



THE COUNCIL FOR AUSTRALASIAN TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY  
EDUCATION INC (CAUTHE)

ABN: 99 849 437 226

Minutes Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday 7 February 2018

Time: 4:00-5:30pm

Location: XG18, NeW Space City Campus, University of Newcastle

Present

	<b>First name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Institute</b>
1	Judith	Mair (Chair)	The University of Queensland
2	David	Airey	University of Surrey
3	David	Beirman	University of Technology, Sydney
4	Pierre	Benckendorff	The University of Queensland
5	Rosemary	Black	Charles Sturt University
6	Anne	Buchmann	University of Newcastle
7	Naomi	Dale	University of Canberra
8	Jaruwan	Daengbuppha	Naresuan University
9	Marg	Deery	University of Surrey
10	Sebastian	Filep	University of Otago
11	Elspeth	Frew	La Trobe University
12	Tracey	Harkison	AUT University
13	Najmeh	Hassanli	University of Technology, Sydney
14	Wendy	Hillman	Central Queensland University
15	Kirsten	Holmes	Curtin University
16	Leo	Jago	University of Surrey
17	Patricia	Johnson	University of Newcastle
18	Penny	Jose (notes)	CAUTHE Secretariat
19	Catheryn	Khoo-Lattimore	Griffith University
20	Christian	Laesser	University of St Gallen
21	Leonie	Lockstone-Binney	William Angliss Institute
22	Kevin	Markwell	Southern Cross University
23	Petchsri	Nonsiri	Naresuan University
24	Elizabeth	O'Brien	Torrens University Australia
25	Yohei	Okamoto	Murdoch University
26	Jill	Poulston	AUT University
27	Bruce	Prideaux	Central Queensland University
28	Kylie	Radel	Central Queensland University
29	Ina	Reichenberger	Victoria University Wellington
30	Brent	Ritchie	The University of Queensland

31	Elizabeth	Roberts	Southern Cross University
32	Richard	Robinson	The University of Queensland
33	Heike	Schanzel	AUT University
34	Christian	Schott	Victoria University Wellington
35	Noel	Scott	Griffith University
36	Ruth	Sibson	Edith Cowan University
37	Marianna	Sigala	University of South Australia
38	Jennie	Small	University of Technology, Sydney
39	David	Solnet	The University of Queensland
40	Paul	Stolk	University of Newcastle
41	Michael	Volgger	Curtin University
42	Brian	Weir	University of Canberra
43	Paul	Whitelaw	William Angliss Institute
44	David	Williamson	AUT University
45	Erica	Wilson	Southern Cross University
46	Mieke	Witsel	Southern Cross University
47	Elaine	Yang	Griffith University
48	Tamara	Young	University of Newcastle

## Apologies

Title	First Name	Surname	University
Dr	Carmen	Cox	Bond University
Dr	George	Brown	International College of Hotel Management
Dr	Joanna	Fountain	Lincoln University
Dr	Joanne	Pyke	Victoria University
Ms	Sharon	Hebdon	Holmesglen Institute
Assoc Prof	Elisa	Backer	Federation University Australia
Professor	Karen	Smith	Victoria University of Wellington
Assoc Prof	Christof	Pforr	Curtin University
Dr	Margee	Hume	Kaplan Business School
Mr	Brynley	James	International College of Management Sydney
Dr	Diane	Lee	Murdoch University
Assoc Prof	Tracey	Dickson	University of Canberra
Mrs	Chris	Fanning	Flinders University

## Ordinary business

1. Welcome (Judith Mair)
2. Confirmation of previous AGM minutes: Thursday 9 February 2017  
Proposed: Catheryn Khoo-Lattimore  
Seconded: Pierre Benckendorff
3. Reports from Executive
  - 3.1. Chair's Report – Judith Mair  
CAUTHE has had another successful year in terms of financial growth, membership, Journal support and SIG activity. 2018 activities included:

- A well-attended MYM and PhD workshop was hosted at Griffith University in August
- A PhD Student representative will be appointed to join the Exec committee from 2018 following a call for expression of interest from CAUTHE members
- Kindred associations SMAANZ/ANZALS piloting an HDR webinar with SMAANZ to support PhD Scholars
- Continue to auspice the Standards to support the College of Peers – facilitating f-2-f meetings for calibration of assessment
- Bursary system was expanded to include applicants other than from member institutions. Only two applications were received, with no successful applicants. The Exec will look at reasons and re-visit in 2018.
- Potential ideas for use of funds include:
  - Look at systems for software or system for secure storage of documents for calibration of assessment (Standards project)
  - Better support to facilitate attendance from other countries
  - Develop an event app
- The Executive have looked into association membership of the UNWTO limited value as CAUTHE would not be able to share information with members

The Chair expressed thanks to those members of the Executive Committee who are standing down – Dr Dale Sanders, Dr Aise Kim and Associate Professor Seb Filep – for their contribution to the association over the past few years.

### 3.2. Treasurer's Report – Noel Scott (see Appendix 1)

**It was proposed that the financial report be accepted.**

Proposed: Brent Ritchie

Seconded: Wendy Hillman

All in favour

### 3.3. Secretary's Report – Judith Mair (for Dale Sanders)

In 2017 two newsletters were produced. Both were well received by the CAUTHE community. Thank you everyone who contributed articles, and especially those who shared their stories in the very popular, "Where are they now" segment. A huge thank you to Penny who takes the contributions and works her design magic to make the newsletters engaging and look fantastic. Thank you also to those who provided news articles, and conference updates for publication in our kindred associations newsletters. Dale would also like to take this opportunity to thank Judith, the Executive team and of course Penny, who does the "real" secretary work for their support during her time as CAUTHE secretary.

### 4. Membership Report – Penny Jose (Secretariat) (see Appendix 2)

### 5. Conferences

#### 5.1. 2018 University of Newcastle – Tamara Young

#### 5.2. 2019 Central Queensland University – Kylie Radel

Hosts: CBD campus in Cairns, School of Business and Law. Partners: TTNQ (Tourism Tropical North Queensland)

Dates: Monday 11 – Thursday 14 February

Venue: Pullman Cairns International – bring bathers for rooftop pool☺

Gala dinner: Flame Tree Restaurant – Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park

Themes and streams: *Sustainability of Tourism, Hospitality & Events in the age of digital disruption*

Post conference tours 'technical workshops' will be offered (pending minimum numbers)

### 5.3. 2020 Conference bid (Tracy Harkison)

Bid from Auckland University of Technology.

Hosts: School of Hospitality and Tourism

Conference Convenors - Dr Tracy Harkison & Dr David Williamson. Scientific committee TBA

Theme: *20:20 Vision: New perspectives on the diversity of TH&E*

Dates: Tuesday 11– Friday 14 February 2020

Conference Venue: Sir Paul Reeves Building AUT – variety of accommodation options, function spaces

Gala Dinner: The Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT)

**It was proposed that CAUTHE accept the bid for the 2020 conference in Auckland New Zealand**

Proposed: Judith Mair

Seconded: Tamara Young

All in favour

6. Special Interest Groups – Wendy Hillman (see Appendix 3)

7. Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management (JHTM) – Marianna Sigala

### **Key issues**

- Key performance metrics available in report on CAUTHE website
  - Downloads – have almost doubled
  - Submissions – have increased as have desk rejects
  - Citations - need to increase journal citations. Mock impact factor needs to meet the average in T&H of 1.6
  - Review time – has decreased per paper
- Special issues
  - CAUTHE 2017 and 2018 conferences
  - ATLAS – Greg Richards guest editor
  - International Tourism conference
  - JHTM CAUTHE symposium – Noel Scott guest editor on the topic of 'experiences'
- 2018 JHTM Awards – best paper and reviewer to be awarded at the Gala dinner
- Editorial Team updates
  - A Book review editor has been appointed
  - New Associate Editor – Emily Ma (Hospitality)

### **Major marketing activities**

- JHTM CAUTHE symposium 3 May 2018 @UniSA
  - Two keynote speakers

- Two panel discussions
    - Customer Engagement – Linda Holliday
    - New research Methodologies for studying tourism experiences
  - Deadline for abstracts 15 March
  - *Design Thinking in Tourism Research: The Roles of Design Principles, processes and practice for Tourism Experiences* Associate Professor Ingo Karpen (RMIT University) 4 May 2018 @ University of Adelaide
  - Paper Hackathon @2018 EuroCHRIE (6-8 November 2018) Dublin
    - Hackathon = combination of 'marathon' and 'hacker'
    - Participants in teams work intensively in two days to develop a research proposal, pitch to an evaluation team.
    - Successful bidders will be invited to submit papers to the Journal for fast track review and publication.
  - Need mentors and evaluators who are attending the conference.
8. Fellows' Report – Leo Jago

#### Criteria for Election for Fellows

- Announced that the Fellows would be meeting to discuss a new category for International Academy Fellow for contribution to the international profession and CAUTHE.
- Changes during 2017 included that:
  - New Fellows criteria includes contribution to CAUTHE
  - The CAUTHE Chair is now included on the voting panel for New Fellows
  - Fellows Award - separate awards are available for research and teaching
  - There will closer and more effective liaison between Fellow and the Executive via representation at CAUTHE Executive teleconferences.

#### 9. Other business

9.1. CAUTHE 2019 to be promoted at ICHRIE

9.2. AUT Critical Symposium in Auckland July 3-4

#### 10. Next meeting @CAUTHE 2019 in Cairns

Meeting closed: 5:30pm

## **CAUTHE Treasurer's Report 2017**

This report accompanies the statement of financial affairs for CAUTHE for the period 01/01/17-31/12/17. It also includes projected income and expenditure for 2018.

The financial statement includes all information available to me at the time of writing this report. I am pleased to report that I have balanced the statement of accounts and they can be found in the attached documents.

Total funds on hand as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 are \$118,899.90, which is above the mid-year estimate (\$93,990.59). Total income for the year 2017 exceeded total expenditure by \$17,613.46. Overall, year-on-year performance indicates that 2017 income (\$55,006.45) increased on that in 2016 (\$43,873.02) while 2017 expenditure was higher (\$37,392.99) than 2016 (\$35,989.22).

On the income side, 2017 income of \$55,006.45 indicates a growth in most income categories with the exception of the conference other income. Membership income has shown growth of around \$2000.

On the expenses side, this year-on-year change was due additional costs for bursaries, conference expenses, the mid-year meeting and expenses for travel to New Zealand for the 2017 CAUTHE Conference.

The 2018 budget is shown as in line with 2017. Some \$70,000 of CAUTHE's cash reserves are in a term deposit. The largest expense is forecast to be Secretariat wages. As noted in previous reports, the Secretariat is critical for the efficient functioning of the association.

A number of additional activities were funded in 2017 including additional Conference bursaries. It is expected that SIG expenses will increase in 2018 to the budgeted figure of \$5,000 (2017 \$1500). \$4,000 has been allocated for maintenance and upgrading of the website.

I wish to thank the CAUTHE Secretariat, Penny Jose, for providing essential ongoing assistance. I am pleased the accounts are in a healthy position.

Noel Scott  
CAUTHE Treasurer 2017

**CAUTHE - Statement of Income and Expenditure**  
**1 January – 31 December 2017**

	2015	2016	2017
<b>Opening Balance as at 1st January</b>	<b>\$70,093.48</b>	<b>\$93,402.64</b>	<b>\$101,286.44</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Bank Interest	\$2,082.56	\$2,025.52	\$2,302.86
Conference levy (naming fees)	\$2,325.00	\$3,175.00	\$4,378.05
Conference other	\$10,000.00	-	\$5,000.00
Elsevier editorial stipend	\$2,630.33	\$2,715.98	\$2,510.12
Membership	\$27,204.24	\$31,488.44	\$33,936.46
Royalties	\$2,364.16	\$2,608.08	\$7,444.83 <sup>1</sup>
Sale of conference proceedings	\$600.00	\$240.00	-
SIG Income	-	\$1,620.00	-
<b>Total income to 31st December</b>	<b>\$47,206.29</b>	<b>\$43,873.02</b>	<b>\$55,572.32</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Bank fees	\$40.25	\$57.00	\$41.00
Banner	\$445.50	-	-
Conference bursaries	\$6,180.00	\$6,665.31	\$8,150.00
Conference expenses		\$150.64	\$224.43
Conference PhD Workshop (net)			\$781.42
Department of Fair Trading	\$98.39	\$54.22	\$44.18
Gifts	\$288.42	\$412.95	\$342.52
Insurance	-	\$1,775.04	\$1,775.04
ISBNs (book of 10)	84.00	-	
Mid-year meeting (travel and catering)	\$572.63	\$1,718.20	\$2,556.44
PayPal fees	\$585.88	\$620.81	\$565.88
Postage and stationery	\$21.24	\$10.94	-
Secretariat (wages)	\$12,111.00	\$17,415.00	\$17,575.00
Secretariat (other)	\$678.42	\$843.87	\$2,563.30
Special Interest Group activities	\$1,281.95	\$3,428.74	\$1,506.26
Strategic plan (graphic design)		\$150.00	
Teleconferences	\$266.00	\$228.00	\$342.00
Website maintenance	\$1,243.45	\$2,458.50	\$1,491.40
<b>Expenditure to December 31st</b>	<b>\$23,897.13</b>	<b>\$35,989.22</b>	<b>\$37,958.86</b>
Balance of Trading account	\$11,207.81	\$7,159.53	\$2,481.65
Balance of Mastercard account	\$261.71	\$179.63	\$183.17
Balance of Investment account	\$21,933.12	\$23,947.28	\$46,235.08
Balance of Term Deposit	\$60,000	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
<b>Overall cash at bank 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>\$93,402.64</b>	<b>\$101,286.44</b>	<b>\$118,899.90</b>

<sup>1</sup> As per our agreement with Elsevier, in April 2017 royalties of \$3881.67 were paid for 2016 sales of the online Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management (JHTM) for the first time. Our current agreement expires in 2021

## ***Proposed Income and Expenditure Activity for 2018***

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	<b>2018</b>
<b>Opening Balance as at 1 January (Actual)</b>	<b>\$118,899.90</b>
<b><u>Proposed Income</u></b>	
Bank Interest	\$2,300.00
Conference levy (naming fees)	\$4,000.00
Elsevier editorial stipend	\$2,500.00
Membership	\$33,000.00
Royalties	\$6,000.00
Total income to 31st December	<b>\$47,800.00</b>
<b><u>Proposed Expenditure</u></b>	
Bank fees	\$40.00
Conference bursaries	\$8,000.00
Conference PhD Workshop (net)	\$1,000.00
Department of Fair Trading	\$50.00
Elsevier member access fee	\$2,800.00
Gifts	\$300.00
Insurance	\$1,775.04
Mid-year meeting (travel and catering)	\$2,500.00
PayPal fees	\$700.00
Postage and stationery	\$25.00
Secretariat (conference travel)	\$1,500.00
Secretariat (wages)	\$18,000.00
Special Interest Group activities	\$5,000.00
Teleconferences	\$300.00
Website hosting	\$2,000.00
Website Maintenance	\$4,000.00
Total expenditure to 31st December	<b>\$47,990.04</b>
<b>Estimated Overall Cash at Bank as at 31st December (Estimated)</b>	<b>\$118,709.86</b>



## CAUTHE Secretariat report 31 January 2018

### 1. Key activities

CAUTHE continues to maintain a healthy membership base and facilitates key activities for members. The organisation supports a fully integrated website and membership management system and growing social media presence. The Executive committee held ten monthly teleconferences throughout the year, including two teleconferences which were joined by the Chapter Directors.

### 2. Membership

Individual membership decreased during 2017 by 14% from 207 members in 2017 to 178 members in 2018 (Table 1). The percentage of associate compared with student members has also decreased from 73% to 66%.

Chapter membership has grown to 33 members with three new Chapters having joined since the last Annual General Meeting:

- University of the Sunshine Coast
- International College of Hotel Management (ICHM)
- Charles Sturt University

No longer a member is Swinburne University of Technology. Affiliate membership has remained the same at three members.

**Table 1: All Members 2009-2018 (as at 31 Jan)**

Members	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Individual (TOTAL)	106	175	200	220	180	180	140	190	207	178
Associate	78	125	134	150	143	133	99	136	152	118
Student	16	19	38	50	37	47	41	54	55	60
% Associate	74%	71%	67%	68%	79%	74%	71%	72%	73%	66%
International	12	31	28	20	16	23	14	35	54	25
% Int'l	11%	18%	14%	9%	9%	13%	10%	14%	26%	14%
Chapter	19	22	25	26	26	26	25	30	31	33
Affiliate	3	3	4	3	4	5	5	5	3	3

### 3. New members

Table 2 shows a decrease in the percentage of new members over the past twelve months, consistent with the overall decrease in membership. Nine new members joined as part of the PhD / ECR workshop bursary application process and ten through the conference registration process.

**Table 2: New members (as at 31 Jan)**

Members	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Individual (TOTAL)	9	80	98	61	55	59	28	60	97	42
% TOTAL	8%	46%	49%	28%	31%	33%	20%	32%	47%	24%
Associate	7	54	59	28	31	26	9	29	55	13
Student	2	11	28	24	24	33	19	31	42	29
% joined via conf.	n/a	40%	57%	51%	25%	24%	32%	55%	61%	24%
International	n/d	15	11	3	7	10	2	18	37	14
Chapter	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	5	1	3
Affiliate	2	1	1	-1	1	1	0	0	-2	0

## 4. International membership

The majority of international members is from the United Kingdom. The percentage of international members has decreased from 26% in 2017, to 14% in 2018, with a corresponding decrease in the number of unique countries represented (Table 3).

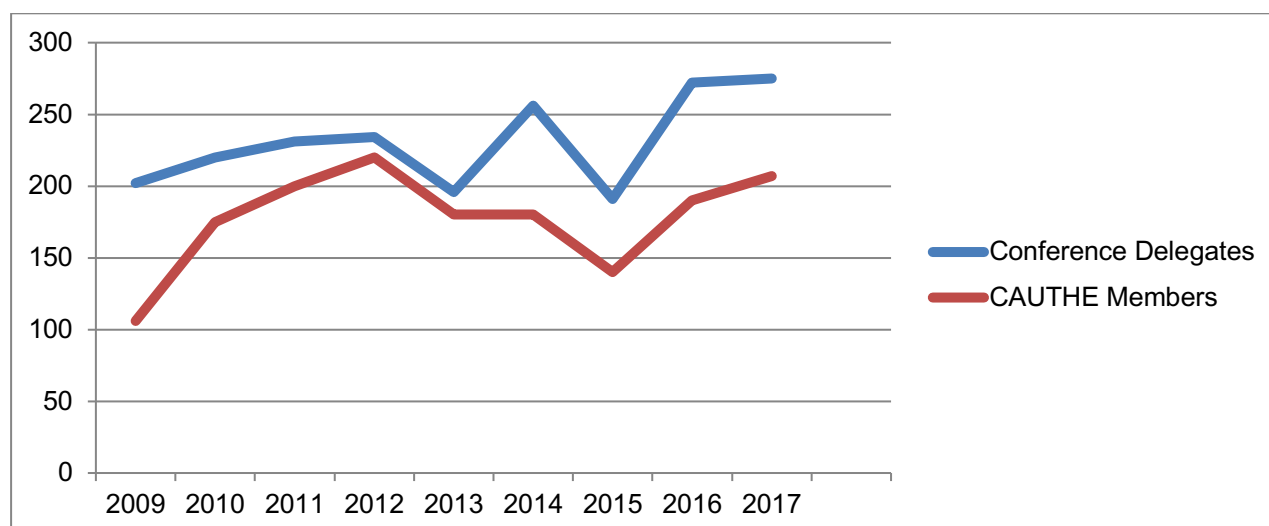
**Table 3: International members (as at 31 Jan)**

2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
Australia	153	Australia	112	Australia	136	Australia	119	Australia	133
New Zealand	15	New Zealand	9	New Zealand	19	New Zealand	34	NZ	19
UK	4	UK	4	UK	10	UK	11	UK	8
Canada	3	Hong Kong	2	Singapore	5	Hong Kong	9	Japan	6
Hong Kong	3	Japan	2	Hong Kong	3	Japan	7	Singapore	2
China	2	Finland	1	Japan	3	Thailand	4	China	3
Japan	2	Denmark	1	Norway	3	China	3	Hong Kong	1
Netherlands	2	Switzerland	1	Switzerland	2	Switzerland	3	Serbia	1
Singapore	2	Singapore	1	Israel	2	Turkey	3	Spain	1
Denmark	1	Norway	1	China	1	Canada	2	Sri Lanka	1
Finland	1	USA	1	Finland	1	South Africa	2	Switzerland	1
Israel	1			Germany	1	Netherlands	2	Netherlands	1
Switzerland	1			Macau	1	USA	2		
				Malaysia	1	Fiji	1		
				Sweden	1	Germany	1		
				UAE	1	Nigeria	1		
	<b>22</b>		<b>14</b>		<b>35</b>		<b>54</b>		<b>25</b>
	12%		10%		18%		26%		14%

## 5. Conference delegates and membership

Membership numbers continue to correlate strongly with conference attendance (Figure 1), with the member discount being a strong incentive for members to join or renew membership.

Fifty members (28%) joined CAUTHE or renewed their membership as part of the conference registration in 2018. This corresponds with 43% members in 2017, 34% in 2016 and 28% in 2012. The figure correlates strongly with the ease at which delegates are able to purchase membership during the registration process.



**Figure 1: Conference delegate numbers vs membership**

Table 4 shows the top delegate countries for the 2018 conference (as at 31 Jan), compared with previous years. Top countries outside Australia and New Zealand are the UK, Japan, China/Macau,

Thailand and Turkey. The percentage of total international conference delegates, 17% is lower than usual, although interestingly, the number of unique countries is average at 23 (Table 3).

**Table 4: Conference delegate top countries**

COUNTRIES	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Australia	147	169	228	170	81	167	140	159	119	135
New Zealand	12	12	8	25	81	13	18	22	67	21
United Kingdom	22	13	15	10	14	10	8	16	22	10
Japan	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	3	8	10
China / Macau	1	2	2	7	0	9	2	4	9	5
Thailand	0	1	2	3	3	0	1	9	6	3
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3
Hong Kong	0	5	1	7	2	4	1	3	7	2
Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	0	2
Sweden	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	1
Switzerland	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	4	3	1
Netherlands	2	0	0	4	0	2	2	2	2	1
USA	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	5	1
Other	13	16	11	4	10	36	12	43	24	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>Int'l % of total*</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Count~</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>

\* Excluding AU and NZ

~ Average = 23

## 6. Social media

CAUTHE's social media presence continues to grow in all media (Table 5). In the past 12 months CAUTHE's *Facebook* page following has continued to grow to 584 followers, the *LinkedIn* group has grown to 211 members and the number of *Twitter* followers has increased by 55%. Four followers follow CAUTHE on *Instagram* – feel free to follow @cauthe1.

Social media plugins are being used to grow our following and encourage sharing. All news posts are auto-posted from the CAUTHE website o Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. CAUTHE will continue to increase presence in social media to facilitate communication with members.

**Table 5: Social media group membership**

Media / Group	Created	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Facebook</b>								
CAUTHE	Nov-12	1	8	127	182	351	455	584
Event Studies	May-12	27	28	26	27	34	33	34
Tourism & Volunteering	Jan-14	n/a	n/a	8	24	26	29	36
<b>LinkedIn</b>								
CAUTHE	Jun-12	13	18	37	47	138	199	211
Emerging Markets	Mar-12	143	172	243	322	414	424	428
Tourism Risk Crises & Recovery Management	Feb-13	--	--	--	--	40	39	39
Teaching & Learning	Jan-17	--	--	--	--	--	11	56
<b>Flickr</b>								
Views	Feb-11	11K	13K	26K	37K	51K	62K	66K
<b>Twitter @cauthe1</b>								
Followers	Feb-13	n/a	1	20	35	49	97	175
<b>Instagram @cauthe1</b>								
Followers	Oct-16	--	--	--	--	--	1	4

Penny Jose  
CAUTHE Secretariat  
31 January 2018

**CAUTHE 2018 Annual General Meeting  
Special Interest Group Report  
7 February 2018**



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Appendix 3

**SIG COORDINATOR REPORT**

CAUTHE presently supports seven SIGs – all have been active in 2017. Key activities of each SIG are presented below:

Members of the Critical Approaches in Tourism and Hospitality SIG attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Critical Tourism Studies Conference in Mallorca, Spain (June 2017). They were part of a panel at the conference on *Leading as a Critical Scholar*. Panellists were Prof Donna Chambers, Prof Alison McIntosh, Prof Candice Harris, A/Prof Erica Wilson, and chaired by Dr Jennie Small. Members also contributed to the Special section of the Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management: *A critical lens on hospitality and tourism work*, December 2017 issue (Volume 33). Guest editors: Candice Harris, Jennie Small and Erica Wilson.

The Emerging Markets SIG is now under new leadership as Byron Keating, Anton Kriz and Sam Huang have stepped down as co-ordinators. Joseph Cheer from Monash University together with Annette Sharp, China Digital Agency will be taking over. We wish Sam, Byron and Anton all the best for the future.

Information and Communication Technologies facilitated a workshop during the CAUTHE 2017 conference: 3 keynote speakers, and great participation (around 50 people). A Research Symposium was held at UniSA April 2017: 3 keynote speakers, 3 parallel sessions, around 50 participants; great feedback received from participants. Continuous communication with the SIG members about journal special issues and involvement in journal and conference paper review.

The Events Studies SIG has had a good response to the call for papers for the Special Issue, *'Critical Event Studies – issues & perspectives special issue'* of *Event Management* as an initiative of the Event Studies SIG.

The Tourism, Risk, Crisis and Recovery SIG welcomed 30 people to the SIG meeting at CAUTHE 2017. Professor David Simmons, Lincoln University (Christchurch) presented on the Kaikoura Earthquake Recovery Plan. Brent and David were both invited speakers at the APEC Counter Terrorism and Tourism Resilience workshop held in Bali in May 2017. The APEC Conference Report is now publicly available. A discussion at CAUTHE 2018 will be led by Prof Brent Ritchie on research gaps in tourism risk, crisis and recovery. This will be followed by a briefing about APEC's work in counter terrorism as it relates to tourism.

The Teaching and Learning SIG has been working on is the publication of the special issue on *Critical Perspectives in Education for JoHLSTE*, with special editors Tamara Young, Mieke Witsel and Andrea Boyle. Upcoming webinar on teaching and learning research using web based social media, with guest speaker Professor Bill Boyd.

Stephen Wearing of the Tourism and Volunteering SIG participated in a radio interview *'Should you participate in volunteer tourism?'* Stephen also spoke up about volunteer orphanage tourism on – [thewire.org.au](http://thewire.org.au). Congratulations to Simone Grabowski who now has a full-time position at UTS in the Management discipline group.

SIG activities are reported to the monthly Executive meetings and in the CAUTHE newsletter. Summary information from these reports is presented in the full report on the CAUTHE website.

Wendy Hillman  
7 February 2018