GL2021 Conference Announcement

Twentieth-Third International Conference on Grey Literature
Amsterdam, NL • December 6-7, 2021

Grey literature is once again at a crossroads in its known 80 years in the vernacular. It appears that every quarter or more century this field of information faces a change in direction. In the mid-20th Century, it originated with the collection of government documents – namely war reports. In the years succeeding, it expanded to numerous other types of documents and collections produced by organizations in government as well as academics and business. This period was occupied with the acquisition and document delivery of these scientific and technical materials. It was also during this period that the many problems associated with these materials surfaced, namely their lack of indexing, translation, open access, preservation, and assessed value for science and society.

Since the final decade of the 20th Century up to the present, the field of grey literature has initiated and undertaken evidenced based research hand in hand with technological developments and sustained information management. The problems of the prior period became challenges and this led to programs of research and education in grey literature. This period coincides with the digital transformation of grey literature. While much has been accomplished in connecting the supply and demand sides of grey literature, the field once again finds itself in transition driven by the fact that the entire information landscape is itself in a period of unprecedented change and flux.

GL2021 offers the many and diverse communities of practice in grey literature a unique opportunity to collaborate in addressing and defining the next phase in the digital transformation of grey literature. Together this can be accomplished by unlocking the potential next generation grey holds for information science and society. http://www.textrelease.com

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Guidelines for Abstracts

Participants who seek to present a paper dealing with grey literature are invited to submit an English language abstract between 300-400 words. The abstract should address the problem/goal, the research method/procedure, an indication of costs related to the project, as well as the anticipated results of the research. The abstract should likewise include the title of the proposed paper, conference topic(s) most suited to the paper, name(s) of the author(s), and full address information. Abstracts are the only tangible source that allows the Program Committee to guarantee the content and balance in the conference program. Every effort should be made to reflect the content of your work in the abstract submitted. Abstracts not in compliance with the guidelines will be returned to the author for revision.

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Due Date and Format for Submission

Abstracts in MS Word must be emailed to conference@textrelease.com on or before March 25, 2021. The author will receive verification upon its receipt. By mid-April, shortly after the Program Committee meets, authors will be notified of their place on the conference program. This notice will be accompanied by further guidelines for submission of full text papers, biographical notes, accompanying research data, PowerPoint slides, and required Author Registration.
Research

ROR ID assigned to BIO records in GreyGuide & GreyNet DataCite records

ROR (Research Organization Registry) is a community-led registry of open, sustainable, usable, and unique identifiers for every research organization in the world. ROR is intended for use by the research community, for the purposes of increasing the use of organization identifiers in the community and enabling connections between organization records in various systems. Implementation of ROR IDs in scholarly infrastructure and metadata will enable more efficient discovery and tracking of research outputs across institutions and funding bodies. [https://ror.org/about/](https://ror.org/about/)

PID

Persistent Identifiers and Grey Literature: A PID Project and Use Case

The PID Project is a follow-up to the AccessGrey Project carried out in 2019 in which an online survey was held among stakeholders in GreyNet’s community of practice. Recipients were asked their opinions about persistent identifiers and grey literature. The focus of this project is expanded to include the DOI for research outputs, the ORCiD for authors/researchers, and the ROR ID for research organizations. The project seeks to go beyond the straightforward compilation and linking of these PIDs by introducing the PID Graph generated by GraphQL technology.

Publications

GL2020 Conference Proceedings – Forthcoming February 2021

Twenty-Second International Conference on Grey Literature “Applications of Grey Literature for Science and Society”. - National Research Council of Italy, November 19, 2020 / compiled by D. Farace and J. Frantzen ; GreyNet International, Grey Literature Network Service. – Amsterdam : TextRelease, February 2021. – Author index. – (GL Conference Series, ISSN 1386-2316 ; No. 22). – Contains 16 conference papers, an author index with the names of contributing authors along with their biographical notes. Also, a list of participating organizations and sponsored advertisements are included. ISBN 978-90-77484-38-8 ©TextRelease 2021

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Every conference paper and journal article published by TextRelease in collaboration with GreyNet International will carry three digital persistent identifiers: (1) DOI linked to the publication, research output, (2) ORCiD linked to each individual author and researcher, (3) ROR ID linked to each of the author’s research organization(s). GreyNet International will mint a DOI for each of the author’s publications if they do not yet have one. GreyNet will likewise access the ROR IDs of their respective organizations. However, it is the sole responsibility of each author, co-author and researcher to register their own ORCiD.

Open Access

OpenGrey Database now Openly Accessible via DANS EASY

OpenGrey, System for Information on Grey Literature in Europe, contains over 1 Million bibliographical references of grey literature produced in Europe. Examples of grey literature include technical and research reports, doctoral dissertations, conference papers, official publications, and other types of grey literature. OpenGrey covers areas of Science, Technology, Biomedicine, Economics, Social Sciences and Humanities.

OpenGrey is now a database openly accessible via the DANS EASY archive [https://doi.org/10.17026/dans-q7j-47w5](https://doi.org/10.17026/dans-q7j-47w5)
RGL (Resources in Grey Literature) opens to 90 Document Types

The RGL Collection in the GreyGuide Repository is multidisciplinary and accommodates a wide range of document types. RGL welcomes grey literature publications produced on all levels of government, academics, business and industry that are open access compliant. RGL relies on self-archiving and is facilitated by online templates with scope notes linked to the metadata fields. The RGL Collection now welcomes record entries, http://greyguiderep.isti.cnr.it/userarea.php?langver=en

**Education**

**ONLINE TRAINING**

Over the years, GreyNet International has booked a record of achievements in organizing content related seminars and workshops for small and medium size groups dealing with grey literature. Now with the COVID-19 pandemic, GreyNet seeks to expand its training program to include online modules geared to students and faculty, as well as information practitioners and professionals. The initial course offering in GreyForum New Style deals with Data Papers seen as an innovative tool in information management. For more information info@greynet.org

**Awareness**

Julia M. Gelfand, ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year

*Julia is a recognized author and editor in the field of grey literature and a former GreyNet Award Recipient*

Julia M. Gelfand, applied sciences and engineering librarian at the University of California (UC)-Irvine, is the 2021 ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year. The award, sponsored by GOBI Library Solutions from EBSCO, recognizes an outstanding member of the library profession who has made a significant national or international contribution to academic/research librarianship and library development.

**About GreyNet**

GreyNet’s Joint Chair Committee met for the first time online

The Chairs of GreyNet’s four standing committees met online January 29th 2021 in order to discuss the outcome of their work over the past year and to inform one another of proposed projects and activities in 2021. The Joint Chair Committee serves in uniting and coordinating GreyNet’s manifold mission of research, publication, open access, education, and awareness to grey literature.

**About GreyNet Newsletter**

The quarterly newsletter gives exposure to GreyNet’s information resources and frontline activities with special emphasis on the International Conference Series on Grey Literature. GreyNet’s Newsletter is licensed by EBSCO Publishing and can also be accessed via the Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts (LISTA-FT) full-text database.

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