



## **CAUTHE Fellows' Report Mid-year meeting July 2021**

The CAUTHE Fellows have been active in the past year.

We were all saddened by the sudden loss of Phil Pearce. He was not only a great scholar, but an outstanding person. He will be missed. In recognition of his contribution to CAUTHE, the Fellows suggested the creation of the Prof Philip Pearce Award for the CAUTHE Conference Best Full Paper.

Following the passing of Professor Philip Pearce, the role of chair of the CAUTHE Fellows is now shared by Professors Bob McKercher and Betty Weiler. Both Betty and Bob are Foundation Fellows of CAUTHE. We look forward to serving as the conduit between the CAUTHE Fellows, the Executive and the general CAUTHE membership.

Dr Mingming Cheng from Curtin University was awarded the CAUTHE Fellows award for research based on his contributions to the Australasian tourism, hospitality and/or events community. The Fellows also recognised two other worthy candidates with commendations. They are Dr Anja Pabel, from Central Queensland University and Dr Jun Wen, from Edith Cowan University, both for research.

Two deserving individuals were also elected as CAUTHE Fellows. Both Candice Harris and Bruce Prideaux have been long standing supporters of CAUTHE.

Fellows also made some important administrative changes to smooth the process of nominating Fellows and also to distinguish those who are still active in the academic community. To begin, we recognised that the key criterion to become a CAUTHE Fellow was an outstanding contribution to the CAUTHE organisation, including having been a regular attendee at CAUTHE Conferences. In addition, the individual must be recognised as having made an outstanding contribution to one or both of Hospitality, Tourism, Events research and/or education.

In addition, the nomination process was simplified, by eliminating the Electoral college and enabling each Fellow to nominate one individual in any one year for consideration.

Finally, Fellows are now grouped into two broad categories based on whether they are still active in academia. It is recognised that election as a Fellow is for life, but that some Fellows become inactive after retirement. So, a decision was made to highlight those Fellows who are still active on the CAUTHE website.

Prof Bob McKercher  
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