Dear Colleague,

To complete the programme of the **CEPIUG 10th YAC** we are looking for interesting talks on several patent information aspects.

It would be a good opportunity for experts to share their knowledge and experience with a highly competent audience in the framework of a unique event in Europe, next opportunity may be in 10 years!

According to the programme outline (see next page), the following areas can be of particular interest:

- **Session 1b/1c: How to Use Search Tools effectively: Humans and beyond?**

  Please refer to your provider to present a joint talk on particular or hard case studies. It must not be a commercial presentation but attendees know that a professional work needs to use professional tools, so strategy and potentiality of the system used must be known

- **Session 4: Patent Information Organisation**

  A very new topic for IP conferences, but of primary importance for the business, e.g., managing a patent information department, a freelance activity, improving the communication with attorneys and managers, how to manage outsourcing and multiplicity of worldwide offers, financial aspects (ROI, budget, RFP, selection criteria), legal aspects of our job, education and experience sharing

- **Session 5: Patent Information Old & New Issues**

  Old and new issues of patent information, e.g., Searching, Alerting, Benchmarking, FTO’s covering non-US/EU countries, Legal Status, Patent Landscaping/Analysis, Human/Automatic search interaction, Non-Patent literature searching, Case studies, Machine translations, Remaining challenges etc.

We are also looking for relevant **workshops** proposal (search techniques, landscaping, legal status issues,...)

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**CALL FOR PAPERS!**

**The CEPIUG 10th Year Anniversary Conference**

**Milano, Italy, 9-11 September 2018**

If you wish to contribute with a presentation or a workshop please fill in the abstract submission form by April 30 to **secretary@cepiug.org** or contact us with any question.

Not only will speakers receive the gratitude of the community, and can perhaps have the opportunity to publish their work, but they will also avail of a **special registration fee of only €. 150,00.**
The Programme outline

**Sunday 9, morning**

**Patent Olympiad** [organised by the Patent Olympiad team]

Workshops Session

**Sunday 9, afternoon**

- **Session 1**

  How to Use Search Tools effectively: Humans and beyond?
  a. Providers panel, open discussion with public [organised by SIPIG]
  b. Users & Providers joint case studies Chemistry/Biotech [organised by BPIP]
  c. Users & Providers joint case studies Engineering [organised by BEPIUG]

**Monday 10, morning**

- **Session 2** – [organised by the CEPIUG Board]

Users Groups, Patent Offices & Patent Information Quality

- **Session 3**

  From Education to Qualification
  a. Training & Education: is it time to have a full path to the pros? [organised by the CEPIUG Training & Education WG]
  b. QPIP Certification: let's start! [organised by the QPIP Coordination Team]

**Monday 10, afternoon**

- **Session 4** – [organised by CFIB]

Patent Information Organisation

**Monday 10, evening**

***Anniversary Party in the city center***

**Tuesday 11, morning**

- **Session 5** – [organised by WON]

Patent Information Old & New Issues

**Tuesday 11, afternoon**

- **Session 6** – [organised by AIĐB]

Patent Information World Updates & unmissable final remarks

  Milestones in the Patent Information Specialist Profession: the exciting story of the search for an identity

Workshops Session

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**Don't forget to register for the Patent Olympiad**

**Sunday 9, morning**

The first edition of an exciting patent prior art search contest, organised by an international team of experts.

Have fun with your job!

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