ACDICT Learning and Teaching Academy (ALTA) Forum, QUT, April 12–13, 2012

Venue location: QUT, Gardens Point Campus, Room S 620
12 April – 9.00 for 9.30 start, 5.00 finish
13 April – 9.00 start, 4.00 finish

The forum will be for Associate Deans Learning and Teaching or their equivalents in the ICT disciplines of the member universities. Multiple representatives are encouraged if that reflects the organisation of the ICT disciplines at the university. ACDICT also invites Deans to attend.
No Registration Fee applies for representatives from ACDICT member institutions but you do need to notify the ACDICT Executive Officer of your attendance: tkoppi@gmail.com

The two-day program will include segments for the reviewing the environment within the higher education sector and specifically its implications for learning and teaching – this includes the Federal Government's new Office of Learning and Teaching; the new ALTA Fellowship scheme; dissemination of new developments and sharing of good practice, and time slots for the discussion of hot issues identified by the participants. As per usual networking will be a big part of the meeting.

The forum will include the introduction of the 4 ALTA Fellows and the announcement of the outcomes of the Expression of Interest round and funding of projects for the 2 ACDICT schemes: L&T, and Engagement. A key outcome of the forum will be identification of further future actions to enable the ALTA to support the strategic development of new collaborative initiatives to enhance ICT teaching and learning outcomes across all Australian Universities. ACDICT through ALTA is looking to take an active role in influencing how such ICT-related initiatives are funded by relevant bodies, including those additional to the OLT.

The forum agenda will be organised around the following:

HE sector scan, including a 3-min (max) speed report from each participant
Overview of the changes and reviews in the national scene that have potential impact on ICT learning and teaching; discussion of the potential impact of these, e.g., the arrival of TEQSA and the OLT and alternative schemes.

Project briefing
Overview of projects such as ALTC and OLT-funded ones and ALTA-funded projects that are currently in progress which are relevant to ICT learning and teaching. Discussion of possible other projects.

Sharing the passion
Sharing of local innovations, good practices and effective initiatives. Discussion of roles in learning and teaching

Hot issues
Nominations for hot issues will be called for before the meeting. Short presentations of some leading hot issues will be provided – however much of these sessions will be devoted to open discussion of issues

ACDICT Academy support framework
Discussion of how the ACDICT Academy can support strategic national collaborative developments of ICT learning and teaching outcomes.

Thursday 12 April

Time	Event	Who
9.00 –9.30	Registration and tea/coffee	
9.30 –9.35	Welcome and purpose of the day	Janet Verbyla, USQ
	HE sector environment	
9.35 –11.00	***External expectations***: TEQSA standards, AQF and professional accreditation. Panel presentation Q&A Open discussion	TEQSA, Janet Verbyla Ann Doolette, Executive Director AQF Council Ruth Graham, Manager ACS Accreditation Craig McDonald – Academic perspective on Accreditation
11:00 – 11:30	Morning Tea	
11.30–1:00	***External opportunities***: OLT, ALTA awards, other Presentation (OLT) and discussion ***Other external factors***: MyUni, Base funding, AQHE, Research Training Quality Review etc. Open discussion	Suzi Hewlett, Director OLT Janet Verbyla
1:00 –1.45	Lunch	
1.45–3.30	***What's happening nationally*** Participant workshop on local developments and issues Open discussion	Janet Verbyla (chair) Participants
3.30 – 4.00	Afternoon tea	
4.00–5.00	***Response to External:*** future actions, recommendations. Open discussion	Janet Verbyla (chair) Participants
5.00 – 6.30	Networking and drinks – Ship Inn, Southbank (Provided by ACDICT)	
7.00 onwards	Dinner – Ahmet's Turkish Restaurant, Southbank (provided by ACDICT)	

Friday 13 April

Time	Event	Who
9.00 –11.00	**ALTA Fellows workshop** Supporting L&T in ICT: Community Practices and Innovations	Chris Pilgrim (Swinburne) Elena Sitnikova (UniSA) Nick Falkner (Adelaide) Simon (Newcastle)
11.00–11:30	Morning tea	
11.30–1:00	**Grand Challenges and Hot topics in ICT L&T** *Potential topics and short presentations invited from attendees* Possible: L&T within an academic profile: key issues and strategies: Promotion; workloads; casualization and support and development	Ron Weber (Chair) ARNEIA – Jocelyn Armarego AAEE – Duncan Campbell Fellows' topics
1:00 – 1.45	Lunch	

1.45 – 3:00	**Grand Challenges and Hot topics in ICT L&T**, cont.
	Including reports from previous ALTA grant holders
		ALTA grant holders:
		  Malcolm Corney (QUT)
		  Judy Sheard (Monash)
		  John Venable (Curtin)
		Graham Farrell, Conventicles

3:00 – 3:30	**Wrap-up** Making sure we are attending to what needs doing Next steps, issues and actions raised	Janet Verbyla (Chair)
3.30 – 4.00	Afternoon tea, networking and close	

List of places close to QUT for accommodation

The Stamford Plaza – Cnr. Margaret & Edward Sts., Brisbane. - http://www.stamford.com.au/spb/

Quay West – 132 Alice Street, Brisbane –

http://www.mirvachotels.com/quay-west-suites-brisbane/contact-amp-map

Royal on the Park – 152 Alice St., Brisbane - http://www.royalonthepark.com.au/

The Marque – 103 George Street Brisbane –

http://www.marquehotels.com/

Regarding any special deals, check:

http://www.wotif.com/hotels/australia-brisbane-cbd-hotels.html