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#### ● **GL8 Program Committee meets in NYC followed by a Site Visit to New Orleans** \_\_\_\_\_ **2**

The GL8 Program Committee will meet on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2006 at the New York Academy of Medicine. NYAM has graciously offered to host and chair this meeting in advance of the conference in December. The work of the Program Committee will be to assess the abstracts from the Call-for-Papers and finalize the Conference Program and Schedule. Afterwards, the Program and Conference Director will fly on to New Orleans for a site visit of the conference center, the recommended hotels, etc. If you are planning to submit an abstract of a paper for GL8, *please note that the deadline is May 1, 2006.* [http://www.textrelease.com/images/GL8\\_Call\\_for\\_Papers.pdf](http://www.textrelease.com/images/GL8_Call_for_Papers.pdf) or <http://www.textrelease.com/pages/3>

#### ● **WHOIS in the Field of Grey Literature, 2006** \_\_\_\_\_ **3**

"WHOIS in the field of Grey Literature" is a compilation of biographical notes provided by authors in the GL Conference Series, 1993-2006. This online resource is maintained by TextRelease and also contains 'bio-notes' from The Grey Journal (TGJ) an international journal on grey literature, 2005-2006. Records in this directory appear in alphabetical order by last name of author and each record contains a current email address. Should an author wish to revise the entry or should a new record be added, please contact TextRelease. <http://www.textrelease.com/pages/9>

#### ● **Clarification on the 'Grey Road to Open Access'** \_\_\_\_\_ **4**

The Grey Literature Network Service (GreyNet) has been working since 1993 to make grey literature more visible and accessible to all sectors of information society. Last year, GreyNet actively participated in the Seventh International Conference on Grey Literature titled 'Open Access to Grey Resources'. After the results from this conference were viewed alongside the two options of the golden or green road to open access, GreyNet found it difficult to fully identify with one of the two current options. While the 'green road' is a close description, GreyNet 'de facto' does much more for the authors and researchers, whom it serves. GreyNet, a networked service provided by TextRelease (a) makes its author base aware of available options, (b) does not exclude authors from choosing other options, and (c) actively seeks on their behalf other options by which their research results are further published, archived, and promoted. This then explains the idea of a 'grey road', which may be a crossroad to 'open access'. <http://www.textrelease.com/pages/1>

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