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Policy Development for Grey Literature Resources An Assessment of the Pisa Declaration

In the spring of 2014, a workshop took place at the Italian National Council of Research in Pisa. The topic of this event dealt with policy development for grey literature resources. Seventy participants from nine countries took an active part in the workshop – the outcome of which produced what is today known as the Pisa Declaration.

This fifteen point document arising from the input of those who attended the workshop sought to provide a roadmap that would help to serve diverse communities involved in research, publication and the management of grey literature both in electronic and print formats.

140 information professionals representing 74 organizations from 30 countries have endorsed the Pisa Declaration

Translated and published in 21 languages

What impact has this document had on library and information practice?

Initial contact

Question 1

How did you first come to endorse the Pisa Declaration?

Answer Choice	Responses
I attended the workshop where the Pisa Declaration was drafted	10.84% (1)
I was most alerted via the GreyGuide Portal and repository	3.89% (2)
I was alerted by GreyNet International	46.10% (16)
I was alerted by colleagues	18.84% (11)

Primary concerns

Question 2

Indicate the Organizational point(s) stated in the Pisa Declaration that concern your organization most

Answer Choice	Responses
Greater commitment to open access by governments and organizations	69.74% (21)
Greater cooperation and coordination among organizations engaged in the production, use, collection, management of grey literature	85.47% (31)
The use of persistent identifiers and open metadata standards for grey literature	43.54% (22)
Other (not specifically mentioned in the Declaration)	3.92% (3)

Research & Education

Question 3

Indicate the Research and Educational point(s) stated in the Pisa Declaration that concern your organization most

Answer Choice	Responses
New forms of recognition and reward for quality grey literature materials by governments, universities and other institutions	49.82% (21)
Improved standards in the production and bibliographic control of grey literature	40.47% (18)
Development and implementation of interoperable standards in the management of grey literature	51.86% (24)
Development of good practice guides for the production, assessment, and evaluation of grey literature	43.84% (20)

Legal aspects

Question 4

Indicate the Legal point(s) stated in the Pisa Declaration that concern your organization most

Answer Choice	Responses
Changes to legal issues	75.86% (33)
Addressing legal issues	53.00% (22)
Further studies in	13.84% (6)

Financial issues

Question 5

Indicate the Financial and Sustainable point(s) stated in the Pisa Declaration that concern your organization most

Answer Choice	Responses
Identifying revenues	34.89% (16)
Increased support for collection development and long term preservation of grey literature	58.83% (25)
Increased investment in infrastructure and new technologies for accessing and using print and digital grey literature	62.84% (28)

Technical points

Question 6

Indicate the Technical point(s) stated in the Pisa Declaration that concern your organization most

Answer Choice	Responses
Strategies to backlink	44.98% (19)
Systems for linking data and other non-local content to their grey literature publications together with interoperable standards for sharing grey literature	83.22% (36)

New translations

Question 7

Is there a language not listed above in which the **Pisa Declaration** should be translated and published?
If so, please indicate here

Pisa Declaration on Policy Development for Grey Literature Resources

Now in 21 languages

Armenian	Bulgarian	Croatian	Czech
Dutch	English	French	German
Greek	Hindi	Hungarian	Italian
Japanese	Korean	Macedonian	Russian
Serbian Cyrillic	Slovak	Slovenian	Spanish
Turkish	Ukrainian	Uzbek	Yiddish

Public awareness

Question 8

Have you had the opportunity to promote public awareness to the Pisa Declaration? If so,

Answer Choice	Responses
By publishing it on your organization's website	41.02% (17)
By mentioning it at a conference or meeting	52.87% (23)
By mentioning it in a publication	32.42% (14)
By mentioning it in one of the above mentioned languages	16.84% (7)

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