

QUESTnet 2013 Conference

Clouds: In our way or enabling change?

2nd to 5th July | RACV Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast, Queensland.



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Hosted by Australian Catholic University

Call for Papers, submissions close Monday 22 April, 2013

This is a Call for Papers for the QUESTnet2013 Conference. This is your chance to share your valuable experience and insights. Speakers are encouraged from Universities, Vocational Education and Training Organisations, Research Organisations, the Digital Outreach Community, Health, Government, Defence and Industry sectors. See [QUESTnet 2013](http://questnet2013.net.au).

Bursaries are available to first time speakers from within the education and research sector. For more information visit <https://www.questnet.net.au/questnet2013/Call+for+Papers>.

The QUESTnet conference is an annual event aimed at providing delegates with an opportunity to develop their professional and technical knowledge and to gain an appreciation of key strategic issues underpinning the development, deployment and maintenance of educational national and international telecommunications networks.

The theme for QUESTnet 2013 is—Clouds: In our way or enabling change?

“Cloud based services provide organisations with options to acquire various IT resources from a range of service providers, enabling great flexibility and increased agility, with cost models based on actual consumption. Constantly looking for ways to become more efficient and effective, these offerings are very appealing to the enterprise.

While the cloud enables innovation and provides unimaginable opportunities, there are inevitably many challenges to overcome before the perceived advantages can be realised. Governance, risk and compliance issues, coupled with security, integration and reliability, confront many organisations looking to leverage the cloud.”

The theme for this year’s conference will explore the opportunities and challenges faced by organisations in leveraging cloud based services, with an emphasis on adopting and adapting to a new paradigm for supporting Research and Education within the Higher Education sector.

Extract from Message from the Conference Chair

Rick Van Haeften, Acting Director, Information Technology
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<http://www.questnet.edu.au/questnet2013/>

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VENUE

RACV Royal Pines Resort
Ross Street, Benowa, Queensland

IMPORTANT DATES

Call for Papers Open:

January 2013

Online Registration Opens:

March 2013

Paper Submission Deadline:

22 April 2013

Author Acceptance Notification:

May 2013

Early Bird Registration Closes:

31 May 2013

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In line with the theme, we would like to encourage presentations that include new initiatives being undertaken and challenges being tackled. What are the issues you are facing? What are the possible solutions and what should we avoid?

We are keen to hear real case studies, real issues and real solutions.

While the following topics may give you some ideas, other topics are welcome. Potential topics include:

- *Issues and risks related to Cloud Computing*
- *Big data and facilitating access to data repositories worldwide*
- *How to evaluate the potential of new technologies and how to define the value proposition. How to measure a successful implementation?*
- *New technologies supporting MOOCS and other T&L initiatives*
- *VET and Higher Education in an NBN world*
- *Impact of Social Media*
- *Collaboration tools and applications for Research, Teaching and Learning*
- *Government Initiatives that will impact Higher Education and research*
- *Network intensive eResearch, GRID's (Data and Visual), sensor networks*
- *Data Centre (Design, Optimisation, Collaboration, Hosting, Co-location)*
- *ICT Security in an educational environment*
- *Sharing Network Resources, savings & challenges*
- *Internet developments and case studies – Topologies, Middleware, Standards & Protocols*
- *The green agenda – network and data centre developments/case studies*
- *Ubiquitous access, everything everywhere, wired or wireless*

Vendors - submissions close on Monday 22 April

Vendors are also welcome to submit presentations via the call for papers. Submissions should focus on new and innovative ideas, solutions and future technological advancements.

Format for Submission

Authors wishing to submit an abstract for consideration should go to

<https://www.questnet.net.au/questnet2013/Call+for+Papers>.

Submissions close on Monday 22 April, 2013.

A formal paper is not required, however; we would expect to video all presentations and make the video and any PowerPoint material available to delegates.

Presentations are strictly 35 minutes duration including question time.

Summary

Learning from colleagues and other Australian education providers facing the same challenges, has always been a valuable component of the QUESTnet conference. Please circulate this email to your colleagues and encourage them to participate.

We look forward to receiving your submission.

Kind Regards

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