Hosted by the Division of Technology, Information and Learning Support the TILS Taster 2009 will demonstrate the latest in research support, collaborative technologies and innovation at QUT.

This event will be held twice in June at the Library Researchers’ Centres.

**Gardens Point Library:**
- Date: Monday 15 June
- Time: 2pm - 4pm
- Venue: Level 7, V Block

**Kelvin Grove Library:**
- Date: Thursday 18 June
- Time: 2pm - 4pm
- Venue: Level 6, R Block

To view the full program and to RSVP go to [http://www.tils.qut.edu.au/about/taster/june2009.jsp](http://www.tils.qut.edu.au/about/taster/june2009.jsp)

The following resources and services are showcased.

**Research support services canapés**
- QUT Digital Repository - A collection of QUT research repositories and digitised collections
- High Performance Computing - Enhancing QUT research with advanced technologies
- New online survey tool - Key Survey
- 2D and 3D data visualisations
- Supercomputing facilities to enhance your research outputs
- Collaborative technologies, something to share
- Mobile computing and hand held devices - Save Time, Stay in Touch, goMobile

**QUT Blackboard upgrade – new features in V9**
- Australian Access Federation - Facilitating collaboration across institutions
- eResearch at QUT eStore
- Research Data Pilot projects EVO

**Gourmet innovations and experimental technologies**
- Innovation and experimental technologies - A taste of future initiatives in teaching and learning, research and business processes
- New Wayfinding application for mobile devices
- Developments at QUT using Second Life
- Silverlight - Microsoft’s new technology for developing interactive web content
- The Innovation Advisory Group’s new website

**Presentations**
- Promoting your research publications: Paula Callan
- Enabling virtual organisations (Evolution demonstration) - collaborating from your desktop: Ashley Wright
- Mobile Staff Productivity Project: Heath Marks
- Second Life and other virtual environments to visualise and interact with Business Process Models: Ross Brown

**Afternoon tea**
QUT bluebox Ideas Competition: Total prize pool worth $25,000

The QUT Bluebox Ideas Competition titled Building ideas from concept to commercialisation is a university-wide event that encourages QUT students, staff and researchers to investigate commercialisation pathways for commercially-relevant ideas.

Comprised of two stages, the competition rewards new ideas, concepts, product innovations and other suitable research outcomes from within QUT, with prizes of $10,000 (first place), $5,000 (second place) and $2,500 (third place) available for ideas with commercial merit.

Stage 1: Innovative ideas
Stage 1 is open to imaginative, unique and inventive research ideas at all stages of development.

Applications close at 5pm, Friday 26th June 2009. All entries received will be assessed by a panel of judges who will select a small number of finalists to progress to Stage 2.

Stage 2: Translating ideas
Finalists selected to progress to Stage 2 will work with a bluebox-provided business mentor for one hour each week over a six-week period to develop their idea to pitch stage.

Finalists will complete a commercial analysis of their idea – including market potential, intellectual property protection, and pathways to market – and prepare a ten-minute presentation.

Pitches will be presented at the finalists’ event held at 1pm, Tuesday 25th August 2009. The judging panel will assess each pitch against clearly established criteria, and winners will be announced at the conclusion of event.

For more information, including a link to an application form go to http://www.qutbluebox.com.au/news/upcomingeven/competitions/index.jsp

Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin (DTB): on trial until June, 19, 2009

QUT Library has organized a free trial until 19 June 2009 to Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin (DTB).

DTB offers healthcare professionals detailed assessment of, and practical advice on, individual medicines and other treatments, groups of treatment and the overall management of disease.

Published monthly by the BMJ Group, DTB is wholly independent of industry, Government and regulatory authorities and does not carry any display advertising or accept any form of commercial sponsorship.

DTB provides articles based on a synthesis of evidence with opinions from a wide range of specialist and generalist commentators, typically over 40 individuals and organisations for each article.

Over the years, DTB has initiated successful campaigns for the removal or restriction of medicines that it could not recommend, prompted withdrawal of excessive promotional claims and exposed fundamental weaknesses in certain prescribing practice.

To access go to the QUT Library Databases page and on the left-hand side of the page select Trial databases.

Or access via:
http://www.library.qut.edu.au/find/databases/trials.jsp
**WolframAlpha**: Computational Knowledge Engine

**WolframAlpha** is a computational knowledge engine: it generates output by doing computations from its own internal knowledge base, instead of searching the web and returning links. You enter your question or calculation, and **WolframAlpha** uses its built-in algorithms and growing collection of data to compute the answer.

To have a look go to http://www.wolframalpha.com

**OAIster**: a union catalog of digital resources

**OAIster** (<http://oaister.org/>) is a union catalog of digital resources and currently provides access to 21,958,651 records from 1129 contributors. **OAIster** can be searched by Title, Author/Creator, Subject, Language or Entire Record. Searches can also be limited by resource type (text, image, audio, video, dataset) and sorted by title, author, date and hit frequency. Results allow further limiting by data contributor (i.e., where the record was harvested from).

Digital resources can range from an old-time advertisement of electric refrigerators (from the Library of Congress American Memory project) to Harriet Beecher Stowe's memoirs (from the University of Michigan Digital Library Production Service Making of America collection).

Digital resources include items such as:

- digitized (i.e., scanned) books and articles
- born-digital texts
- audio files (e.g., wav, mp3)
- images (e.g., tiff, gif)
- movies (e.g., mp4, quicktime)
- datasets (e.g., downloadable statistics files)

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