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NEW ORLEANS HOST TO GL8, THE EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREY LITERATURE

"Harnessing the Power of Grey" is a fitting title for the Eighth International Conference on Grey Literature that will be held on 4-5 December 2006 at the Lindy C. Boggs International Conference Center, an auxiliary of the University of New Orleans (UNO).

In 2004, a Tsunami Digital Library was first proposed to conference delegates at GL6. In 2005, The Grey Journal covered the INCO project, helping coastal communities cope with El Niño. Now, in 2006, GL8 provides a unique opportunity for informational professionals to personally confront the aftermath of hurricane Katrina, deploying their know-how and tools in securing the future of New Orleans and its neighboring Gulf Coast communities. This is a new challenge in harnessing the power of grey resources.

In the aftermath of hurricane Katrina, the City of New Orleans is faced with reconstruction of enormous scale. While residents and businesses are rebuilding, federal, state, and local government is actively engaged in finding solutions to problems with levy and water management. Earlier this month, a delegation headed by the Governor of Louisiana visited The Netherlands and met with a corps of Dutch engineers led by Crown Prince Willem Alexander, Chairman of the Integrated Water Management Commission. The week prior, the GL8 Program and Conference Director, a native of New Orleans and a UNO alumnus returned from a visit with family members in the stricken area and vowed to bring this year's conference to the city in which he was born and raised.

While the formal Announcement and Call-for-Papers will be issued next month, major themes for the GL8 Conference Program include:

- Collection Development, Collection Policies, and Collection Rescue
- Metadata schemes, Institutional and Disciplinary Repositories, and IR Software
- The economics of grey, funding sources, production costs, pricing, and investment issues
- Licensing, intellectual property, copyright, and other legal issues

Last week, agreement was reached between EBSCO Publishing, the initial GL8 Sponsor, and TextRelease. The task now for the Program and Conference Bureau is to identify and approach other potential co-sponsors to this international S&T event.

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