

School of Earth and  
Environmental Sciences

HEAD OF SCHOOL  
Professor Jonathan Aitchison

CRICOS PROVIDER NUMBER  
00025B

Professor Zhiqin Xu  
School of Earth Sciences and Engineering  
Nanjing University

12 September 2017

Dear Professor Xu,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the inaugural Dorothy Hill Women in Earth Sciences Symposium hosted by the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences at The University of Queensland (UQ), Brisbane, Australia.

The School of Earth and Environmental Sciences (SEES) at The University of Queensland is a rapidly growing, scientifically stimulating community of Earth Scientists. Fostering the development of Women in Earth Sciences is a most important strategic goal of the School. To promote our support for female scientists in our School and at UQ and in honour of Dorothy Hill (1907-1997), a University of Queensland geologist and palaeontologist with the distinction of having been the first female Professor in Australia, as well as the first female President of the Australian Academy of Science, the SEES hosts an Annual "Dorothy Hill Symposium" as a celebration of the contribution, relevance and impact of Women in Earth Sciences.

I am absolutely delighted to welcome you, a brilliant, successful female Earth Scientist to the symposium to inspire students and academics at the SEES and UQ. Throughout the event, keynote talks mingled with social interaction and networking are scheduled. The first day will also involve student poster sessions.

The inaugural Dorothy Hill Day will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at our UQ St Lucia Campus. The School would cover your travel expenses for your participation in the symposium.

I look forward to welcoming you to the inaugural Dorothy Hill Women in Earth Sciences Symposium in Brisbane in November 2017.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Jonathan Aitchison  
Head of School