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**THETA:** The Higher Education Technology Agenda is a high-level, forward looking conference held every two years with the aim of advancing higher education through the promotion of intelligent use of information technology.

THETA is 'your conference', hosted in 2015 by Griffith University and jointly owned by CAUDIT, CAUL and ACODE.

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## Expressions of Interest sought for 2015 CAUDIT Managers Program



CAUDIT is calling for Expressions of Interest for the 2015 Managers Program. CAUDIT runs two professional development programs each year, the CAUDIT Leadership Institute (for aspiring CIOs) and the Managers Program (for new and existing managers). The Managers program is delivered over the course of six to eight months and includes four group face-to-face workshop sessions, one-on-one coaching sessions, assignments, presentations, university site visits and networking opportunities.

The 2015 program will cost approx. \$4,750 however this will be finalised once host institutions are established and number of participants is known.

Places are capped at 20 to ensure maximum personalised interaction so don't delay. Further information on the program can be found in the [Managers Program brochure](#).

IT and Library staff from member institutions are eligible to participate and those interested are now asked to complete the [2015 Managers Program Expression of Interest survey](#) by Friday 27 March 2015.

## CAUDIT Procurement Update

## THETA 2015 - Two exciting announcements

**Huawei announced as platinum sponsor** – Chair of the Conference Organising Committee, Bruce Callow, CIO Griffith University advised 'With Huawei we have an exciting and unique opportunity to deliver an exceptional conference experience for those who work, explore and innovate with technology to transform their teaching, research and the delivery of services in higher education'. [Read more here](#).

**Largest number of submissions in THETA history** – The 2015 event has seen an incredible number of quality submissions relating to the theme of 'Create, connect, consume – innovating today for tomorrow'. Also for the first time, the QUESTnet Conference and the South Pacific User Services Conference (SPUSC) are included in the program. The Program Committee have released the preliminary program which can be [downloaded here](#).

A reminder that the Early Bird special registration rate closes on 31st March so don't miss out and [register today](#).

Renewal of the main Microsoft agreement is now complete for another three years. The new agreement contains more flexibility than in the past, so it will remain quite active with changes and updates during the term, in keeping with changes in both the higher education and the technology sector.

A number of offers and renewals are occurring during the next few months, with discussions ongoing with quite a few vendors and the migration of the RDSI Vendor Panel for storage related infrastructure, software and services to CAUDIT.

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## EDUCAUSE Study Tour

The EDUCAUSE Annual Conference is being held in Indianapolis, Indiana on 27-30 October 2015. The conference provides an opportunity to engage with colleagues from around the world and visit local Universities, institutions and vendors in the USA.

Expressions of interest are sought from members traveling to the conference who may be interested in a study tour during the days before the conference. If you are planning to attend, and would like to catch up with your CAUDIT colleagues either before or during the event please email [steve.johnston@caudit.edu.au](mailto:steve.johnston@caudit.edu.au)

## P3M COP Study Tour Dates Confirmed

The dates for the P3M Community of Practice (COP) 2015 Study Tour are now confirmed for 23-24 April 2015. The venue will be the University of Technology Sydney.

The Study Tour organising group is currently finalising the number of participants. If you plan to attend the event, could you confirm this, and the names of any other attendees from your University, via an email to [Murray Parsons](mailto:Murray.Parsons) by the 13th March. The Study Tour program will focus on collaboration and sharing experiences.

[Read more](#) to find out discussion topics that have been suggested.

## Autumn Members Meeting Draft Agenda

The [draft agenda](#) for the Autumn Members Meeting (13-14 May) is now available on the CAUDIT web site along with location details. The meeting will commence following a coffee break straight after the closure of the THETA 2015 conference on Wednesday and a keynote speaker from THETA has also been invited to join.

*Autumn Members Meeting – Bring a colleague!* Member representatives are reminded that the Autumn Members meeting presents a unique opportunity to bring along a valued colleague.

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## AeRO National Forum Postponed

The 6<sup>th</sup> National AeRO Forum to discuss “Coordination and Sustainability in National eResearch” has been postponed and will be re-scheduled for later in the year.

Initially planned for the 24<sup>th</sup> February in Canberra, the Forum was designed to provide an opportunity for eResearch leaders to provide input regarding the key issues of coordination and sustainability within the sector.

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## Eduroam extends to Wellington's CBD

Wellington's CBD is now a global campus for students and academics from around the world with REANNZ extending 'eduroam' wireless Internet access services across CityLink's central city Wi-Fi network.

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## IT Security COP

Thanks to the many people who responded to the Expression of Interest to form a CAUDIT IT Security COP. Given the level of interest, we will definitely start up this new Community of Practice and will be contacting those who registered their details later in the month. Interested persons can still register [here](#).

## Welcome new member representatives

CAUDIT would like to welcome the following new member representatives:

- CSU – Tim Mannes
- RMIT – Paul Oppenheimer
- VU – Peter Creamer
- OUA – Erik Van Eekelen

For a full list of CAUDIT member representatives, visit the [CAUDIT website](#).

## Coming Events

11 March 2015 - [Universities Australia Higher Education Conference](#), Canberra  
17 March 2015 - ccEngage Lunch & Cisco Executive Symposium, Melbourne  
18 March 2015 - [UCISA 15 Conference](#), Edinburgh Scotland  
25 March 2015 - Oracle Linux Webinar  
23 April 2015 - [P3M COP Study Tour](#), UTS  
11 May 2015 - [THETA 2015](#), Gold Coast  
13 May 2015 - [CAUDIT Autumn Members Meeting](#), Gold Coast  
1 June 2015 - [AusCERT2015](#), Gold Coast  
4 November 2015 - [CAUDIT Spring Members Meeting](#), Adelaide

## Not exactly sure what CAUDIT does?

[Download the CAUDIT brochures](#) and read about some of CAUDIT's key activities and flagship events.

## Negotiation Workshop - Expressions of Interest

CAUL (Council of Australian University Librarians) is seeking expressions of interest from CAUDIT member institutions for participation in a Negotiation Workshop.

CAUL has previously organised four of these workshops – in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne in 2012, 2013 and 2014. Nearly a hundred staff from institutions have attended, mostly at the university librarian and associate/manager levels. The report of the most recent one is at CAUL Negotiation Workshop 2014 - evaluation report. The workshop leader, Steve Lancken, continues to receive excellent reviews from delegates.

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