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Professor B. Wilson
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Dear Professor Wilson,

TRAVEL GRANT FOR QUESTNET WINTER WORKSHOP

I am writing to you to advise you about travel grant support available through the Department of Business, Industry and Regional Development, to assist your institution to send delegates to the QUESTnet winter workshop to be held at James Cook University in Townsville from 16 to 18 July 1991. The Department is the major sponsor of the conference, entitled "Regional development through computer networks", details of which are set out in the enclosed brochure.

As you know, QUESTnet (the Queensland Education, Science and Technology Network) is the name now given to the State-wide communications network linking all tertiary institutions in Queensland and forming the Queensland region of AARNet. The Department of Business, Industry and Regional Development is supporting the development of QUESTnet by funding a staged development program which extends and enhances the network capacity over three years. This assistance has ensured that QUESTnet remains at the forefront of academic networking in Australia; and that it offers advanced technological infrastructure to support industrial research and development in Queensland.

The QUESTnet project has proceeded in a collaborative manner, drawing on input from, and discussions with, participating institutions.

Evidence of this co-operative effort was clearly shown during the first QUESTnet technical workshop, held at the Queensland University of Technology in mid-December 1990. The first workshop was so successful, that it was decided to make it a regular event and to hold the next workshop in Townsville in

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Travel Grant for QUESTnet Winter Workshop

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mid-1991 in order to make the event much more accessible to attendees from regional institutions.

As major sponsor of the QUESTnet winter workshop, the Department is: arranging for the Honourable the Minister for Business, Industry and Regional Development to open the event; sponsoring two keynote speakers; publicising the conference nationally; and encouraging attendance by business and industry.

To assist attendance at the workshop, the Department is also offering travel grants to institutions participating in QUESTnet.

The conditions of the travel grants are as follows:-

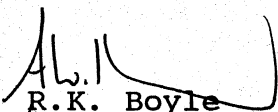
The Department will reimburse your institution for the cost of one economy-class return airfare from Brisbane to Townsville, provided that your institution sends at least one other delegate supported by institutional funds. Reimbursement will be made on receipt of your institution's invoice presented after the workshop with appropriate certification of the names of your institution's delegates who attended the workshop.

Air travel only will be reimbursed by the Department. Your institution will need to meet all registration, accommodation, meal and incidental costs.

I encourage your institution to participate in the workshop, and to gain the benefit of the Department's support of this important activity.

Please address any queries to Ms Marion Pender (telephone 07 - 2242020, facsimile 07 - 2295289). Ms Pender can also provide further details on the content of the workshop.

Yours sincerely,


R.K. Boyle
Director-General

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I will be attending the QUESTnet Winter Workshop and enclose payment for:

Registration
(AVCC Members and Affiliates) @ \$100

Registration
(non AVCC Members and Affiliates) @ \$200

(Registration Fee includes all sessions, lunches, teas and Network Dinner)

Make cheques payable to "James Cook University".

Call for Papers, Demonstrations or Workshop Sessions

I would like to present a paper with the following topic:

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I would like to attend/participate in workshop sessions in the following areas:

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I have some knowledge on the following topics and would be interested in assisting to run a workshop session:

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Program

Travel arrangements may necessitate arrival at Townsville on 15 July 1991. A Get-To-Know-You Cocktail Party will be held on the evening of 15 July 1991.

Day 1

Conference—"Regional Development Through Computer Networks"

Day 2-3

Workshop Sessions—

- IP Network Design and Management
- NEWS and Electronic Mail Configuration and Management
- Security Issues
- Directory Services
- X.25 Network Planning and Configuration
- Mac and PC Connectivity
- Future Trends—Distributed X-Windows, Multi-media

General Information

Accommodation

Accommodation will be available in college at James Cook or in a number of local hotels and motels. Tourist facilities and accommodation alternatives will be advised.

Attendance

We expect between 50 and 100 attendees at the Workshop.

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QUESTnet

Winter Workshop



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*"Regional Development
Through
Computer Networks"*

James Cook University, Townsville
16-18 July 1991

Sponsored by—

- Department of Business, Industry and Regional Development, Queensland State Government
- Digital Equipment Corporation
- Queensland Education, Science and Technology (QUESTnet) Management Committee

Hosted by—

Computer Centre
James Cook University
Townsville

**PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT
and CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

QUESTnet Conference and Workshop

In line with the theme of "Regional Development Through Computer Networks" the QUESTnet Workshop and Conference will be held at James Cook University. This is the first time we have had the opportunity to hold this Workshop outside of Brisbane. Also it is the first time that this event has been specifically oriented to "end user" application of networks.

The purpose of this conference is to:

- Promote collaboration and technology exchange through networks between industry, the government and the research institutions.
- Promote regional development in teaching and research through the exploitation and development of networks.
- Train and inform network managers, technicians and user support staff.
- Plan the next stages of QUESTnet network.

The first day will be in conference format with papers presented by a number of recognised experts. A number of "live" demonstrations will be used to illustrate features of research and teaching projects utilising the network.

The staged development of QUESTnet aims to extend high speed networking into the regional institutions. This will extend the pool of research and development expertise available for collaborative projects between researchers in universities, specialist research institutions, government department, industry and commerce.

Previously this event has been called a "workshop" to emphasise an informal and hands-on approach to learning and to provide an open forum for discussions. This format will be retained for the later sessions to promote training and to inform network managers, technicians and use support staff.

A laboratory of terminals and workstations will be available for the use of, and for demonstrations by, the delegates.

The QUESTnet Management Committee will also meet during this conference to plan the further staged development of networking facilities in Queensland.

QUESTnet is the Queensland region of AARNet

Who Should Attend?

An invitation is extended to all those with an interest in communications, in particular:

- Industrial and commercial executives and senior staff who are interested in establishing direct links to the research capability and networking facilities of the QUESTnet partners.
- End users of networks such as academics, researchers, distance educators and tertiary administrators.
- Network managers and implementers and computer services staff from both academia and industry.
- Telecommunications carriers and service providers.
- Telecommunications and computer equipment providers.
- Librarians.

Note: Access to computing, QUESTnet and AARNet network facilities will be provided for trial and demonstrations.

Registration of Interest

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