

**Present and past experiences in GL  
management and research.  
A questionnaire survey on Italian  
participants to GL events**

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# Aim of the study

## Profile of Italian GL experts (\*)

Identifying:

- Quantification and classification of Italian GL experts;
- Quantification of the time they dedicate (or have dedicated) to research on and handling of GL;
- Manner of entry into the field and underlying motivation;
- Self-evaluation of work experience.

(\*) We define GL experts as those who have signed at least one paper presented in national and international GL conferences

# Methods and sample

- The survey is based on an *ad hoc* developed questionnaire
- The questionnaire was sent to 108 of the 129 Italian authors of papers presented at national and international conferences on GL
- The number of respondents is 59 (54.6%)

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## ***Distribution of the (129) Italian GL authors and respondents (59) by number of papers***

<i>Number of papers</i>	<i>Number of authors</i>	<i>%</i>
1	95	73.6
2 - 5	30	23.2
> 5	4	3.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>100.</i>

<i>Number of papers</i>	<i>Number of authors</i>	<i>%</i>
1	38	64.4
2 - 5	17	28.8
> 5	4	6.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>100.0</i>

***Table 3. Coverage of the sample with respect to the number of papers***

Number of papers	Authors		Respondents		Coverage
	n.	%	n.	%	%
1	95	73.6	38	64.4	40.0
2 - 5	30	23.2	17	28.8	56.6
> 5	4	3.1	4	6.8	100.0

## Findings...

**Table 4. Profile of respondents by gender, age, and education (n= 59)**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>%</b>
M	23.7
F	76.3
<b>Age</b>	
30-39	10.2
40-49	23.7
50-59	50.8
> 60	15.3
<b>Education</b>	
Master, PhD	45.8
Degree	47.4
High school	6.8

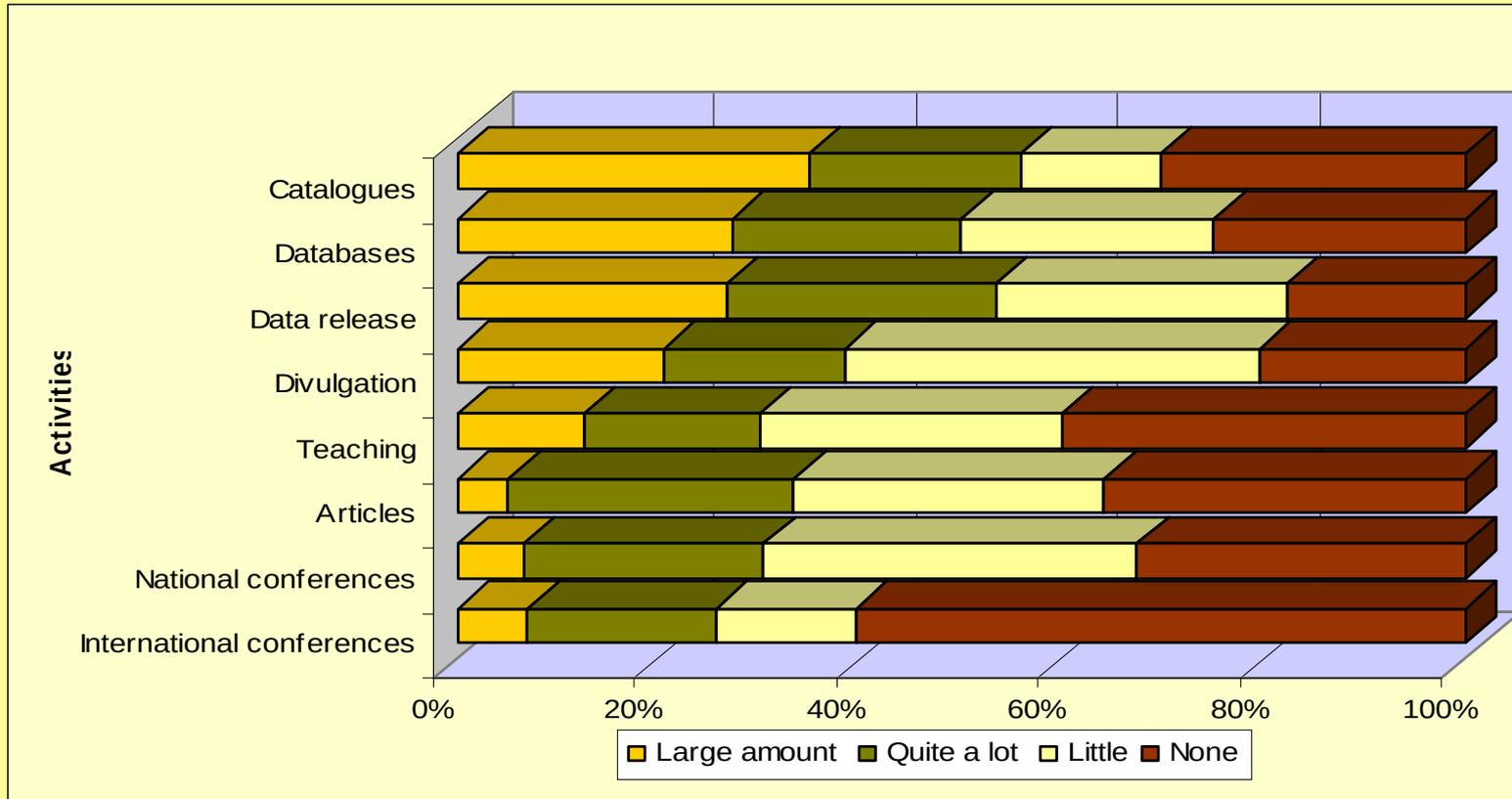
***Table 5. Profile of respondents by sector and position (n= 59)***

<b>Sector</b>	<b>%</b>
University	3.4
Public research institute	52.5
Public administration	30.5
Other	13.6
 <b>Position</b>	
University professor	1.7
Library/Documentation centre director	28.8
Researcher	20.3
Librarian	25.4
Technician	8.6
Other	15.2

**Table 6. Distribution of respondents by the time dedicated to GL (n= 59)**

<b>Research</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
• No longer involved	20	33.9
• Involved	39	66.1
-20%	20	51.3
20% - 50%	19	48.7
<b>Management</b>		
• No longer involved	25	42.4
• Involved	34	57.6
-20%	16	47.1
20% - 50%	16	47.1
> 50%	2	5.8

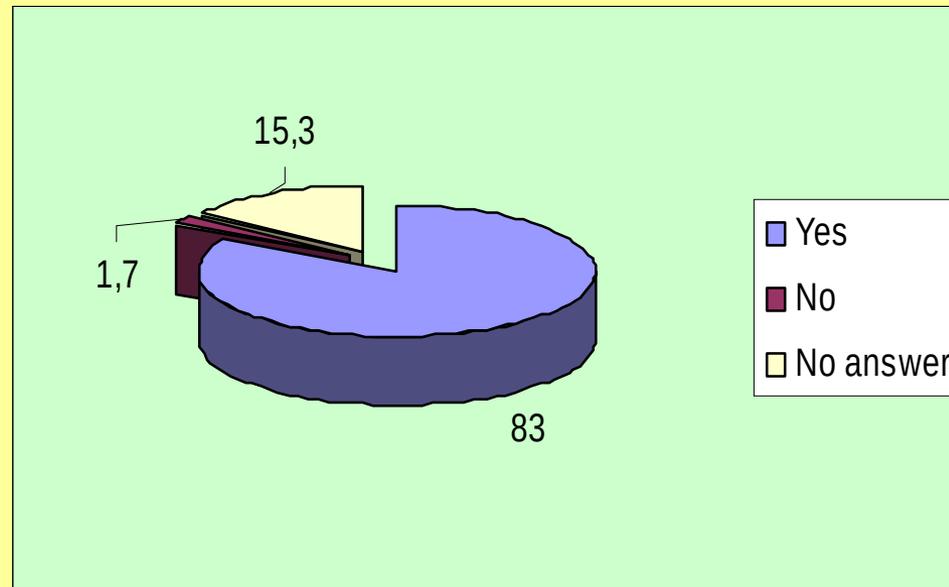
**Figure 1. Distribution of respondents to the question: “Given your interest in GL, indicate time spent on the following activities”**



***Table 7. Distribution of respondents by motivation***

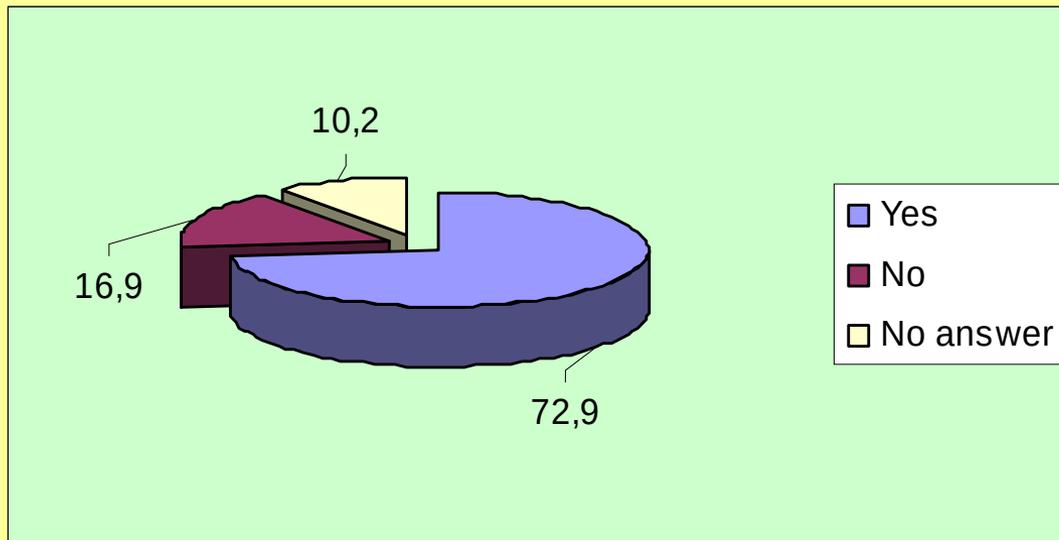
<b>Motivation</b>	<b>%</b>
Work	81.4
Interest in GL of his/her Institution	49.2
Participation in national GL project	40.7
Cultural interest	39.0
Participation in GL courses and workshop	35.6
Participation in international GL project	25.4
Other	8.9
Suggested by others	6.8
By chance	1.7

**Figure 2. Distribution of respondents to the question: “Do you think that Open access and GL are linked?” (n=59)**

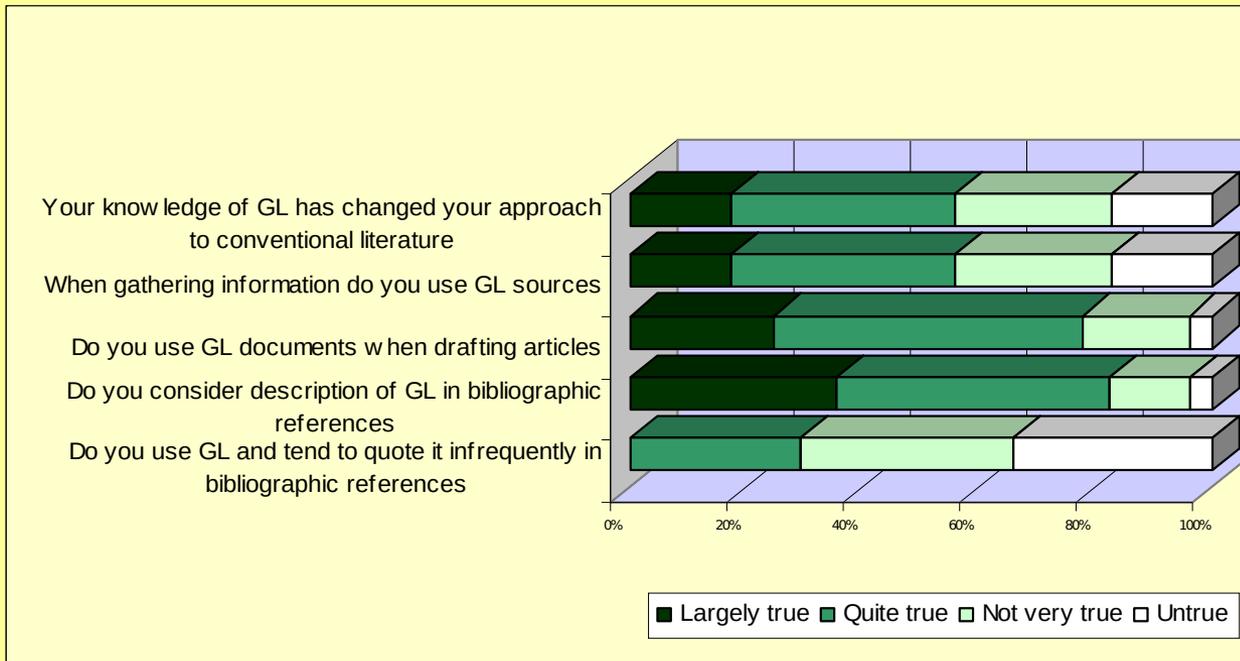


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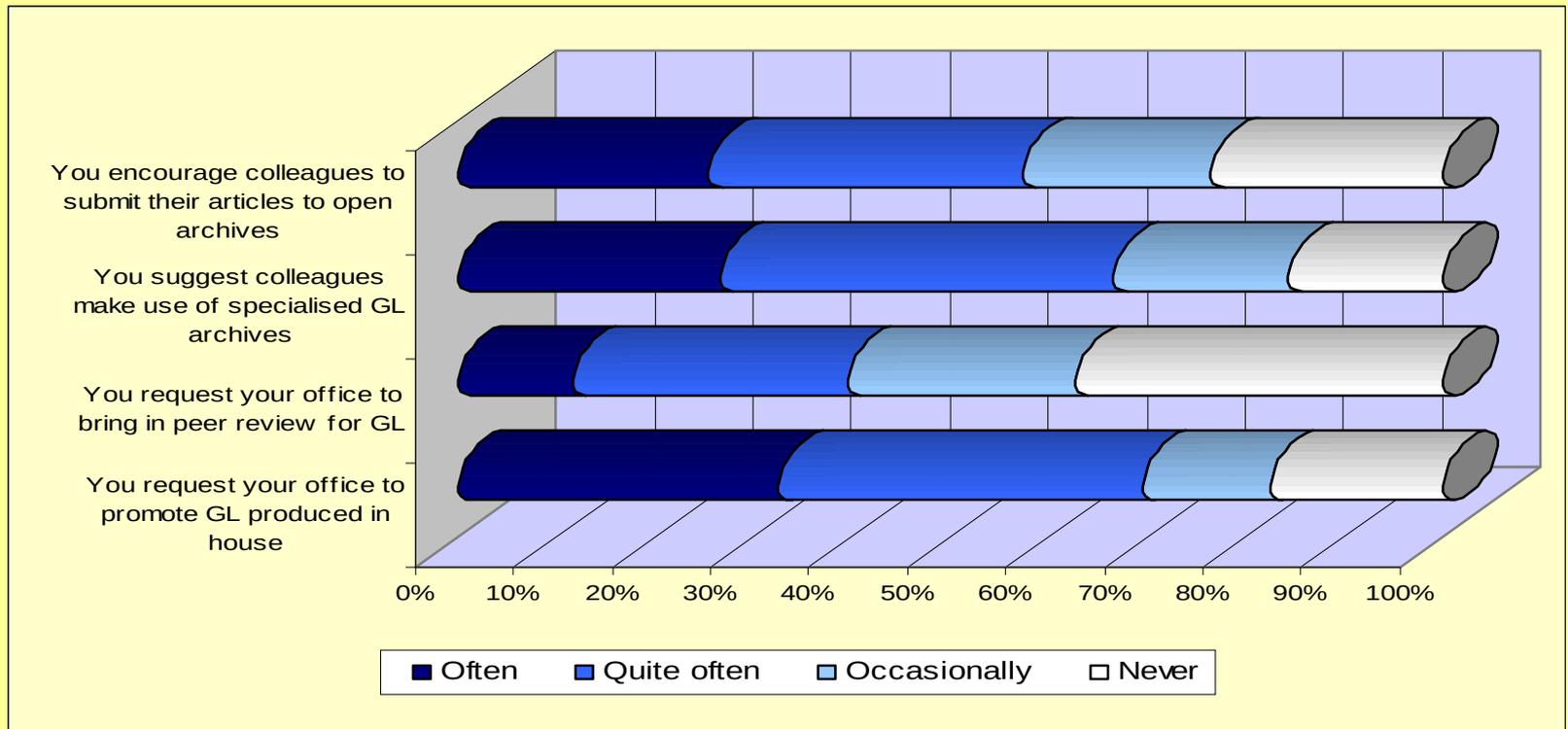
question: *“Is GL definition given in Luxemburg (1997) still valuable” ? (n=59)*



# Figure 4. Distribution of respondents to the question: “Considering your overall experience can you determine whether.....”



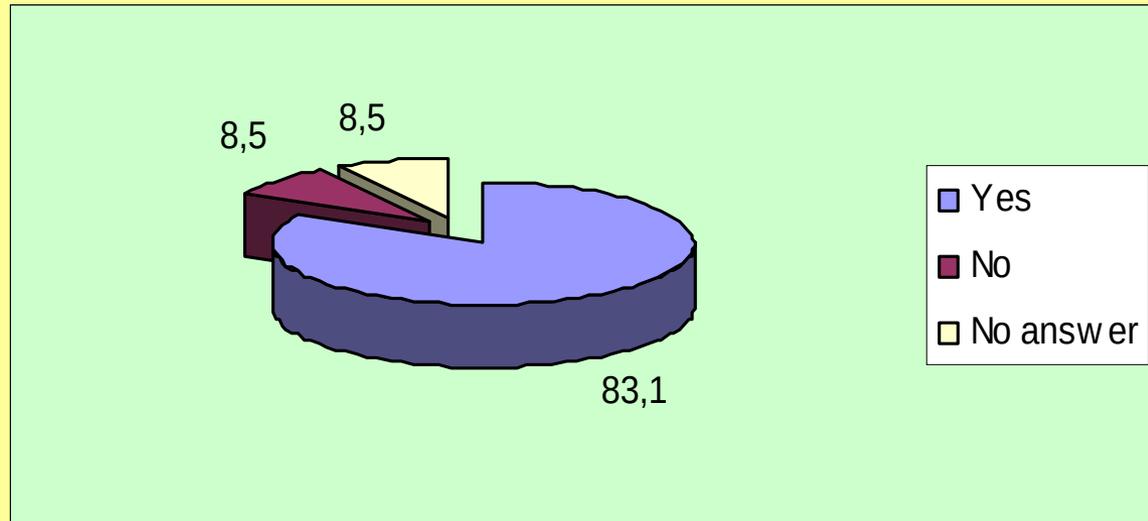
**Figure 5. Distribution of respondents to the question: “Considering your overall experience of GL can you indicate how often.....”**



## Table 8. Expressions used by respondents to describe their experience in GL, ranking by frequency

Adjective	Frequency
• Interesting	16
• Stimulating	10
• Tiring	8
• Useful	7
• Demanding	4
• Formative	3
• Frustrating	3
• Complex	2
• Comprehensive	2

**Figure 7. Distribution of respondents to the question: “*Would you choose to work in GL again?*”**



# Conclusions

- Accuracy in questionnaire answering
- The majority of the respondents answered all questions
- Positive “feelings” with GL and his future supported by open access and new technologies