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Dear BPIP colleagues

CEPIUG Communication Summary for July 2021

Received today from CEPIUG Secretary, Alexander Geisen, this update is now provided as a hyperlink to an online version of the document: <https://www.craft.do/s/MNB0ClrtqgA7ZL>.

BPIP discussion on Proposed CEPIUG Mission

If you have not received the MS Teams invite for this meeting, to be hosted by Kathy on **11 August 2021, 12:00-13:00pm**, please let Kathy or Jeanette know. If you are unable to attend, comments can be submitted in advance for inclusion in the BPIP feedback, which we aim to submit to CEPIUG before the deadline of 15 August, ready for the next CEPIUG Board Meeting, scheduled for 18 August

CEPIUG Board Meeting Summary

Kathy Burrows attended the latest Board meeting on 21 July, and provides a brief summary of the points covered:

- Attendees included existing Board members plus Kai Plum (as guest); Kai has been at Siemens for >20 years and is very active in the German patent searcher community
- Discussions are ongoing about nominations for the new CEPIUG Chair and Secretary for next year, as well as new members; Muriel will step down at the end of the year
- Feedback from user groups on the new Mission Statement is requested by 15th August (see note above); discussions at the Board meeting already flagged up differences in interpretation of some wording within the Mission Statement document, hopefully these can be resolved
- Preparations are ongoing for the 26th users meeting, proposed for September
- The 27th Association meeting is proposed for December, with a variety of short presentations, but also aiming to deal with administrative matters, such as Board elections, Mission Statement formal approval
- Kathy is joining Alexander and Kai on the meeting program committee/working group (working group members do not need to be members of the Board)
- Newsletter developments are on hold while the Board was busy developing the strategy documents, and now working on the forthcoming meetings, although Muriel plans to publish a report in the newsletter on her attendance at the PIUG Conference
- It was noted that re QPIP, the supervisory council is finalising exam communications and is very close to sending out results
- Newsletter - a number of individuals, and Board members, are representatives on the editorial board, and a number of contributors have come forward

Regards

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