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The University of Queensland (UQ), Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and Griffith University welcomed today's announcement that Brisbane will host the international Open Repositories Conference 26-30 June 2017 at the Hilton Brisbane.

The annual Open Repositories Conference brings together users and developers of open digital repository platforms from higher education, government, galleries, libraries, archives and museums. The Conference provides an interactive forum for delegates from around the world to come together and explore the global challenges and opportunities facing libraries and the broader scholarly information landscape.

"There has never been a more exciting time for Australia to host this Conference as the issues around scholarly information, such as publishing and open access, directly play into Australia's National Innovation and Science Agenda. Australia's researchers and scholars are producing phenomenal work yet most of this isn't being realised as commercial success due to systemic barriers, such as how research data is stored and accessed", said Linda O'Brien, Pro Vice Chancellor, Information Services at Griffith University in response to the news of the successful bid.

Ms O'Brien continued. *"This announcement confirms what we already know - Australian universities are amongst the most innovative around the world and that Brisbane is a world-class conference destination."*

Open Repositories 2017 will attract around 400 delegates and bring an estimated \$1 million to the Queensland economy.



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