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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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Communities of Practice



IT Security - In response to requests from member institutions, CAUDIT is looking at establishing a new Community of Practice (COP) for IT Security. Expressions of Interest to participate are sought and are open to all staff from CAUDIT member institutions with an interest in the IT security space. Submit your interest [using this link](#).

CAUDIT Communities of Practice are self-governing. Their activities range from ad hoc information sharing and networking, to coordinated efforts to solve common problems. Further information on current COPs supported by CAUDIT can be found on the [Communities](#) webpage.



P3M 2015 Study Tour - A two day study tour is being organised by the P3M (Portfolio, Program and Project Management) COP for late April 2015 and will likely be conducted at the University of Technology, Sydney.

The tour will focus on information exchange between delegates covering a range of hot topics to be agreed beforehand. A variety of approaches will be utilised including [Pecha Kucha](#), informal discussions/brain storming sessions and presentations. Further details will be provided over the coming weeks. In the meantime, please register your interest/suggest candidate topics by [following this link](#). Please share this with anyone you think might be interested in attending.

Job Opportunities

[Associate Director \(Information Services\)](#) - UNE - Closes 9 Feb

[Business Development Manager](#) - AAF - Closes 20 Feb

EDUCAUSE Top 10

Change continues to characterize the EDUCAUSE Top 10 IT Issues in 2015 as reported by Susan Grajek and the 2014-15 EDUCAUSE IT Issues Panel. [Read full report here.](#)

In other news, the EDUCAUSE Board of Directors has announced the selection of Dr. John O'Brien as the next president and CEO of EDUCAUSE. O'Brien will succeed Dr. Diana G. Oblinger, who will now retire May 31, 2015 after serving in the role since January 2008.

2015 Professional Development Programs

In the coming months, CAUDIT will open up registrations for its two key professional development programs:

- [Managers Program \(CMP\)](#)
- [Leadership Institute \(CLI\)](#)

These two programs have been crafted to cater for two specific groups and include a suite of practical and theory based activities. Places are limited at each so you are encouraged to look at both programs and start planning on who will attend. Participants need to be endorsed by their CIO or direct manager before their placement is confirmed. Download the [program brochures here](#) or visit the [website](#) for more detailed information on the programs.

CAUDIT Benchmarking Update

CAUDIT Benchmarking Online service - Late last year member institutions who participated in the 2014 Benchmarking data collection were offered a free 12 month trial of the cloud based online service. This service utilises the Tableau tool and provides a more functional way to access and manipulate the collected data sets...

Benchmarking Advisory Committee (BMAC) Meeting - CAUDIT Director Analytics and Strategic Initiatives, Steven Wojnarowski, advises that members of the [Benchmarking Advisory Committee](#) will be meeting in Melbourne on 13 February 2015 to review the 2014 Benchmarking program and reporting, the new benchmarking online service and to set priorities for 2015 including dates for the 2015 data collection.

[Read more...](#)

CAUDIT Procurement Update

The **Strategic Procurement Advisory Committee** is calling for expressions of interest from interested persons to join them in 2015. A copy of the Committee Terms of Reference can be downloaded from the [CAUDIT Committees](#) webpage and how to nominate yourself available by following the link below.

[VMWare](#) and [Microsoft](#) deals are currently being renewed over February/March by some member institutions. Instructions on how to do so and access to past webinars has been circulated direct to each institution.

[Read more...](#)

IT Security Resources

Two new resources relating to IT Security have been released: **Revised Guide to Securing Personal Information** and the **New Privacy Business Resource 7: Credit reporting - information held beyond its retention period**.

[Read more...](#)

Further information is available from the [EDUCAUSE website](#).

2015 Events

March - [Universities Australia HE Conference](#), Canberra, ACT

March - [UCISA15 Conference](#), Edinburgh, Scotland

April - [P3M Proposed Study Tour](#), Sydney, NSW

May - [THETA 2015](#), Gold Coast, Qld

May - [CAUDIT Autumn Members Meeting](#), Gold Coast, Qld

June - [AusCERT 2015](#), Gold Coast, Qld

November - [CAUDIT Spring Members Meeting](#), Adelaide, SA

JISC Digital Students Project

On the [Digital Student website](#), the UK's JISC has released 50 short case studies in 'enhancing the student digital experience' in HE. These are organised according to the main [challenges](#) they address. A full [list of exemplars](#) can also be browsed on the site. Jisc will also shortly be publishing an online guide to *Enhancing the Student Digital Experience* which draws on these examples.

Outcomes of AeRO Workshop

Interested persons can access a copy of the AeRO Ticket Exchange and Incident Management Workshop Findings including recommendations via the [AeRO](#) website. The workshop produced recommendations to increase the ability for the sector to provide good user support and to effectively manage sector wide tickets and incidents.



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