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## **Message from the CIB CEO Don Ward**

Welcome to a new-look newsletter format, which reflects the migration of our website to a new platform and the use of other modern apps for mailing lists etc. This process is very much an on-going 'work in progress', so please give us your feedback on what you like and what you don't, so we can continue to refine the new look by the time we launch the first phase of the new website this month. The second phase of the website will have a focus group of members and other users to help us with the brief and to refine the functionality, if you are interested to contribute to this process please contact anyone in the secretariat team.

We hope everyone in the CIB network is keeping healthy, and that life is getting a little more normal as lockdowns are eased, at least in some parts of the world. In other countries there are signs of local 'second waves', so fingers crossed that a return to a 'new normal' such as office-based work or to schools for our children will not be further delayed. Bearing the latest situation in mind, at our Officers Committee meeting last week we discussed whether the next Board meeting in Hungary in late October will be able to go ahead as a face-to-face meeting. We had to recognise that this looks unlikely, and we are now planning for a similar online format to that used in June, which will include joint sessions of the Board with Commission Coordinators and also we hope with representatives of Student Chapters.

Meanwhile July saw us participate in two very interesting Commission-led webinars about the future of the industry. You will find reports of these in the newsletter below, and more are planned for September and October. Do not forget to let us know of forthcoming events so we can help promote as well as participate ourselves.

As ever, please please please contact any of the secretariat at any time with your questions or ideas on the above, anything in this newsletter, or any other aspect of our work - our jobs are much more interesting and productive for you when we are interacting with our members.

Stay healthy,

**Don Ward**



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