From: UQVAX::CCCOULTER 10-FEB-1992 21:43:47.39 To: IN%"ccimh@marlin.jcu.edu.au" CC: CCCOULTER RE: Draft letter to departments - item from QUESTNet Executive Meeting Subj: It might be wise to substitute the word "expensive" with some other word like "popular" or "effective". thanks for remembering. Grateful if you would circulate. > From: IN%"ccimh@marlin.jcu.edu.au" 10-FEB-1992 16:20:27.94 a.coulter@uqvax.cc.uq.oz.au > CC: ccimh@cc.uq.oz.au > Subj: Draft letter to departments - item from QUESTNet Executive Meeting > Alan > Herewith a first draft of a letter which we had to write following the > QUESTNet Executive Meeting. Thought we should have at least a draft in > time for Friday's meeting. > Your input is very welcome. > Regards > Ian Cut here DRAFT > Heads of Department > AARNET AFFILIATE MEMBERS > As you are almost certainly aware, since mid-1990 the University has > been connected to computer networks worldwide, using the facilities > provided by AARNet. AARNet is an expensive facility, providing > considerable benefits to the University community generally, and most > particularly to academics and researchers who are able to maintain > close contact with colleagues and developments elsewhere. The costs of AARNet in 1992 are met from 4 sources: the universities (some 40% of total funding) The Australian Research Council (36%) 용 용 CSIRO (11%) the Affiliate Membership program (13%) > In addition, within Queensland, QUESTNet (effectively the Queensland > arm of AARNet) has been funded quite extensively by the Queensalnd > Government to allow it to increase the bandwidth of connections. As a > result, all links in Queensland are now running at 1 Megabit per second > or faster, and QUESTNet in turn is connected to the national AARNet hub > at 2 Megabits per second, which provides excellent communications > capabilities. > It is obviously desirable to spread the costs of AARNet throughout as > much of the potential user community as possible, as none of the

> participants, particularly the universities, are over-endowed with > recurrent funds. One way of spreading the cost is to increase the > number of Affiliate Members, and this memorandum seeks your support

> in encouraging organisations with which your department interacts to > become AARNet Affiliate Members.

> A copy of the relevant AARNet documents listed below is enclosed for > your information:

- % Connections to the Australian Academic and Research Network
- % AARNet Mail Service Affiliate Member Application
- % AARNet Network Connection Service Affiliate Member
  Application

> You may be interested also in the organisations in Queensland which are > already Affiliate Members. A copy of the list as at xx February 1992 is > enclosed.

> Please use these in any way you consider appropriate to encourage > organisations to consider taking out Affiliate Membership of AARNet. > The benefits provided are considerable, and the costs reasonable.

> If you have any queries about the program, or would like any assistance > with approaches to external organisations please contact ......... who > will be delighted to provide as much help as possible.

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