



A Tribute to three Honorary GreyNet Members



Prof. Tomas A. Lipinski

“The application of legal concepts to the location, collection, storage, access and retrieval of grey literature poses additional legal, policy and ethical issues. While many traditional legal concepts can be readily applied to these activities, others are more challenging and involve copyright, trade secret or the assertion of proprietary rights, either by institutions, organizations and associations, as well as licensing, contract or click-to-agree in order to access, which can include restrictions on downstream uses. While it isn't necessarily so that the resolution of these problems requires the creation of a new “grey” law. There are instances where the challenge of access and ownership is compounded by the nature of the grey outside of traditional publication and acquisition processes. This requires legal vigilance, and if necessary, the consideration of sui generis legal solutions to maintain desired levels of access and availability.”



Dr. Dobrica Savić

“To all of you that are deeply immersed in the world of grey literature, your work championing these unconventional sources has never been more important. Historically, grey literature, from institutional reports and policy briefs to conference papers and field data, has served as the backbone of empirical research, capturing insights that traditional academic publishing often overlooks. By preserving perspectives that exist outside commercial publishing channels, you help ensure that our collective body of evidence remains rich, diverse, and genuinely reflective of real-world complexities. Today, your dedication to grey literature takes on an even greater significance as we shape the future of artificial intelligence. For AI systems to build truthful, robust, and unbiased knowledge bases, they cannot rely solely on homogenized datasets; they desperately need the granular, specialized, and ground-level truths found in grey literature. Your advocacy ensures that these vital, lived perspectives are woven into the fabric of emerging technologies, creating a smarter, more equitable digital ecosystem for everyone.”



Dr. Joachim Schöpfel

“Grey literature has long posed a challenge for librarians and information professionals. As a valuable and often unique source of information and knowledge, it remains essential for special collections, systematic reviews, and intelligence gathering. While the internet and open science have improved accessibility, persistent challenges remain, including discoverability and access, limited interoperability, the lack of persistent identifiers and comprehensive metadata, and the risk of loss. Today, grey literature contributes significantly to the diversity of scientific and technical information. Much of it is produced through models resembling diamond or institutional publishing, consistent with open science principles of equity, inclusivity, and affordability. Looking ahead, artificial intelligence may help address some of the longstanding challenges of grey literature while creating new ones. Grey literature is therefore likely to remain an important issue for information professionals in the years ahead.”

<https://greynet.org/greynetmembership/honorary.html>



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