

**Conference Attendance report template - to be sent to gertrud@internetnz.net.nz
1 month after attending the conference**

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Name of recipient and contact details	Linda Lew lindadalew@ymail.com
Name of organisation (if applicable)	
Name, date and location of conference attended	OpenCon 2016 Nov 11 to 14 Washington DC USA
Amount of funding received	\$2750 + GST
<i>Budget details</i>	<p>Planned:</p> <p>Return flights to Washington DC and travel insurance - \$1800 Accommodation - \$700 Local transportation in Washington DC - \$250 Total cost: \$2750 + GST</p> <p>Actual:</p> <p>Flights and travel insurance \$1805 Local Transport \$300 Accommodation \$750 Total: \$2855 + GST</p> <p><i>The conference spending was slightly over budget. However, I covered the shortfall with my own funds.</i></p> <p><i>I have achieved all the required items with the conference funding.</i></p>
What were the highlights of the conference?	<p>The keynote speakers and project sharing sessions were a highlight of the conference. I was able to meet Brewster Kahle, who is the founder of the Internet Archive and an advocate who continues to promote universal access to knowledge through the internet.</p> <p>One project shared at OpenCon that really impressed me was the Open Knowledge Maps, an online visual interface to the world's scientific knowledge. The online tool helps build visual connections between all the scientific research that is openly available and help</p>

	<p>promote progress in research and build connections between researchers and stakeholders.</p> <p>I've also made contacts at OpenCon who can help put me in touch with other people currently promoting open access in New Zealand to help plan open access initiatives in the future.</p>
What were the lowlights of the conference?	There wasn't a lowlight per se, but the numerous number of unconference sessions meant that I couldn't attend some sessions due to scheduling conflict.
Was there media coverage or media-worthy content at the Conference?	<i>All information in this report is publicly available.</i>