

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### Survey participants

**Project:** *Academic Conference Attendance – motivations, expectations and barriers.*

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You are invited to take part in this study. Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project, you are encouraged to contact the researchers via the phone numbers or email addresses listed above.

#### **What does the research involve?**

This study aims to understand the motivations for attending academic conferences, as well as the possible barriers to attendance. You are being invited to take part in a short online survey that will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

#### **Why were you chosen for this research?**

All members of CAUTHE (Council for Australasian University Tourism and Hospitality Education), as well as those non-members who have attended a CAUTHE conference in the past 5 years are being invited to complete this survey.

#### **Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research**

Your participation is totally voluntary. Please rest assured that should you decide not to participate in this study or opt not to answer a specific question or questions, there are no consequences. You can withdraw from the study at any time, but please bear in mind that because your survey is anonymous, once it has been submitted online, it will not be possible to identify and remove it from the dataset.

#### **Possible benefits and risks to participants**

There are no foreseen risks to participants from completing the online survey, but remember that you can withdraw at any time until you have submitted the completed survey.

#### **Confidentiality**

The survey is completely anonymous. Participants cannot be identified, thereby ensuring your confidentiality.

#### **Storage of data**

Storage of the data collected will adhere to the University regulations and be kept on University premises in a locked cupboard/filing cabinet for 5 years. A report of the study may be submitted for publication, but individual participants will not be identifiable in such a report.



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## Results

A brief summary of the results of the summary will be available on the CAUTHE website in early 2014 for those interested to download.

## Complaints

Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Executive Officer, Monash University Human Research Ethics (MUHREC):

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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Judith F. Mair'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end of the first name.

**Dr Judith Mair**