

QUESTnet Annual Report 2003

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The Board of Management met on four occasions during the year viz:-
7th March, 30th May, 19th August and 9th December. All meetings were well attended.

The major activity for the year was the annual QUESTnet conference. This was again held at Royal Pines on the Gold Coast. Griffith University was the host with the conference committee chaired by Bruce Scott. Martin Lack and Associates were appointed conference organisers and did an excellent job. An important challenge for the committee this year was attracting sufficient sponsorship to overcome the loss of the Optus sponsorship of previous years. In the event the committee obtained excellent sponsorship which resulted in the conference showing an unexpected profit of \$47,500.

James Cook University will host the 2004 conference which will be held in Cairns in conjunction with the APAN meeting.

QUESTnet conducted four workshops during the year. These were on SPAM (hosted by UQ), Directory Services (QUT), Access Grids (GU) and Network & Systems Monitoring (USC). All were well attended with representatives from most members. Average registrations for the workshops are around 30. We are now seeking some organisation to arrange and conduct QUESTnet workshops on a regular basis.

During the year QUESTnet obtained registration as a tax exempt charity with the Australian Taxation Office.

Despite the expenses of workshops, the Executive Officer and meetings QUESTnet finished the year with a bank balance of approx \$180,000 thanks to the profit from the conference. This is a sound financial position for underwriting the Cairns conference and funding workshops and some projects during 2004.