DELEGATIONS DO’s AND DON’T’s:
AIMING FOR THE BEST RESEARCH COLLABORATION OUTCOMES

AUSTRALIAN-GERMAN NETWORKING RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
23 November 2018
QUT – a university for the REAL world

- Two campuses in inner-city Brisbane
- More than 50,000 students
- 16% international students from over 100 countries
- 12,500 staff
- A$1 billion revenue
QUT’s research capability strengths

- Biomedical engineering
- Biomeolecular science
- Business of technology
- Chronic disease intervention
- Data science
- Digital media
- Education
- Health systems
- Injury prevention and management
- Materials science
- Plant biotechnology
- Robotics
- Technology, regulation and society
QUT’s research institutes

Institute for Future Environments

- Growing the Global Bioeconomy
- Managing for Resilient Landscapes
- Infrastructure for Sustainable Communities
- Embracing the Digital Age
- Manufacturing with Advanced Materials
- IntelliSensing
- Transforming Innovation Systems

Institute for Health & Biomedical Innovation

- Health determinants and health systems
- Injury prevention and trauma management
- Chronic disease and ageing

QUT (co)leads nationally endorsed research and training centres, including:

- Robotic Vision
- Mathematical and Statistical Frontiers
- Additive Bio-manufacturing
QUT AND GERMANY
A QUT Welcome

- Recent visit by President of the Bundesrat and Mayor of Berlin Herr Michael Mueller
Connections and Collaborations

People are the connections

- 24 academics and post doctoral researchers in addition to undergraduate and exchange students
- Australian Ambassador to Germany
- German Ambassador to Australia
- Honorary German Consul for South East Queensland
QUT’s German partners

University and institute partners include:

• Karlsruher Institut für Technologie (KIT)
• Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU Munich)
• Technische Universität Darmstadt (TUD)
• Technische Universität München (TUM)
• Universität Stuttgart
• Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (EKUT)
• Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen (RWTH Aachen)
• Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin
• Max-Planck-Institut für Psychiatrie
• Fraunhofer IAO, Stuttgart

Industry partners include:
QUT’s major industry partners
Oh No Not Another Delegation!
Its Great to be Wanted!

But is it

• Christmas market time?
• Oktoberfest?
• Summer Downunder?
• Surf’s Up?
• Big bags of money?

Keeping it Real, Relevant and Respectful
WHY should we Collaborate?

- Why should we work together?
- What have we got that you don’t have? What have you got that we need?
- Can we share perspective, provide specific e.g., additional geographic or climate context or expertise to solve a local problem? Are we working for the greater good – the Grand Challenges that face us all?
- Individual researchers and interest and university wide
- How do we determine the areas for future collaboration
Sharing the Love and the Work

- Developing a visit program together, identifying shared interests, and knowing what we might do together
- Building teams and shared experiences; PhD, Postdoctorate and Staff Exchanges
- Two way process – invitations, delegations, workshops as well as publications
- Keeping the love alive – the importance of follow-up
- Recognition and Respect
Research for the real world
Transformative, transdisciplinary, technology-focused

Professor Christopher Barner-Kowollik
Professor of Materials Science, QUT
Australian Laureate Fellow
Adjunct Professor, KIT
Founding Director of the Centre of Excellence (Sonderforschungsbereich) in Molecular Structuring of Soft Matter, KIT
Rankings that matter

- 20th globally and 2nd in Australia in the prestigious 2018 Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings.

- We are ranked 31 in the 2018 Times Higher Education Asia-Pacific university rankings. In the UK-based Times Higher Education world university rankings for 2018 we were placed in the 201-250 bracket.

- We rose to a world position of 244 in the 2019 QS World University Rankings.
Top 100 in the world for these subject areas:
- communication and media studies
- nursing
- law
- architecture/built environment
- art and design
- performing arts
- civil and structural engineering
- education; and
- sports-related subjects.

* QS World University Ranking by Subject (2019)

QUT Business School was Australia’s first business school to achieve triple international accreditation (AACSB, EQUIS, AMBA), a distinction held by less than 1% of business schools worldwide.
German Excellence Initiative

- 57 Clusters of Excellence to share funding over next 7 years (announced 12 November)
- Universities and centres of excellence working together
- 11 universities to be awarded Elite status for 7 years to be announced in 2019
Some Funding Opportunities

- Universities Australia/DAAD
- Australian Research Council (ARC)
- National Health and Medical Research Council
- Humboldt Foundation
- Horizon Europe
- GOstralia! Research Centre

- Australia Germany Research Network launched 20 November 2018
QUT and Germany

- QUT is Open for Business
- Welcome partnerships
- Recognise and value those partnerships
- Recognise opportunities provided by Gostralia, the Australian Germany Advisory Group (AGAG) opportunities and advice and support of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)
• Thank you

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