



Invitation to the TechNet 2007 National Conference from the Vice-Chancellor, Griffith University



I would like to invite University and Industry scientific and technical staff to Griffith University's Gold Coast campus during July 2007 to participate in **TechNet 2007**, the premier conference for laboratory, clinic and studio technical staff.

TechNet 2007 will provide a unique opportunity to bring together technical staff from across Australia and the Pacific region and from different disciplines to hear from leaders in research and teaching support areas, to learn from each other and to engage with like minded professionals and industry representatives.

The organising committee, within the Office of Technical Services, is developing a program of activities that will cover many of the challenges facing technical staff including developing and implementing innovative solutions to technical problems, developing quality systems, designing more flexible facilities and understanding better ways of implementing and streamlining legislative requirements.

Under the conference theme of '**Doing it better, Doing it different**' participants will not only hear of new initiatives they will gain a better understanding of what is impacting technical staff across the higher education sector and how Griffith University in particular is responding to these challenges. Included in this invitation is an opportunity to visit a range of new facilities in Health, Science and Arts on the University's Gold Coast campus.

TechNet 2007 is an initiative that facilitates technical staff development and encourages debate and discussion on current issues that directly affect work environments and work practices. I encourage your participation and look forward to welcoming you to Griffith University in July 2007.

Ian O'Connor
Vice-Chancellor
Griffith University