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Friday, 14 December 2012 – 11am
UQ Centre, Union Road, St Lucia

Faculty of Health Sciences

CITATION

Award of Doctor of Science *honoris causa* Mr Andrew Petrie

Chancellor,

Mr Andrew Petrie is a University of Queensland alumnus who, through an esteemed career in pharmacy, has had a great impact on health in Australia. This includes strongly advocating for national acceptance of Australia's Medicines Policy and driving its recognition at state level in Queensland.

As Director of the Medicines and Pharmacy Services Unit of Queensland Health he oversaw many positive initiatives, particularly through advisory roles and positions on state and national committees, boards, and groups working to improve Australian health services.

After completing his degree at UQ Mr Petrie began in community pharmacy practice, later moving to hospital pharmacy at the Royal Children's Hospital where he established and developed the Queensland Poisons Information Centre. He subsequently moved into administrative practice.

His positive influence has been recognised through numerous awards: the Australian Centenary of Federation Medal (2003) for services to pharmacy and the Gold Medal for Service to the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, among others.

As a Queensland Health representative, he contributed to the early planning of the Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence, which houses outstanding pharmacy education facilities and where he now lectures.

Mr Petrie contributed to the establishment and development of postgraduate clinical pharmacy courses at UQ to help raise the level of expert practice, and had a role in addressing shortages of rural hospital pharmacists through re-establishment of the Queensland Health Undergraduate Pharmacy Scholarships.

In his capacity as a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia he has helped advance the professional role of the pharmacist. He is also a member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

Chancellor, in recognition of his distinguished career and his service to Queensland and Australia, I present to you Mr Andrew Petrie, Bachelor of Pharmacy from The University of Queensland, for the award of Doctor of Science *honoris causa* bestowed by the Senate of The University of Queensland.