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Dear colleagues

At our Extraordinary General Assembly, I stressed that you, our members, are at the heart of everything we do. I also repeated my conviction that we all need to change the way we do things if we are to remain relevant in an ever-changing environment.

As you know, EuroGeographics has had to make some difficult decisions in recent months, as a result of the changing environment around us. Having responded to these challenges, we are now working hard to realise the many opportunities that lie ahead and to ensure a positive, sustainable future for your association. Following on from Mick's presentation in Leuven, I am very pleased to update you on the work we are doing so that we can continue to deliver value to you.

Under the direction of Management Board, the Head Office team is reviewing the Association's approach to delivering its strategic objectives through our products, membership and communications, knowledge exchange and representation activities. In addition to maintaining a valuable network of members many of you believe that there should be an emphasis on facilitating access to your data. This builds on the success of our current pan-European products, which are created through a unique and very successful production process, and establishes EuroGeographics as an enabler for government, business and citizens to easily find and use national geospatial information. Our knowledge exchange and representation activities will also continue to be very important, whilst continuing to improve your capabilities and role, and support and champion the use of your authoritative geospatial information.

The Management Board will review progress and discuss these topics fully at its meeting in early 4-5 July, and the strategy will be presented to the General Assembly in Manchester (7-9 October) where I hope to see as many of you as possible. In the meantime, I would be very pleased to receive any comments that you would like to share now.

Together, your Management Board and Head Office are committed to maintaining the momentum to keep EuroGeographics and its members relevant by ensuring our activities reflect on-going operational, financial and market changes.

EuroGeographics' strength lies in our members' willingness to work together and I know we can look to the future with optimism and confidence as we work towards our ambition of a society empowered by the use of trusted geospatial services from official national sources.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Colin Bray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent horizontal line underlining the name.

Colin Bray

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