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Matariki Network of Universities meeting – 16 May 2012



On 16 May 2012 Durham University's Institute of Advanced Study welcomed the first meeting of the Matariki Network of Universities (MNU) Pro Vice Chancellors for Research: Prof. Tom McLeish (Durham, Chair), Prof. Robyn Owen (University of Western Australia), Prof. Richard Blaikie (Otago), Prof. Herbert Müther (Tübingen), Prof. Margaretha Fahlgren (Uppsala), Prof. Martin Wybourne (Dartmouth College) and Prof. Steven Liss (Queen's). With research being at the core of the meeting the group agreed strategic priorities for enhancing research collaboration between the MNU partners which are summarised in the value statement below:

The Matariki Research Network will further enhance the existing research excellence of its members by identifying common research themes for international collaboration, and, by utilising the added value of collaboration, make a stronger impact globally. The Matariki Research Network will also share existing research infrastructure and help to facilitate international research collaborations and exchanges, including the development of the next generation of researchers. All this can be achieved within the existing network resource, thus realising high impact with strategic alignment of resources and the opportunity for additional external resources.

The group also agreed to that each institution will take a lead on one of the 7 research themes identified:

1. Integrative neuroscience, lead Otago
 2. Peace and conflict, lead Uppsala
 3. Resilience and disaster, lead Durham
 4. Cyber security, lead Dartmouth
 5. Energy, resources, environment, sustainability, lead Queen's
 6. Medieval and early modern, lead UWA
 7. Quantum sciences, lead Tübingen
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