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We appreciate your feedback and article suggestions. Please send your ideas to Cassandra Spencer

SPUSC and QUESTnet included in THETA15 Program

The organisers of THETA 2015 have announced that the South Pacific User Services Conference (SPUSC) and QUESTnet will be included within the THETA 2015 program. The addition of the two streams will ensure that participants wanting to attend all events, will not experience conflicting priorities by bringing together these fantastic streams into the one event.

The SPUSC stream aims to highlight challenges for user services within Higher Education and provide effective strategies and solutions to overcome them. The QUESTnet stream provides a valuable opportunity for ICT professionals working in higher education and research organisations to hear from a distinguished cohort of keynote speakers, and visit trade exhibits and attend sessions with a focus on the more technical aspects of support whilst gaining an appreciation of key strategic issues underpinning ICT's role in supporting research and learning.

Submissions for content will be open on 1 August 2014. Read more...

CAUDIT Procurement Update

New vendors added to RDSI Vendor Panel
The Research Data Storage Infrastructure Project (RDSI) Vendor Panel (VePa) program was established to assist RDSI nodes and members of CAUDIT to procure storage related infrastructure, software and services using simple, consistent and pre-agreed terms and conditions.

Two new vendors, Actifio and Amazon Web Services (AWS), have been added to the Vendor Panel which brings the number of offers within this suite to 22. In particular the AWS offer provides free data agress for research workloads, and removes one of the most difficult to predict costs involved in using cloud-based storage for research. Specific information on accessing these offers can be

CAUDIT Benchmarking Data Collection Closes Friday 29 Aug 2014

A reminder to members that the collection of 2013 data is open! Significant resources have been developed to assist with the internal collation of information and these can be accessed via the CAUDIT website. If you have any queries relating to your institutions data please do not hesitate to contact Director, Analytics & Strategic Initiatives, Steven Wojnarowski .

CAUL Sets Strategic Direction

Through engagement with its members, CAUL has established their Strategic Directions for 2014-16 with the following key areas identified:

- Engagement and Influence
- Learning and Teaching
- Research
- Access to Information
- Sharing Members Knowledge
- CAUL's Capability and Resources

obtained by contacting CAUDIT Director Strategic Procurement, Steve.johnston@caudit.edu.au.

To view all participating vendors within the RDSI Vendor Panel and their contact details visit the RDSI Vendor Panel website.

Annual CAUDIT Procurement Survey
Members will shortly be asked to participate in the annual CAUDIT Procurement Survey. We appreciate that participation can at times be onerous yet your contribution is critical in helping CAUDIT set its procurement directions for the coming year (2015). Further details will be circulated shortly.

Successful National Ticket Exchange and Incident Management workshop

On July 24th, 27 people from 17 organisations representing national infrastructure operators of eResearch services converged on Melbourne to take part in the National Ticket Exchange and Incident Management Workshop.

The AeRO/ CAUDIT organised workshop was a success with consensus on the utilisation of framework and maturity model for more consistent communication methods, interoperability and a national service catalogue to support eResearch services.

AeRO and CAUDIT wish to thank the University of Melbourne for hosting the event. Special thanks to CAUDIT Director, Strategic Procurement, Steve Johnson as workshop convenor for the day, and to all the organisations and representatives involved whose invaluable assistance will drive the AeRO IT User Support Project road map and direction for stage 3.

You can find all the documents from the day online and you can stay updated on our activities by following the User Support Project on LinkedIn or Twitter. The AeRO User Support Project has flyers and promotional material that you are welcome to distribute. For information on this please email the AeRO office.

CAUDIT EA Symposium - Call for Abstracts

The CAUDIT EA Symposium 2014, running from 24-26 November 2014 is beginning to shape up as November approaches and an exciting line up of leaders have been engaged to present and discuss this year's theme – Connect the World.

Organisers of the event are currently calling for abstract submissions for those who wish to present at the symposium as there are a few spaces open. To make a submission, please email your abstract by 11 September 2014.

One of the speakers lined up is Emeritus Professor Ron McCallum. Professor McCallum is the first totally blind person to be appointed full professorship in Labour Law and become the Dean of Law School in any Australian and New Zealand university. Professor McCallum presented his inspirational story at TEDxSydney 2013 and this year he will be speaking at the CAUDIT EA Symposium 2014, connecting Information Technology, Blindness and Tertiary Education. He will be speaking about how the development of assistive information technology changed his life and examine tertiary education options available to blind and visually impaired students as well as challenges that still exist. Read more...

New Member Representatives for Federation and Macquarie Universities

Federation University - Andrew Tully

Coming Events

Webinar: Autodesk Software update - 13 Aug 14
Webinar: Introducing Mimecase - 27 Aug 14

USLC Slam Workshop – 7-8 Aug 14, Brisbane
CAUDIT Spring Members Meeting – 22-24 Oct 14, Auckland NZ
eResearch Australasia 2014 – 27-31 Oct 14, Melbourne
CAUDIT Enterprise Architecture Symposium – 24-26 Nov 14, Sydney

Jobs

Executive Director, Information Technology – CSU
Graduate / Early Career Developer – AAF
Data Analyst – USC
Systems Analyst – UQ
Systems Analyst Programmer, Corporate Web – Federation Uni
Programmer – Melbourne Uni
Manager, Enterprise Applications – UTS

Are you following us?

Latest links and shares include 'Changing Role of IT – CA Technologies', 'Applications for grants', Blake J Harris –Console Wars: Sega, Nentendo, and the battle that defined a generation'.
Don't miss out – Like CAUDIT

CAUDIT would like to welcome Andrew Tully to the position of CIO at Federation University. Preceding his appointment with Federation University, Andrew oversaw the IT Operations for the Australian Red Cross Blood Service. His strong bias towards good practice frameworks like Prince2, MSP / P3O for Portfolio, Program & Project Management, TOGAF for Enterprise Architecture, ITIL for Service Management & ISO 27001/2 for IT Security assists him in providing form and structure across immature environments.

Prior to this, as General Manager Group IT, Andrew was responsible for IntraPower's National High Availability MPLS Carrier diverse backbone and a complex Virtual "1 to many" Thin Client desktop server fleet, before serving as Group Manager IC&T for the myki project where he successfully transformed & stabilized a 20,800 device environment that currently services "1.7 million transactions a day" & growing.

Macquarie University - Mary Davies

Macquarie University has announced the appointment of Dr Mary Davies as CIO. Mary will commence her role with Macquarie on 25 August 2014. Dr Davies comes to Macquarie University from the University of Western Australia where she held the appointment of University Librarian and Director of Information Management, responsible for the strategic leadership and management of the University's IT Services (including AV Services) and Libraries. In this role, achievements included significant infrastructure and system developments across the university (new UWA-wide network, creation of a local private cloud incorporating a Research Data Store, new e-learning system and upgraded lecture capture system, increased collaborative learning spaces and 24/7 facilities for students) to support the research, teaching, learning and administrative functions of the University.

Further information on Mary's appointment can be found on the Macquarie University website.

CAUDIT Members will have an opportunity to meet Andrew and Mary at the Spring Members Meeting being held from 22 – 24 October in Auckland, New Zealand.