

## Summary Major ACDICT Achievements to March 2010

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### Establishment

- ACDICT was formed in July 2008 with the support of all VCs of public Universities in Australia
- Held the first Annual Council Meeting in Melbourne in July 2009, and included ACS, AIIA, and CORE and ACPHIS representatives
- Currently has its office in Sydney, hosted by the ACS
- The ACDICT website [www.acdict.edu.au](http://www.acdict.edu.au)

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The Inaugural President was Professor Joe Chicharo UOW

### 2009 was the first year of operation

- The Council (ACDICT) ran its first national event: *ICT: Making The Connection Summit* in April 2009 in Melbourne in association with the BHERT
- President of ACDICT invited to join Minister Kim Carr's newly formed Information Technology Industry Innovation Council (ITIIC) in July 2009
- ACDICT has recently entered into a contractual agreement with the Australian Council of Engineering Deans (ACED) as part of an Australian Learning and Teaching Council funded network to enhance learning and teaching in engineering and technology
- The discipline group is known as Engineering and ICT
- This group is managed by:
  - John Roddick of Flinders University, representing ICT
  - Frank Bullen of USQ, representing Engineering
  - Day-to-day management is by the Executive Officers of ACDICT (Tony Koppi) and ACED (Robin King)
- ACDICT President invited to become a member of the ACS Professional Standards Board
- IBSA - Innovation & Business Skills Australia – Meeting Nov 2009, view ACDICT as the single point of contact with the university sector, and ACDICT welcomed the opportunity for involvement in discussions concerning pathways and articulation between any ICT VET provider and the higher education sector

- ACDICT and ACED held first joint national education forum in Adelaide on 6 Dec
- Invitation to the NBN Federal Government Consultation Forum in Sydney Dec 2009

#### Activities in 2010 (January to March)

- Continuing contribution of the ACDICT President to ITTIC meetings
- Academic Standards consultation by ALTC – invitation only ALTC event to ACDICT (Feb 11 Melbourne); attended by two members of the Executive
- Ongoing involvement of ACDICT on the Advisory and Reference Groups in the Development of “Threshold” Academic Standards for ICT in higher education
- Executive attended Universities Australia Inaugural Summit of Councils of Deans meeting on March 5, Canberra
- Organising inaugural meeting of ICT Associate Deans of Learning and Teaching, or equivalent, in Sydney, July 5 and 6.
- ACDICT President on the Reference Group of Innovation & Business Skills Australia (IBSA) project regarding ICT training packages in relation to pathways and articulation with higher education
- ACDICT Executive Officer on Steering Group of National ICT Week
- Liaising with ACS on ACDICT involvement in WCC event in Brisbane in September
- Annual Council Meeting planned for September 2010 Brisbane
- ACDICT negotiating a joint university and industry event at the WCC in September 2010
- Held two ACDICT Executive Meetings (January and March) and Strategic Plan development is underway
- Regular meetings between:
  - Executive Officers of AIIA and ACDICT
  - ACS staff and ACDICT Executive Officer
  - Engineering and ICT discipline group managers