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THETA 2015 - Get up and get involved!



Many of you are currently involved in exciting innovative projects and this is your opportunity to share them with your colleagues.

The THETA Program Committee want to hear from IT practitioners, Librarians and knowledge managers, teaching, learning and research practitioners, developers and teaching academics, academic developers and educational designers.

Spread the word and send this to anyone you know that has a story to share (or share yours with us). There are many ways you can participate in THETA 2015. Traditional presentations will form an important part of the content; however we are seeking to create a dynamic program with other ways to engage and interact.

A lot of great information on how you can participate is available on the [THETA participation webpage](#).

Don't hesitate - closing date for proposals is nearing and your abstracts need to be received by 7 November 2014. We look forward sharing your journey with you.

[Check out the THETA 2015 video on YouTube!](#)

Presentations from CAUDIT Spring Members Meeting

The CAUDIT Spring Members meeting in Auckland was a great introduction to CAUDIT and its key activities for the new member representatives and a conducive environment for collaboration and engagement.

Presentations from the meeting have been loaded to the CAUDIT website and staff in member institutions can access them by logging in through their institution

Working Party Reports

The four CAUDIT Working Parties – Digital Literacy, Partnerships & Engagement, Research Support and Wireless, presented their final reports and recommendations to Members at the 2014 Spring Members Meeting in Auckland. Each group was tasked with visiting these themes and to identify where CAUDIT can provide support relating to tech-solutions/outcomes/resource materials that will assist Australian and New Zealand Institutions to better deliver their strategic goals in these key areas.

CAUDIT would like to expressly thank all the members of the working parties and acknowledge their commitment to the work undertaken to establish these positions.

[Read more about the Working Party reports...](#)

EDUCAUSE CDS Data Collection

EDUCAUSE has extended the 2014 Core Data Service data collection completion date to Friday 7 November 2014 for participants who want to gain free access to USA IT

username/passwords. Of particular interest was keynote speaker, Judy Stokker who set the scene with her presentation on A Changing World and within the meeting theme of 'Sustainability in Higher Education: challenges and opportunities'. The general theme of Sustainability brought forth a broad range of discussion and interesting presentations.

Visit the [CAUDIT website](#) and scroll through the Agenda to access the presentations. CAUDIT would like to thank ViFX, Vantage, Cognizant and Microsoft for partnering with CAUDIT during the event.

2014 CAUDIT Benchmarking Report and System



The 2014 CAUDIT Benchmarking Report will be available online soon from the [Benchmarking pages](#) of the CAUDIT website, with a hard copy of the report being distributed to member representatives shortly thereafter.

During December 2014, CAUDIT will launch its online benchmarking system which is being made available to member institutions who participated in the 2014 Benchmarking data collection. This is a cloud-based data access, analysis and reporting service utilising Tableau Online. As Tableau Online is an annual subscription based service, CAUDIT will be covering the first 12 months subscriber license fee of US\$500 for each of these Members.

[Read more about the online system...](#)

CAUDIT Procurement Update

At present, CAUDIT has two procurement committees – the Strategic Procurement Advisory Committee (SPAC) and Strategic Procurement Governance Committee (SPGC). Participation on these committees is made up from member institutions. As a result of staff changes over the last year or so, some vacancies exist on both of these committees and we are therefore calling for nominations to join these groups.

Each committee meets approximately four times per year, and communicates via e-mail as required. We are seeking a mix of CIO's, Managers and procurement professionals to join the committees. If you are interested, please e-mail steve.johnston@caudit.edu.au by 21 November 2014.

Our thanks go to Sendur Kathir who is the outgoing Chair of the Strategic Procurement Advisory Committee.

Microsoft Update

The tender for Licensing Solution Providers (LSPs) for the 2014/2015 Microsoft renewal has now closed, with responses made available to all CAUDIT Members. A number of organisations responded and have been included on the new LSP Panel.

[Read more about the Microsoft Licensing Solution Providers...](#)

Invitation to host 2015 and 2016 CAUDIT Enterprise Architecture Symposium

The 2014 CAUDIT Enterprise Architecture Symposium team are inviting expressions of interest for hosting the 2015 CAUDIT Enterprise Architecture Symposium. 2015 will be an important year as it is the tenth anniversary for the CAUDIT Enterprise Architecture Symposium. We are also calling for expressions of interest for the following year – CAUDIT EA 2016.

Hosting the event is a fantastic opportunity to showcase what your university and city have to offer. As hosts, you will collaborate with renowned members of the industry and facilitate a range of workshops, speakers and events.

Please submit your formal submission of interest at cauditea14@sydney.edu.au. Please note that the selection of the host for 2015 will be announced at the 2014

performance metrics. Visit the [EDUCAUSE website](#) for more information.

Welcome new member rep at RMIT

CAUDIT would like to welcome Nichole Brinsmead as member representative for RMIT. Nichole joined RMIT in 2013 as Deputy Director, Engagement and Delivery, ITS and has stepped into the role of Executive Director from early October.

Farewell and best wishes to David Toll, CSIRO's CAUDIT representative who is leaving after seven years at the helm. Applications for the role, which has an initial three year term, close on 23 November 2014. Further information is available from the [CSIRO website](#).

Learning Impact Recognition Awards

Submissions for the Learning Impact Recognition and Awards Program Australian Regional Competition closes 10 November 2014.

The Awards recognise the most effective and influential uses of technology in support of worldwide learning. This unique program, created in 2007, recognises outstanding applications of technology that address the most significant challenges facing all areas of education and training.

The Learning Impact Awards recognise the product or service involved, as well as the implementing institution as both collaborate to effectively leverage technology to create a positive learning impact. Submissions can be made by any product or service provider, or by any end-user educational institution or training provider.

Further information on the Awards can be found [here](#).

University of Sydney's AVIA award-winning X-Lab

Congratulations to the winner of this year's Audio Visual Industry Awards (AVIA) education category – University of Sydney's X-Lab. This lab caters for up to 240 students at workstations that can be arbitrarily assigned to any one of eight class groups. This project was also a finalist in the AMX 2014 Best Project Awards.

[Link here to AV report](#)

CAUDIT EA Symposium (24-26 November 2014) so please ensure that a representative member from your university will be in attendance.

[Not yet registered for the current symposium? Register here...](#)

[Link here to AMX blog](#)

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