

# Dissertation Questionnaire Example

## *Questionnaire to NEP editors<sup>1</sup>*

### **Introduction**

This questionnaire is sent to all NEP editors. It is part of a research project on the process of human mediation in Selective Dissemination of Information services, by me, Leonardo Fernandes Souto. I work on a PhD dissertation at the Information Science program, at the School of Communication and Arts at São Paulo University in Brazil. The dissertation is supervised by Prof. Dr. Sueli Mara S. P. Ferreira. The experience of NEP as a development of the Selective Dissemination of Information service based on human mediation is singular and innovative. Therefore your participation is of great importance to this research. I will acknowledge all respondents in the PhD dissertation.

The questionnaire has two parts. The first deals with your personal information. This part will only be used to understand the context into which to place your reply. We will not relate the contents of your reply to your name, and not reveal any personal data beyond your name. The second part refers to the questions that, we hope, will help us to better understand human mediation in Selective Dissemination of Information services.

I thank you in advance for your help with our research. I am ready to answer any question you may have. I promise to send you the results of our research as soon as we have finished it.

Please answer in English, Portuguese or Spanish, up to the October 12th, 2007. Kindly send the completed questionnaire to [ifsouto2@gmail.com](mailto:ifsouto2@gmail.com)

Sincerely

*Leonardo Fernandes Souto*

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<sup>1</sup> The questionnaire was translated by Central de Traduções: <http://www.centraldetraducoes.com.br>, and revised by Thomas Krichel.

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## Personal Questions

Your current job:

When did you start working as a NEP editor (month/year):

Your current age:

Undergraduate degree (name of the course):

Highest Graduate degree (name of the field):

## Research Questions

1) Why did you become a NEP editor?

2a) When you started to collaborate with NEP as an editor, did you have some expectations?

( ) No. (move to question 3)

( ) Yes. What were your expectations?

2b) Were your expectations met?

( ) No. Why?

( ) Yes. How?

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3) Is it important for you to be a NEP editor?

( ) No. Why?

( ) Yes. Why?

4) What makes you remain working as a NEP editor?

5) Does the activity of editing NEP reports cause any impact or recognition in your professional/academic life?

( ) No. Why?

( ) Yes. How?

6) Does the activity of editing NEP reports cause any impact in your personal life?

( ) No. Why?

( ) Yes. How?

7) Please mark the corresponding option below about criteria to select documents for inclusion in a report issue.

Criterion	Do you use it?		Do you agree that it is a criterion?				
	Yes	No	Completely disagree	Disagree	Neutral	True	Completely True
Relation of the document with the thematic area of the NEP report							
Reputation of the institution to which the author of the document is affiliated.							
Descriptive quality of the bibliographic record: the presence/absence of abstracts, keywords, JEL codes							
Reputation of the author							
Language of the document							
Number of documents to choose from							
(In case you use other criteria please add them below)							

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8) In addition to document titles, what other bibliographic record fields may help in the selection of the documents? Please mark the corresponding options.

- ☐ Abstract      ☐ Keywords      ☐ JEL code      ☐ Full-text link  
☐ None                      ☐ Others. Which?

9) Does the pre-sorted version help you with your report?

- ☐ No. Why?  
☐ Yes. How?

10) In case you had the autonomy to decide, what would you change in the document selection process (procedures/routine, system functionalities, etc)?

11) Do you use any means such as discussion list, e-mails, blogs, conferences, university courses, professional publications and meetings etc to interact/communicate with NEP report users and potential users?

- ☐ No. Why?  
☐ Yes. What is the objective of this interaction/communication?

12) Do you do any kind of evaluation of user satisfaction regarding your NEP reports?

- ☐ No. Why?  
☐ Yes. How?

13) Have any users who are subscribed to a NEP report ever entered into contact with you?

- ☐ No.  
☐ Yes. Explain.

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14) Which characteristics, abilities or qualities are part of the profile of a successful NEP report editor?

15) If you want to tell me something that was not covered by this questionnaire, please use this space.

**Thanks for your attention! I really appreciated your cooperation. As soon as possible I will disseminate the results of this research. But if you need some additional information, please feel free to contact me: [lfsouto2@gmail.com](mailto:lfsouto2@gmail.com)**