GreyNet International

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This business report is intended to provide a comprehensive overview of the workings of TextRelease and its 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 relaunch, 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, and distributing grey literature. The mission of GreyNet, which is dedicated to research, publication, open access, and education in the field of grey literature, requires now more than ever an infrastructure commensurate to its real potential.

In order to further expand and develop future capabilities for the Grey Literature Network Service, an infrastructure other than that of a sole proprietorship is essential. While TextRelease provided a basis for GreyNet's relaunch in 2003, 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.

Following the example of other international organizations, the vision and direction for GreyNet would do well to model upon an infrastructure of that of an association. To this end, TextRelease seeks to cooperate with leading institutions in the transfer and registration of GreyNet as a new legal entity i.e. an international association with a designated seat of governance.

While the Twelfth International Conference on Grey Literature (December 2010) provided a unique opportunity to open discussion on the future of GreyNet, succeeding conferences in this series will continue the discussion and negotiation with stakeholders in the grey literature community. Your involvement in this transitional period is considered vital to GreyNet's future.





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Part I. Company Information

TextRelease Established April 1, 2003

Address: Javastraat 194-hs, 1095 CP Amsterdam, Netherlands
Phone/Fax: +31 20 3312420 (International); 020 3312420 (Domestic)

Legal Status: Independent, Sole Proprietorship

Commercial Banking: Rabobank Amsterdam Account No. 3135.85.342
Credit Card Recipient of: Visa Card, MasterCard, and American Express

Tax Office (NL): VAT N°. NL1203.62.867.B01

Registered (NL): Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce No. 34188522

Registered (US): DUNS N°. 408545049

1. Leadership in the field of Grey Literature











Jerry Frantzen (2011)

Dr. Dominic J. 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 *(CV available on request)*

GreyNet under the leadership of Dominic Farace powered by

TextRelease |GreyNet 2003-2011, Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce No. 34188522 MCB/UP GreyNet 1998-2000, Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce No. 33229159 TransAtlantic |GreyNet 1992-1998, Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce No. 229159

GreyNet's Freelance Technical Assistant

Jerry Frantzen B.A., since 1996 (CV available on request)





2. Partnerships and Agreements

Over the years, TextRelease has signed a number of agreements with other businesses and organizations in the advancement of its work in the field of grey literature. Among these include:







ICSTI GreyNet Partnership, 2009...

INIST-CNRS GreyNet Conference Preprints via OpenGrey Repository, 2007...

EBSCO/LISTA-FT The Grey Journal, International Journal on Grey Literature, 2005...

Agreements:

CSA/PAIS Int. A&I Service for The Grey Journal, 2006...

MLA International A&I Service for The Grey Journal, 2006...

LISA Index A&I Service for The Grey Journal, 2006...

SCOPUS/Elsevier A&I Service for The Grey Journal, 2009...

Thomas Reuters A&I Service for The Grey Journal, 2009...

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

EBSCO Subscription Agent, 2005...

Swets Subscription Agent, 2005...

Emerald Rights to former GreyNet content 1994-2000 via OpenSIGLE, 2009

De Gruyter/Saur Monograph on Grey Literature, 2010...

GLISC Steering Committee on Standards in Grey Literature, 2006...

FEDGREY Federal Working Group on Grey Literature, Memorandum of Understanding 2011





3. Member Organizations and Conference Sponsors

GreyNet provides two levels of organizational membership - **Associate** as well as **Institutional**. A third type of membership, which is offered to individuals, resembles more a subscription to GreyNet's range of products and services.

Associate Members 2011

INIST-CNRS, France
NYAM, United States
NTK, Czech Republic
FLICC-FEDLINK, United States
EBSCO Publishing United States
JST, Japan

Associate Member from 2005...
Associate Member from 2005...
Associate Member from 2010...
Associate Member from 2011...
Associate Member from 2011...
Associate Member from 2011...













Institutional Members 2011

IIA, Information International Associates, United States Institutional Member from 2010...

CVTI, Slovak Republic Institutional Member from 2010...

ISTI-CNR, Italy Institutional Member from 2011...

KISTI, South Korea Institutional Member from 2011...













PREVIOUS SPONSORS TO THE GL-CONFERENCE SERIES ON GREY LITERATURE

British Library United Kingdom **BIOSIS United States** Netherlands City of Amsterdam City of Nancy France **CRL United States CUA United States CVTISR** Slovak Republic **DTIC United States EAGLE** Luxembourg **EBSCO** Publishing **United States** Endeavor United States **EU Bookshop** Luxembourg **EU CEC/DG XIII** Belgium **EU Cordis** Luxembourg FLICC-FEDLINK **United States GESIS** Germany **ICSTI** France **INIST-CNRS** France lla **United States JST** Japan LLC **United States** MCB University Press **United Kingdom NASA United States NTIS United States** NLE **United States** NLM **United States** NTK Czech Republic **NYAM United States OSTI-DOE** United States Netherlands **Swets**





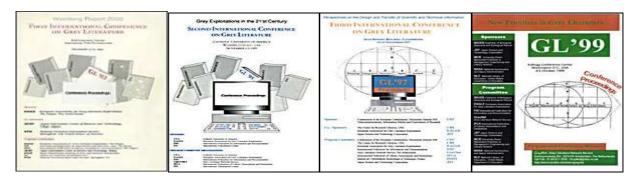
Part II: Products, Services, and Professional Initiatives

4. Program and Conference Bureau - www.textrelease.com

Activities of TextRelease as Program and Conference Bureau include the identification and negotiation with potential conference hosts regarding 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 further processes all conference registrations, organizes a suited social program, facilitates hotel accommodations, and coordinates and implements a host of web based and other promotional activities in order to raise conference participation. 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 programs and proceedings.

5. International Conference Series on Grey Literature

The GL Conference Series began as a biannual event in the early '90s, however with the relaunch in 2003, the international conference series became an annual event. The GL Conference Series maintains a transatlantic character alternating between Europe and North America. Participants nevertheless from recognized organizations worldwide attend.



| GL1 | Weinberg Report 2000 Amsterdam RAI Congress Center | (NL), | 19 93 |
|-----|--|--------|--------------|
| GL2 | Grey Exploitations in the 21st Century Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. | (USA), | 19 95 |
| GL3 | Perspectives on the Design and Transfer of Scientific EU Jean Monnet Building, Luxembourg, | (LU), | 19 97 |
| GL4 | New Frontiers in Grey Literature Kellogg Conference Center, Washington D.C. | (USA). | 19 99 |













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









| GL9 | Grey Foundations in Information Landscape Provincial House, Antwerp | (BE), | 2007 |
|------|--|--------|------|
| GL10 | Designing the Grey Grid for Information Society Amsterdam Science Park, | (NL), | 2008 |
| GL11 | The Grey Mosaic, Piecing It All Together Library of Congress, Washington D.C. | (USA), | 2009 |
| GL12 | Transparency in Grey Literature, Grey Tech Approaches National Technical Library, Prague | (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 | Fifteenth International Conference on Grey Literature (Conference-in- | Spec) | 2013 |





6. GreyWorks - Series of Workshops on Grey Literature



GreyWorks, Benchmarks and Forecasts on Grey Literature, Amsterdam (NL) 2009
GreyWorks, Transparency Governs the Grey Landscape, Washington DC (USA) 2010
GreyWorks, Ten Strategies for Grey Literature, Amsterdam (NL) 2011

7. GreyNet, Grey Literature Network Service - www.greynet.org

GreyNet's Associate Members together stand for corporate authorship. GreyNet is tasked with capturing the various types of information issuing from the annual conference series. These include factual, bibliographic, biographic, documentary, statistical, full-text, legal, and other metadata encompassing enhanced publication.

8. GreyNet Serial and Non-Serial Publications

Corporate Authored and Edited Publications

Conference Programs and Abstracts on Grey Literature, 2003-2011

Conference Proceedings on Grey Literature, 2004-2011

GreyNet Newsletter, 2009-2011

The GreyWorks Series, 2009-2011

ISSN 1386-2316

ISSN 1386-2316

ISSN 1877-6035

ISSN 2211-1425

The Grey Journal, International Journal on Grey Literature

ISSN 1574-1796



TGJ Volume 7, Number 1, Spring 2011 TGJ Volume 7, Number 2, Summer 2011 TGJ Volume 7, Number 3, Autumn 2011

TGJ Volume 6, Number 1, Spring 2010 TGJ Volume 6, Number 2, Summer 2010 TGJ Volume 6, Number 3, Autumn 2010 Transparency in Grey Literature
System Approaches to Grey Literature
Research and Education in Grey Literature

Government Alliance to Grey Literature Shared Strategies for Grey Literature Research on Grey Literature in Europe

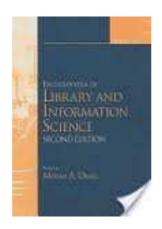




TGJ Volume 5, Number 1, Spring 2009 Paperless Initiatives for Grey Literature TGJ Volume 5, Number 2, Summer 2009 Archaeology and Grey Literature TGJ Volume 5, Number 3, Autumn 2009 Trusted Grey Sources and Resources TGJ Volume 4, Number 1, Spring 2008 Praxis and Theory in Grey Literature TGJ Volume 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 Co-Authored/Edited Publications





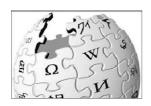


Spring Issues on Grey Literature. In: Publishing Research Quarterly, 2004-2007 ISSN 1053-8801

Grey Literature. - In: Encyclopedia of Library and Information Sciences, ISBN 978-0-8493-9712-7

Grey Literature in Library and Information Studies. - De Gruyter/Saur 2010 ISBN 978-3-598-11793-0

Other Web-based Resources:





GreyNet
GreyNet LinkedIn Group

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grey Literature Network Service http://www.linkedin.com/groups/GreyNet-3718857





GreyNet Listserv http://greynet.org/greynethome/listserv.html

Help Desk and Referral Line http://www.greynet.org/greynethome/helpdesk.html

GreyText Archive http://www.greynet.org/greytextarchive.html
GreySource Index http://www.greynet.org/greysourceindex.html
WHOIS in Grey Literature http://www.textrelease.com/whois2011.html

9. GreyNet Collections in the OpenGrey Repository



1993-2000

Currently 254 metadata records originating in the GL Conference Series including the full-text papers, PowerPoint slides, abstracts, biographical notes, and commentaries are available to net-users via the OpenGrey Repository http://www.opengrey.eu. This web-based resource has become a significant reference tool for GreyNet's own referral service.

10. Research Initiatives in Grey Literature

Since the initial launch of the GL-Conference Series, GreyNet in collaboration with other researchers has created information resources and carried out research projects beneficial to authors and other stakeholders the international grey literature community.

Bibliographic Databases on the Topic of Grey Literature

| 1995-2000 | International Guides to Persons and Organizations in Grey Literature |
|-----------|--|
| 1997-2000 | Glossary of Terms in Grey Literature |
| 1999-2000 | Launch of the International Journal on Grey Literature |
| Relaunch | |
| 2003 | Literature Review of 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 commercial and grey publishers |
| 2011 | Enhanced Publications Project linking datasets and commentaries to full-text |





11. Educational 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. In recent years, GreyNet has taken an active role in curriculum development and instruction. Examples of such initiatives include:

Workshops and Seminars

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

Distance Education Program 2007-2009

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

Guest Lecture Series

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

Presentations at Meetings and Events

Invited Papers and Presentations on topics related to Grey Literature

12. 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 the 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 GL Conference Series, and (4) Prior history of the author in the field of grey literature.

Award Recipients 1999-2011

| 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 Christiane Stock, INIST-CNRS, France Award presented for her work and publication on the OpenSIGLE Repository 2010 Joachim Schöpfel, University of Lille, France Award presented for his extensive research and publications on grey literature 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

Part III: Use and User Statistics

The statistics provided here are from a number of sources including: Network Solutions Web logs, EBSCO licensed publishing, the GreyNet's OpenGrey webpage, Subscriptions, A&I Services, as well as GreyNet's in-house administrative files.

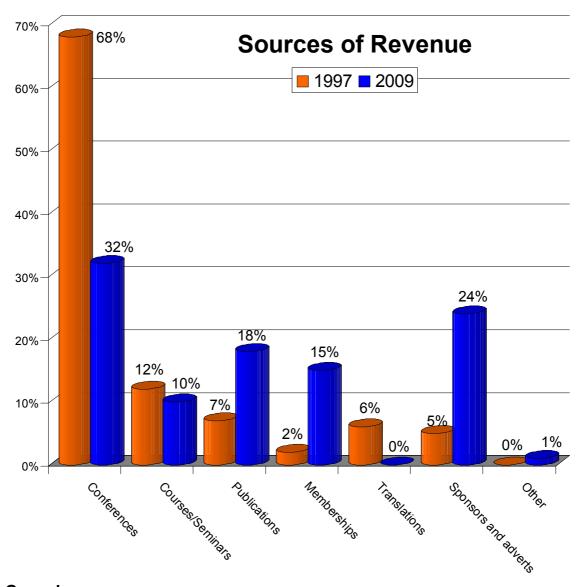
GreyNet affiliates are in some 60 countries worldwide - GreyNet maintains contacts with more than 200 organizations worldwide - GreyNet's Author Base exceeds 300 contributors - GL Conference Participants average 100 - GL Conference Sponsors in 2011 numbered 11 - GreyNet's Distribution List numbers over 1400 email addresses - GreyNet's Listserv numbers over 160 subscribers - GreyNet's LinkedIn Group numbers over 230 members - GreyNet Website page views in 2011 over 40,000 - TextRelease Website page views in 2011 near 14,000 - TGJ articles downloaded via EBSCO LISTA-FT were over 4750 full-texts - OpenSIGLE Repository via GreyNet Website were 3250 hits in 2010 - GreySource Index to web based resources were 5000 hits in 2010 - GreyText Archive of in-house publications were 2800 hits in 2010.



Part IV: Financial Indicators

Financial Indicators

Since 2003, TextRelease via GreyNet has increased and diversified its sources of revenue. Where it initially was dependent almost solely on participant fees to the international conference series, TextRelease now also has increased revenues issuing from membership fees, sponsorship fees, advertising, sale of publications, journal licensing, royalties, as well as educational and training initiatives.



Gross Income:

| 2003 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| €11.400 | €29.800 | €41.150 | €43.800 | €40.816 |





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 would be unable to meet operating costs.

Part V: SWOT ANALYSIS

Strengths

Leadership role, an established international network and recognition, GreyNet as Brand Name, Corporate memory, Partnerships, Good Will, Committed to Open Access, More than 20 years expertise in the field of grey literature, Sustained information resources, and a track record of before and after sales delivery and service.

Weaknesses

ICT issues such as website functionality including graphic design, online ordering, use/user statistics and their analysis. Underdeveloped marketing, sales, and promotional activities. Insufficient reserves for investment. A sole proprietorship seen as an obstacle to GreyNet's potential Membership. Insufficient presence at key national and international conferences where grey literature is either directly or indirectly related to themes and programmes.

Opportunities

Further role in training and education, as well as research and (digital) publication. Ability to upgrade and enhance 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 potential partnerships with Commercial Publishers. More use of available social networks, etc.

Threats

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





Part VI: GreyNet Timeline

| 2012-2011 | 2010-2008 | 2007-2004 | 2003-2000 | 1999-1992 |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| 2012-2011 | 2010-2000 | 2007-2004 | 2003-2000 | 1333-1332 |
| 2011 GL13 - Thirteenth International Conference on Grey Literature in Washington D.C. with FLICC- FEDLINK as Host GreyWorks'11 Summer Workshop Series; OAI7 Open Access Workshop in Geneva OpenGrey platform succeeds OpenSIGLE Online Password Protected Access to Serial Publications GreyNet LinkedIn Group Launched 2012 GL14 -Fourteenth International Conference on Grey Literature in Rome, Italy with CNR as Host | 2010 GL12 - Twelfth International Conference on Grey Literature in Prague with NTK as Host Edited monograph on Grey Literature published by De Gruyter/Saur GreyWorks'10 Summer Workshop Series; GreyNet's Retrospective Collections 1993-1999 in OpenSIGLE 2009 GL11 - Eleventh International Conference on Grey Literature in Washington with FLICC-FEDLINK as Host; GreyWorks'09 relaunch of the Workshop Series Grey Literature; First edition of GreyNet's bi-monthly Newsletter 2008 GL10 - Tenth International Conference on Grey Literature; First edition of GreyNet's bi-monthly Newsletter 2008 GL10 - Tenth International Conference on Grey Literature in Amsterdam Science Park; GreyNet 's Collections 2003-2007 accessible via OpenSIGLE; The Grey Journal, TGJ received a Dutch National Award | 2007 GL9 - Ninth International Conference on Grey Literature in Antwerp with the Flemish Ministry as Host; First Grey Literature accredited course via the University of New Orleans; OpenSIGLE - GreyNet Bilateral agreement with INIST (Service provider) and GreyNet (Data Provider) 2006 GL8 - Eighth International Conference on Grey Literature in New Orleans 2005 GL7 - Seventh International Conference on Grey Literature in Nancy, France with INIST-CNRS as Host The Grey Journal, TGJ launched 2004 GL6 - Sixth International Conference on Grey Literature in New York with NYAM as Host; First GreyNet Award Dinner held in New York | 2003 GL5 - Fifth International Conference on Grey Literature in Amsterdam; GreyNet's relaunch by TextRelease 2000 GreyNet discontinued | 1999 GL'99 – Fourth International Conference on Grey Literature in Washington D.C. USA 1998 GreyNet merged with MCB University Press 1997 GL'97 – Third International Conference on Grey Literature in Luxembourg with the EC as Host 1996 GreyWorks'96 1st Workshop on Grey Literature in College Park Maryland, USA 1995 GL'95 – Second International Conference on Grey Literature in Washington D.C. at Catholic University of America 1994 First volume of the Conference Proceedings published 1993 GL'93 – First International Conference on Grey Literature in Amsterdam with EAGLE as Main Sponsor 1992 GreyNet established under TransAtlantic |



