, Japan Atomic Energy Agency, JAEA  
Award for his work in collecting, organizing, and disseminating data and information on nuclear accidents and in particular the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Accident.



- 2015** Marnix van Berchum, Data Archiving and Networked Services, DANS-KNAW, Netherlands  
Award presented for the technical support as service provider for GreyNet's research data issuing from the International Conference Series on Grey Literature.
- 2015** Stefania Biagioni, Institute of Information Science and Technologies, ISTI-CNR, Italy  
Award presented for the development and maintenance of the GreyGuide Repository and Web Access Portal for GreyNet's Collections and Resources.
- 2016** Blane K. Dessy, Library of Congress, Washington D.C., USA  
Award presented in recognition for sustained support enabling research and development in the field of grey literature.
- 2017** Dobrica Savić, Nuclear Information Section; International Atomic Energy Agency, Austria  
Award for his leading role in drafting, promoting, and assessing the 'Pisa Declaration on Policy Development for Grey Literature Resources'. (*Presentation in Rome on 22 October 2017*)

## Educational and Training Initiatives in Grey Literature



Course modules and training are available not only to instructors and students at Schools and Colleges of Library and Information Science, but also to professionals and practitioners working to serve their knowledge based communities. Through the years, GreyNet has taken an active role in curriculum development and instruction. Such initiatives include:

### Workshops and Seminars

Introduction to Grey Literature, Supply and Demand Side Grey, Strategies and Future Trends, etc.

### Distance Education Program 2007-2009

Undergraduate Accredited Course on Grey Literature via the University of New Orleans, USA

### Guest Lecture Series 2004-2008

Lectures on Grey Literature for Masters Students at the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

### Presentations at Meetings and Events

Invited Papers and Presentations on topics related to Grey Literature



## GreyWorks - Summer Workshop Series on Grey Literature ISSN 2211-1425

<b>Benchmarks and Forecasts on Grey Literature</b> , Washington DC, USA	May 5, 2009
<b>Benchmarks and Forecasts on Grey Literature</b> , Amsterdam, Netherlands	July 2, 2009
<b>Transparency Governs the Grey Landscape</b> , Washington DC, USA	Aug.10,2010
<b>Ten Strategies for Grey Literature</b> , Amsterdam, Netherlands	Sept.9, 2011
<b>Strategic Mapping of Grey Literature</b> , The Hague, Netherlands	Aug.31,2012
<b>Grey Boot Camp: Exposure to the Grey Landscape</b> , Washington DC, USA	July 25,2013
<b>Leveraging Grey Literature: A Training in Resource Assessment</b> , DC, USA	Aug.11,2015
<b>Leveraging Grey Resources: A Training Module</b> , Amsterdam, Netherlands	Sept.21,2016



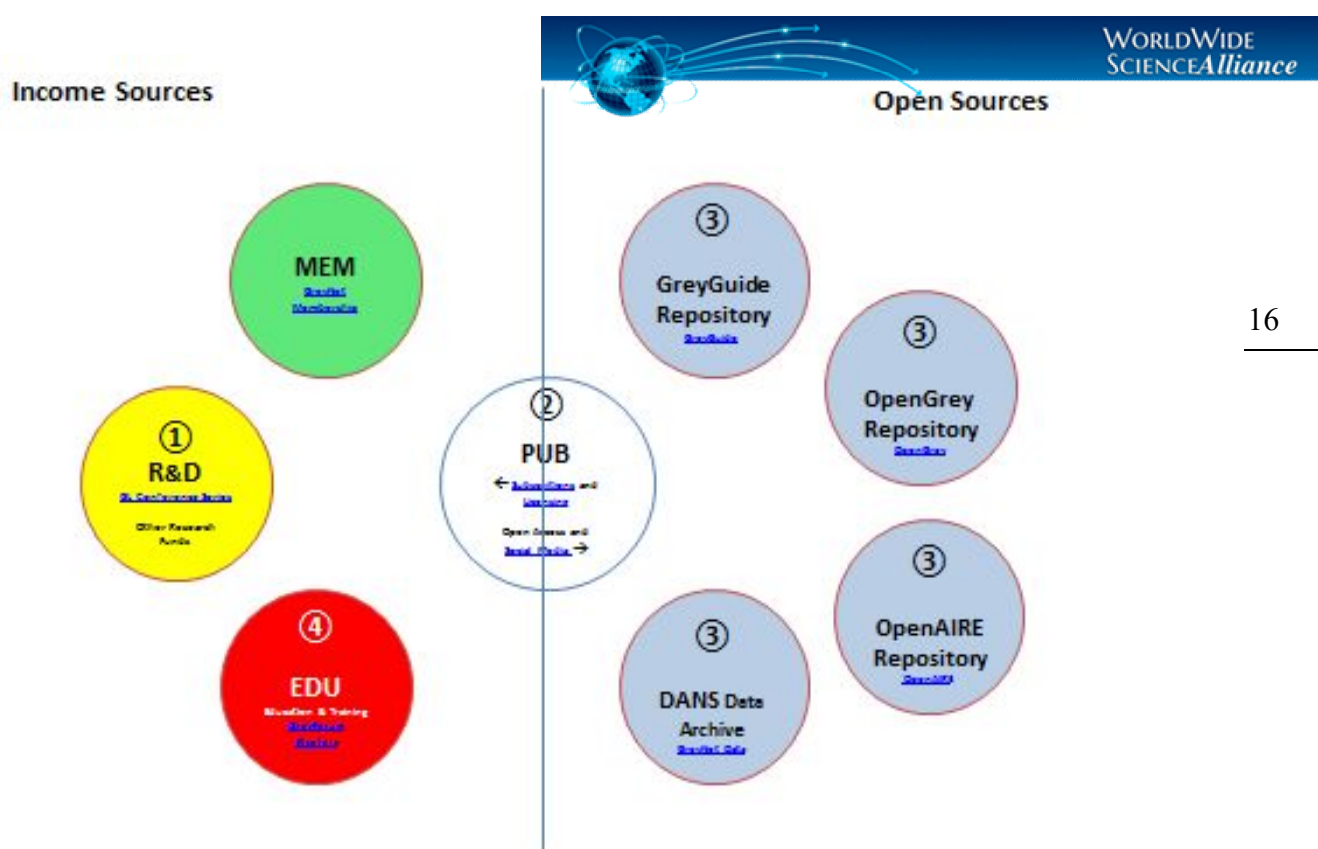
## GreyForum - Onsite and Online Seminars and Workshops

*"Where grey literature provides common ground for information professionals"*

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<b>Grey Literature and Information Ethics</b> , St. Hilda's College, Oxford, UK	Jan.31, 2013
<b>Grey Literature and Information Rights</b> , KNVI Conference, NL	Nov.14,2013
<b>Grey Literature and Policy Development</b> , CNR Pisa, Italy	April 7, 2014
<b>Grey Literature and Digital Preservation</b> , Pinto Huis, Amsterdam, NL	Nov.30,2015
<b>Wikipedia for Grey Resources</b> , Library of Congress, Washington DC, USA	May 2, 2016
<b>Data Papers, A Trusted Tool in Research and Data Sharing</b>	(to be announced)

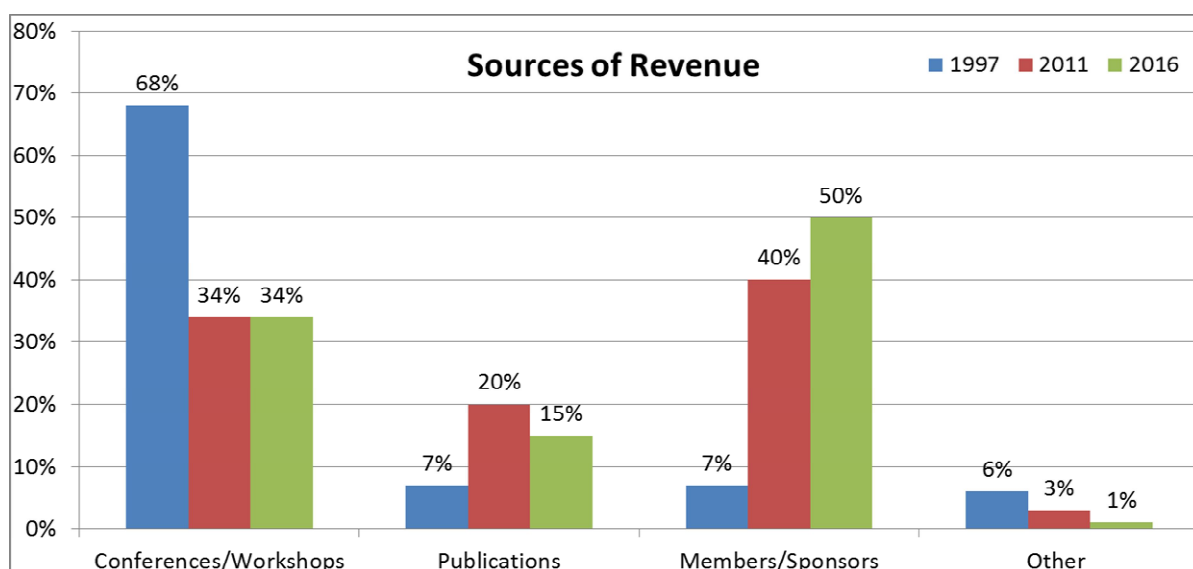
## GreyNet's Sustained mix of Income and Open Sources



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## Financial Indicators

Since its relaunch in 2003, GreyNet has increased and diversified its sources of revenue. Where it initially was dependent almost solely on participant fees issuing from the international conference series, it has since increased revenues issuing from membership fees, sponsorship fees, advertising, the sale of publications, journal licensing, royalties, as well as educational and training activities. In 2016, membership and sponsorship fees accounted for 50% of the revenues, conference and workshops fees accounted for 34%, and publication fees were 15%. Together, these three sources of revenue accounted for 99% of GreyNet's gross income. The remaining 1% of the income was acquired via other administrative services.



As seen in the chart above, revenues issuing directly from conference fees have considerably decreased over the years, while the number of conference participants has not. This can be accounted for by the fact that GreyNet has acquired more organizational members as well as conference sponsors. Their paid membership and sponsorship fees entitles them to participation in the conferences. Another factor that explains the decrease in conference revenues are the reductions now offered to authors, students, and employees of host organizations.

### Gross Revenues per annum averaged over the last 3 years € 40,660

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2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
€43,713	€46,304	€40,900	€41,164	€45,803	€40,189	€41,578	€41,690	€38,712

These figures are based on direct revenues, while other indirect revenues also have to be taken into consideration. For example, a conference host that provides the location, equipment, and catering for the annual event circumvents costs to the Program and Conference Bureau. A sponsor for a social event linked to a conference is yet another example of indirect or non-accounted revenues without which TextRelease/GreyNet would be unable to meet its operating costs.

### Operating Costs

Direct and indirect costs associated with TextRelease and its Grey Literature Network Service include human resources, office maintenance, travel and lodging (related to site visits, conferences, workshops, committee meetings and other field work), conference materials and publications, as well as special events (annual award dinner, social programs, reception, conference tours, etc.). An overview of such expenditures are provided in the table below.

Human Resources	Office Maintenance	Travel and Lodging	Conferencing and Publications
Full time Director	Office Supplies & Equipment	Hotels	Pouches
Freelance Technician	Utilities	Airfare	Badges
Project Workers	Print/Publishing	Trains	Program books
Accountant	Telecom	Auto rentals	Newsletters
Notary of the Public	Insurances	Taxis	Proceedings
Tax Consultant	Taxes	Gas	Journal
	Chamber of Commerce	Public transit	Websites
	Bank and Credit Cards	Meals	Course Materials
	Web services		Promotional items

### **GreyNet Statistics** *(As of December 2016)*

The statistics provided here are from a number of sources including Network Solutions Web logs, EBSCO licensed publishing, GreyNet Service Providers, as well as in-house administrative files.

<b>11</b>	<b>GreyNet Organizational Members</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>Countries with GreyNet affiliate contacts</b>
<b>280</b>	<b>Organizational contacts worldwide</b>
<b>360</b>	<b>Contributing Authors/Researchers</b>
<b>1000</b>	<b>GreyNet Distribution List (e.g. Newsletter recipients)</b>
<b>175</b>	<b>GreyNet Listserv subscribers</b>
<b>690</b>	<b>GreyNet LinkedIn members</b>
<b>1285</b>	<b>GreyNet Twitter Followers</b>
<b>98</b>	<b>Facebook Friends</b>
<b>2820</b>	<b>Email correspondence in 2016</b>
<b>363</b>	<b>Full-text metadata records in the OpenGrey Repository</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Research Datasets in the DANS Archive</b>
<b>538</b>	<b>Metadata records in the GreyGuide Repository</b>
<b>265,993</b>	<b>Page views in the GreyGuide Repository 2016</b>
<b>44,514</b>	<b>Page views to GreyNet.org website in 2016</b>
<b>14,576</b>	<b>Page views to TextRelease.com conference site in 2016</b>
<b>2457</b>	<b>TGJ full-text article downloads from the EBSCO LISTA-FT database in 2016</b>

## **SWOT Analysis**

### **Strengths**

Leadership role, an established and recognized international information network, GreyNet as Brand Name, Corporate Memory, Partnerships and Agreements, Good Will, Commitment to Open Access, Twenty Five years expertise in the field of grey literature, Sustained information resources, and a track record of before and after sales delivery and service, Established banking and fiscal control.

### **Weaknesses**

ICT issues such as website functionality including graphic design, online ordering, use/user statistics and their analyses, underdeveloped marketing, sales, and promotional activities. Insufficient reserves for further investment. A sole proprietorship seen as an obstacle to potential membership. Insufficient presence at key national and international conferences where grey literature is either directly or indirectly related to the themes and programs.

### **Opportunities**


Further role in training and education, as well as research and (digital) publication. Ability to upgrade, enhance, and leverage existing products and services. Increased potential for sponsorship. Better access to funding and grants. Streamlining the workflow through outsourcing. Further cooperation with the open access community as well as further cooperation with commercial publishers and licensing agents. More use of available social media and networks.

### **Threats**

Continuity, inability to respond to growth leading to missed opportunities, infrastructure's command of the ever changing information landscape, an uncertain financial climate.

# GreyNet Timeline 1992-2017

*"A Quarter Century of Service to the International Grey Literature Community"*

2017 - 2016	2015 - 2014	2013 - 2011	2010 -2008	2007 - 2000	1999 -1992
2017	2015	2013	2010	2007	1999
 <p><b>1992 - 2017</b></p> <p><b>GL19</b> Nineteenth International Conference on Grey Literature in Rome, Italy with CNR as Host. Forthcoming 23-24 October</p> <p><b>GL20</b> Twentieth International Conference on Grey Literature, <b>Call for Tenders 2018</b></p>	<p><b>GL17</b> Seventeenth International Conference on Grey Literature in the KNAW Amsterdam</p> <p><b>Pisa Declaration</b> Translated into 19 languages</p> <p><b>Special Winter</b> issue of TGJ on Repositories</p> <p><b>GreyWorks'15</b> <u>Leveraging Grey Literature</u>, Washington D.C.</p> <p><b>Facebook</b></p> <p><b>RSS Feeds</b></p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> GreyForum</b> <u>Digital Preservation</u>, Amsterdam, NL</p>	<p><b>GL15</b> Fifteenth International Conference on Grey Literature, Bratislava, SK 2-3 December</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> GreyForum</b> <u>Information Ethics</u></p> <p><b>GreyWorks'13</b> Summer Series</p> <p><b>Launch</b> <u>GreyGuide</u> Repository</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> GreyForum</b> <u>Information Rights</u></p>	<p><b>GL12</b> Twelfth International Conference on Grey Literature in Prague with NTK as Host</p> <p><b>Monograph</b> on Grey Literature published by De Gruyter Saur</p> <p><b>GreyWorks'10</b> Summer Workshop Series;</p> <p>GreyNet's Retro.Collections 1993-1999 in OpenSIGLE</p> <p>GreyNet launched <b>LinkedIn</b> Group</p>	<p><b>GL9</b> Ninth International Conference on Grey Literature in Antwerp with EWI as Host;</p> <p>Grey Literature accredited <b>course</b> via UNO</p> <p>OpenSIGLE – GreyNet Bilateral agreement</p>	<p><b>GL'99</b> Fourth International Conference on Grey Literature in Washington D.C. USA</p>
					<b>1998</b>
					GreyNet merged with MCB University Press
					<b>1997</b>
				<b>2006</b>	<b>GL'97</b> Third International Conference on Grey Literature in Luxembourg with the EC as Host
				<b>GL8</b> Eighth International Conference on Grey Literature in New Orleans	
				<b>2005</b>	<b>1996</b>
		<b>2012</b>		<b>GL7</b> Seventh International Conference on Grey Literature in Nancy, France with INIST Host	GreyWorks'96 Workshop on Grey Literature in College Park Maryland, USA
		<b>GL14</b> Fourteenth International Conference on Grey Literature in Rome, Italy with CNR as Host		The Grey Journal, <b>TGJ launched</b>	<b>1995</b>
	<b>2014</b>	<b>GreyWorks'12</b> Summer Workshop Series	<b>2009</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>GL'95</b> Second International Conference on Grey Literature in Washington D.C. at Catholic University of America
<b>2016</b>	<b>GL16</b> Sixteenth International Conference on Grey Literature in Washington D.C., Host FEDLINK/LC	<b>International Directory</b> of Organizations in Grey Literature	<b>GL11</b> - Eleventh International Conference on Grey Literature, Washington D.C. FEDLINK Host	<b>GL6</b> Sixth International Conference on Grey Literature in New York with NYAM as Host;	<b>1994</b>
<b>GL18</b> Eighteenth International Conference on Grey Literature at The New York Academy of Medicine, USA	New GreyNet <b>Infrastructure</b>	GreyNet's Collection of research data in <b>DANS Archive</b>	<b>GreyWorks'09</b> relaunch of the Workshop Series Grey Literature;	First GreyNet <b>Award Dinner</b>	First volume of the Conference Proceedings published
<b>Pisa Declaration Assessment Study</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> GreyForum</b> <u>Policy Development</u>	<b>2011</b>	First edition of GreyNet's <b>Newsletter</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>1993</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> GreyForum</b> <u>Wikipedia for Grey Resources</u> at LOC in D.C., USA	<b>Pisa Declaration</b>	<b>GL13</b> Thirteenth International Conference on Grey Literature, Washington D.C. FEDLINK as Host	<b>2008</b>	<b>GL5</b> Fifth International Conference on Grey Literature in Amsterdam;	<b>GL'93</b> First International Conference on Grey Literature in Amsterdam with EAGLE as Main Sponsor
Associate Member <b>WorldWide Science Alliance</b>	<b>Twitter</b> and <b>Netvibes</b>	<b>GreyWorks'11</b> Summer Series	GreyNet 's Collections 2003-2007 via OpenSIGLE;	<b>GreyNet's relaunch</b> by TextRelease	
<b>GreyGuide</b> via WWS.org	<b>GreyGuide</b> web access portal	<b>OAI7</b> Open Access Workshop in Geneva, CH	The Grey Journal, TGJ received a Dutch National <b>Award</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1992</b>
<b>GreyWorks'16</b> <u>Leveraging Grey Resources</u> , Amsterdam, NL	<b>OpenAIRE</b> Portal to GreyNet's Collection of Conference Preprints in OpenGrey	<b>OpenGrey</b> succeeded OpenSIGLE		<b>GreyNet discontinued</b> by MCB University Press	<b>GreyNet established</b> under the auspices of TransAtlantic <sup>DF</sup>
		<b>Password</b> Access to Serials			