

german week 1-11 October 2023

8th German-Australian Science and Innovation Day at Customs House, The University of Queensland

Thursday, 5 October 2023

The Australian-German Science and Innovation Day is one of the most popular days of Brisbane German Week, and will this year already take place for the eighth time demonstrating its popularity and widely appreciated impact.

Located at the stunning Customs House, this event will provide contemporary insights and credible, first-hand experiences on a number of significant German-Australian science partnerships including an update regarding the new Bavarian-Queensland partnership, the Hessen-Queensland collaboration as well as all the latest in terms from all the important stakeholders of the German-Queensland scientific ecosystem.

Jointly organised by The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University, the University of Southern Queensland, Study Queensland, DAAD, EURAXESS Australia & New Zealand, the German Embassy in Canberra as well as the Australian-German Research Network, this day is known for catalysing new friendships and lasting connections, an experience that will emerge when all attendees enjoy beers and canapes with a stunning view on Story Bridge.



Location

Customs House, 399 Queen Street, Brisbane City

Organising Committee

Michael Brünig (The University of Queensland), Thomas Haselhorst (Griffith University), Ingo Jahn (University of Southern Queensland), Julia Kaute (German Embassy), Henriette Pook (TIQ Frankfurt), Michael Rosemann (Honorary Consul), Ronald Schröter (QUT), Gudrun Seynsche (USQ), Tamara Weissflog (The University of Queensland), Brit Winnen (Griffith University)

Agenda

Opening Session

2.00pm	Welcome and housekeeping by MC	Professor Michael Bruenig, Head of School, School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology, The University of Queensland
2.04pm	Welcome by the Host UQ Representative	Professor Melissa Brown, Executive Dean, Faculty of Science, The University of Queensland
2.09pm	Welcome by the German Missions <i>Honorary Consul, Federal Republic of Germany</i>	Professor Michael Rosemann, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany in Southern Queensland
2:14pm	Opening message by Study Queensland, Trade and Investment Queensland	Ms Kylie Cooper, A/Executive Director, Study Queensland Directorate, Trade and Investment Queensland

Session 1: Significant Partnership Models (MC: Associate Professor Paul Spee, School of Business, The University of Queensland)

2.18pm	Queensland's strategic science relationship with Germany and future opportunities <i>There is a greater effort to enhance scientific collaboration between Queensland and Germany. This overview will clarify the status of current state-</i>	Ms Allison Bambrick, A/Executive Director, Science Development, Science Division, Department of Environment and Science, Queensland Government
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	<i>level initiatives and highlight potential areas of future interest in joint research and innovation.</i>	
2.34pm	<p>Australia-Germany Science Initiatives</p> <p><i>The shared definition of research priorities has allowed to mature and scale Australian-German science partnership. The Head, Science and Innovation of the German Embassy will provide an overview including the re-activation of the Australian-German Research Network (AGRN).</i></p>	Ms Julia Kaute, Head of Science and Innovation, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Canberra
2.49pm	<p>The ZIM Program</p> <p><i>There will be very soon a call for Australian and German universities to partner as part of the ZIM Innovation Network. This session will provide all required details and also include a successful Griffith/UQ project.</i></p>	<p>Dr Edoardo Bertone, Senior Lecturer, School of Engineering and Built Environment, Cities Research Institute & Australian Rivers Institute, Griffith Uni</p> <p>Dr. Kim-Kristen Buttenschön, Project Lead, ZIM Innovation Networks and Dr Kerstin Röhrich, Project Lead, ZIM International Innovation Networks, VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH <i>(attending via Zoom from Germany)</i></p>
3.04pm	<p>The Germany Australia Research Schema and the DAAD</p> <p><i>The current DAAD Australia Research Ambassador will provide an overview about the Germany Australia Joint Research Scheme which is managed by UA but co-funded by DAAD.</i></p>	Professor Leonie Barner, DAAD Research Ambassador, and Principal Research Fellow and Director, Centre for a Waste-Free World, Soft Matter Materials Laboratory. Faculty of Science, School of Chemistry and Physics Queensland University of Technology

3.19pm	<p>The Bioinformatics Student Exchange Program (BSEP) at CSIRO</p> <p><i>The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) is Australia's government research agency, globally recognized for its diverse scientific endeavors. Through the Bioinformatics Student Exchange Program (BSEP), CSIRO invites Masters and Honours students from overseas to engage in cutting-edge research, contributing to their university theses. This presentation will report on a collaboration with the Freie Universität Berlin which has hosted some excellent students with exciting scientific results.</i></p>	<p>Dr Priya Ramarao-Milne, Research Scientist, Transformational Bioinformatics, Australian e- Health Research Centre, CSIRO</p>
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3.35pm – 4.00pm: Coffee Break

Session 2: Emerging Opportunities (Dr. Nadine Ostern, Cisco Chair in Trusted Retail, Queensland University of Technology)

4.00pm	<p>The EU MSCA Opportunity</p> <p><i>The EU's Horizon Europe's schema Marie-Sklodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) is the EU flagship program for researchers' mobility and training.. EURAXESS Worldwide Australia & New Zealand provides an overview on the opportunities this scientific partnership model offers for Australian institutions. Dr Sonia Henriques shares her own experiences with this schema.</i></p>	<p>Mr Nishant Shandilya, Regional Coordinator, EURAXESS Australia & New Zealand</p> <p>Dr Sonia Henriques, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Health, School Biomedical Sciences, Queensland University of Technology</p>
4.20pm	<p>The Fraunhofer Australia Network</p> <p>Introducing the Fraunhofer Australia Network, Fraunhofer's latest initiative designed to enhance collaboration between Fraunhofer-Institutes and partners in Australia. Learn about the network's</p>	<p>Dr Sira Engelbertz, International Research Collaboration, Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft Institute (<i>attending via Zoom from Germany</i>)</p>

	evolutionary journey and exciting opportunities to engage with it.	
4.35pm	<p>The Queensland-Hessen Partnership</p> <p><i>Celebrating 20 successful years, this collaboration is a great example strong partnerships and friendships, with opportunities to intensify cooperation between the universities in Queensland and HESSEN states, beyond student exchange</i></p>	<p>Ms Josie Harris, Global Mobility Adviser (Outbound), Griffith University</p> <p>Ms Julie Lambert, Manager Global Education Programs, The University of Southern Queensland</p>
4.50pm	<p>GOstralia!</p> <p><i>As an official representation of Australian universities in Germany, Australia and Switzerland, GOstralia! offers free services to students seeking to study and research in Australia. This is a short story about how Simon benefitted from GOstralia! as part his PhD.</i></p>	<p>Mr Simon Beuse, PhD Student, The University of Queensland</p>
5.05 pm	<p>Now and Next - GER-QLD Science Partnerships</p> <p><i>The TIQ science partnership manager reflects on her first year and the German science opportunities specific to Queensland.</i></p>	<p>Ms Henriette Pook. Director, Research Partnerships, International Operations-Germany, Trade Investment Queensland (attending via Zoom from Germany)</p>
5.18pm	<p>Summary and Vote of Thanks</p>	<p>Professor Michael Bruenig, Head of School, School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology, The University of Queensland</p>



5.20-6.00pm: Australia-Germany-Research-Network function



After some closing remarks and an outlook, there will be an opportunity to reflect and interact with the many members of the Australian German Research Network while enjoying the stunning environment of the Customs House. This will be a good time to continue conversations, create new friendships and explore topics of the day much deeper with the various speakers.

The event will conclude at 6.00pm.



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