

## Letter From The Board

Dear Patent Information User Groups,

A new year with new opportunities has arrived and the board is determined to carry on implementing the mission of the CEPIUG: To Promote the Cooperation of Patent Information User Groups at a European Level.

The mission calls for action and a number of objectives have been derived and agreed on at the 2021 General Assembly. We are now taking the first steps towards implementing strategies to meet our objectives.

The main objective is to provide a platform for discussion by facilitating the communication between the members, i.e. the user groups. The 26th user group meeting in 2021 was a huge success in this respect, more than 100 individuals joined the presentations by members of the community and contributed to in depth discussion on recent developments in patent searching technology. We intend to organise similar events this year and welcome contributions or suggestions from the community.

In addition, we are looking into setting up a newsletter which should help to share news and information beyond the individual user groups by consolidating content from national groups. Last but not least, Gerard Ypma (WON Chair) volunteered to set up a Collaboration Working Group, which will look into new ways to support collaboration between the member organisations. The CEPIUG board is currently in the process of assessing opportunities for additional initiatives and we will contact the Patent Information User Groups in due course to discuss these developments.

In the meantime, all individuals belonging to the member organisations and willing to support any of these initiatives are encouraged to get in touch with us at [secretary@cepiug.org](mailto:secretary@cepiug.org)

We wish all you all a successful year.

The CEPIUG Board

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