OpenSIGLE
Crossroads for Libraries, Research and Educational Institutions in the field of Grey Literature

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Part One

SIGLE to OpenSIGLE in 5 seconds

1980 - 2005
SIGLE (EAGLE)

GL8 2006
OpenSIGLE prototype

GL9 2007
goes live

May 2008
GreyNet conference papers in OpenSIGLE
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SIGLE ?

- 800 000 records
- 15 countries
- Reports, theses, etc.
- English title or keywords
- Document delivery
- Sigle classification scheme

Multidisciplinary

- Humanities and Social Sciences 35%
- Sciences 23%
- Biology and Medicine 12%
- Technology 29%

Visits vs Pages over time

- Visits
- Pages

November 2008: 
- Visits: 5,000
- Pages: 3,000

October 2009: 
- Visits: 70,000
- Pages: 80,000

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Usage and user behaviour

- Constant increase for
  - Total number of visits
  - Each country
  - Number of countries

- 2009: the 5th continent discovers OpenSIGLE through Google Scholar (Australia, New Zealand)

- Consistent with the use of Google Scholar or Google, the average length of visit decreases
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European content for a worldwide audience

November 2008 – October 2009
Promotional Activities

- Press release July 2008 → increase in French visitors
- “In the news” on INIST homepages (French and international)

- Google and Google Scholar
- WorldWideScience.org – since September 2008

- GL conferences

- Others do the rest!
2009 and beyond

• Change the “look” of the website
• Improve the technical performance
• Add new services for users (e.g. export records)

• Re-open OpenSIGLE for “new” input
  - Add records from 2005 onwards from current partners
  - Open the database to new partners

• Improve the access to the full text
  - Add links to existing records whenever available
  - Improve the interoperability with similar sites
Part Two

GreyNet, On the Background and Forefront

- GreyNet’s relationship with EAGLE/SIGLE prior to mid-2000
- Relaunch of GreyNet in 2003
- Liquidation of EAGLE/SIGLE in 2005
- OpenSIGLE - From a Proposal to Implementation 2005-2007
- GreyNet signs on to the OpenSIGLE Repository 2007
GreyNet Community in 2008

• Metadata record customized for enriched publication
• GreyNet’s Conference based collections migrate to OpenSIGLE
• Now, 5 Years of Research in OpenSIGLE (GL5, GL6, GL7, GL8, GL9)
• GL10, GL11, ... will likewise follow suit
• Contact with Emerald concerning first 4 GL-Conferences (1993-1999)
• GL3 and GL4 (1997 and 1999) already available
• Initial feedback from GreyNet Community on OpenSIGLE
GreyNet’s Potential for OpenSIGLE

• GreyNet has even more to offer than its collections
• What EAGLE was to SIGLE, GreyNet could be to OpenSIGLE
• An established network service specializing in Grey Literature
• A history of completed research projects (2003-2008)
• Education and Instruction on Grey Literature
• Promotional Outreach and a Publishing Arm
Some Project Considerations

- Streamlining the SIGLE Classification Scheme for OpenSIGLE
- Metadata templates according to various document types
- Plus links to datasets and software underlying published research
- Networking with former EAGLE members and new stakeholders in GL
- A crosswalk to subject based and institutional GL Repositories
Thanks for your interest