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## GREY LITERATURE NETWORK SERVICE

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## GL16 Keynote Address

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Swinburne University of Technology, Australia**



### **Where is the evidence? Enhancing the role and value of grey literature for public policy and practice**

Digital technologies have radically increased our capacity to produce and disseminate research and information and many organisations including government departments and agencies, academic centres, NGOs, lobby groups and companies are now engaged in the production and use of digital grey literature. The result has been an explosion in the publication of reports, discussion papers, working papers and many other kinds of grey literature on the internet, transforming the way in which the

community is able to access research and information. Yet the rapid pace of change has meant that there is little understanding of the role and value of this material and we still lack appropriate infrastructure, policies and procedures, copyright legislation and resources to adequately manage and provide ongoing access to these valuable resources.

In this presentation I will explore the key role played by grey literature in public policy research and practice based on the results of a 3-year research project supported by the Australian Research Council. As part of this project we have undertaken large-scale online surveys and interviews with users, producers and collectors of research and information, reviewed current policies and infrastructure and considered the international context in which grey literature operates. The evidence supports the conclusion that grey literature plays a vital role in the policy and research environment, equal or greater than that of journals and books, but that its production, collection and preservation is inadequate, resulting in poor productivity, the loss of costly research and duplication of projects amongst other things. The paper will present recommendations for policy and infrastructure changes that could improve the way digital grey literature is collected and made accessible and seek feedback from the audience for the final report due out in 2015. I hope that through this presentation and the research project we can find clearer ways to work together on local, national and international initiatives to enhance the value of grey literature for public policy and practice.

This project is being undertaken by Swinburne University of Technology and Victoria University in partnership with the National Library of Australia, the National and State Libraries Australasia (NSLA), the Australian Council for Educational Research and the Eidos Institute. [alawrence@swin.edu.au](mailto:alawrence@swin.edu.au)

# GreyNet Award Recipient 2014

Kiyoshi Ikeda, Japan Atomic Energy Agency, JAEA



"Ikeda's work in collecting, organizing, and disseminating data and information on nuclear accidents and in particular the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Accident has earned him the GreyNet Award for Outstanding Achievement in the field of Grey Literature that will be presented during GreyNet's 11th Annual Award Dinner on December 7, 2014."

Ikeda works as a librarian at the Central Library of Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA). He also currently works as the chief of International Nuclear Information System (INIS) and Nuclear Information Management Section of JAEA. Since 2011, he has been in charge of selection and classification for INIS Database input data. He joined Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute (JAERI, former JAEA) in 2004, and has been working for acquisition of library materials (domestic/foreign books, journals, technical reports and proceedings). From 2007 to 2010, he had been working for editing work at "JAEA Reports" and "JAEA R&D Review" which are grey literatures. From 2008 to 2013, he has also been a member of editorial committee of the Japan Special Libraries Association (JSLA). He holds a degree in library and information science (M.A.) from the Graduate School of University of Library and Information Science in Japan. [ikeda.kiyoshi@jaea.go.jp](mailto:ikeda.kiyoshi@jaea.go.jp)

## Open Access Roadmap for Grey Literature

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



#### Recap of the Main Points in the Pisa Declaration:

**First**, the organizational commitment is to open access, to further cooperation and coordination between and among grey literature communities, sharing open data standards.

**Second**, the commitment to research and education, where recognition and reward is associated with quality grey literature, and where attention is given to good practices in the field.

**Third**, the commitment to address and safeguard legal issues inherent to grey literature by exploring the various types of licensing agreements now available and by fostering constructive relations with commercial publishers.

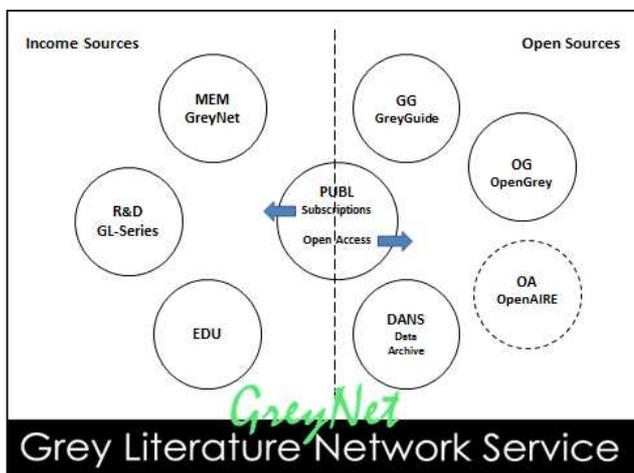
**Fourth**, a commitment to sustainability linked to a financial prerequisite. Identifying funding and grants for special collections and repositories, commitment to long term preservation, and investments in new technologies.

**Fifth**, a firm technical commitment, a guarantee to continued online services and further crosslinking of textual and non-textual content. A commitment, which ranges from tackling broken links to facilitating interoperability - regardless of the system or portal in which grey literature and its accompanying data are housed.

**Endorse online**, <http://greyguide.isti.cnr.it/>

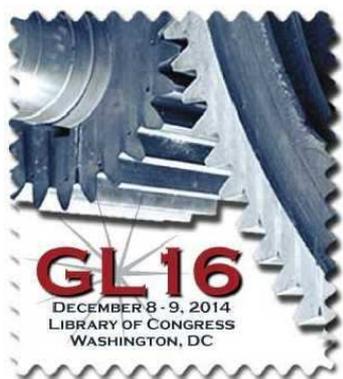
## Mid-Year Business Report 2014

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



This business report is intended to provide a comprehensive, up to date overview of the Grey Literature Network Service. GreyNet was founded in 1992 and re-launched in 2003 under the leadership 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. GreyNet's mission is dedicated to research, publication, open access, and education in the field of grey literature. This requires now more than ever an infrastructure commensurate to its real potential. In 2014, GreyNet expanded its current infrastructure to include three new committees alongside the conference program committee. More on this and other developments are found in this Mid-Year Business Report. [http://www.greynet.org/images/GreyNet\\_Business\\_Report\\_2014.pdf](http://www.greynet.org/images/GreyNet_Business_Report_2014.pdf)

# Sixteenth International Conference on Grey Literature



**Grey Literature Lobby: Engines and Requesters for Change**

**The Library of Congress, Washington DC, USA**

Federal Library Information Network, December 8-9, 2014

## Call for Posters

- Think Tanks • Advocacy Groups • Research Teams • NGOs • IGOs • Foundations
- Coalitions • Lobbyists • Special Interest Groups • Task forces • Associations, Etc.

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Author Name(s):	Telephone:
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Participants who seek to present a poster during GL16 are invited to submit an English abstract between 300-350 words. The abstract should describe the project and/or related information products and services. The abstract should likewise include a title, name(s) of the presenter(s) and their full address information. Abstracts are an important source of information available prior to the conference that is accessible to both delegates and conference participants.

GL16 Conference Themes
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Awareness of Grey Literature
<input type="checkbox"/> Publishing and Licensing Grey Literature
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Access to Research Data
<input type="checkbox"/> Managing Change in Grey Literature
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Poster Topics/Themes:

### Due Date and Format for Submission

Abstracts in MS Word should be emailed to [conference@textrelease.com](mailto:conference@textrelease.com) on or before October 15<sup>th</sup> 2014. The author will receive verification upon receipt. This will be accompanied by further guidelines for submission of PowerPoint slides, Conference Registration, etc. *GL16 will accommodate up to 20 posters, timely registration is a guarantee of your placement on the program.*

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