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CEPIS UPGRADE: A Proud Farewell

It was in year 2000 that CEPIS made the decision to create "*a bimonthly technical, independent, non-commercial freely distributed electronic publication*", with the aim of gaining visibility among the large memberships of its affiliated societies, and beyond this, the wider ICT communities in the professional, business, academic and public administration sectors worldwide, contributing in parallel to enlarge and permanently update their professional skills and knowledge.

CEPIS UPGRADE was the name chosen for that journal, born with the initial cooperation and support of the societies ATI (*Asociación de Técnicos de Informática*, Spain) and SVI/FSI (Swiss Federation of Professional Informatics Societies), along with their respective publications, *Novática* and *Informatik/Informatique*, cooperation and support that have continued until now, in the case of ATI and *Novática*.

Eleven years and more than 60 issues later, actual measurable facts show that CEPIS UPGRADE has achieved those goals: hundreds of thousands visits to, and downloads from, the journal website at <http://www.cepis.org/upgrade>; presence in prestigious international indexes; references by many publications; citations made in countless business, professional, academic and even political fora; a newsletter with around 2,500 subscribers.

All these achievements must be duly stressed now that CEPIS has made the decision of discontinuing CEPIS UPGRADE because it is not at all failure or lack of results that have dictated this extremely painful choice but the general economic climate. In our case, CEPIS has reached the conclusion that publishing a technical-professional journal is not a top priority today and that our resources should be dedicated to other projects and activities.

CEPIS is proud of its journal and at the sad moment of distributing its farewell issue our most sincere acknowledgment and gratitude must be presented to all and everyone who have contributed to its success. Let me name a few of them: the above mentioned societies ATI and SVI/FSI; Wolfried Stucky and François Louis Nicolet, that gave the initial spin; the three Chief Editors that have skillful and dedicatedly led the journal along these eleven years (the same François Louis Nicolet, Rafael Fernández Calvo and Llorenç Pagés-Casas); professionals in Spain, Belgium and Switzerland (in special Fiona Fanning, Jorge Llácer, Carol-Ann Kogelman, Pascale Schürman and Steve Turpin). Plus the Chief Editors of the nine publications making part of

UPENET (UPGRADE European NETWORK), set up in 2003 in order to increase the pan-European projection of the journal.

And, last but not least, thanks a lot also to the multitude of authors from Europe and other continents who have submitted their papers for review and publication, as well as to the Guest Editors of the monographs and our team of volunteer English-language editors. We cannot praise them all enough for their decisive and valuable collaboration.

Now let's say farewell to CEPIS UPGRADE, but a really proud one!

Nello Scarabottolo
President of CEPIS
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Note: A detailed history of CEPIS UPGRADE is available at <http://www.cepis.org/upgrade/files/iv-09-calvo.pdf>.

ATI, Novática and CEPIS UPGRADE

The lifecycle of CEPIS UPGRADE has come to an end after eleven years. The decision has been taken by the governing bodies of CEPIS and is fully shared by the Board of ATI (*Asociación de Técnicos de Informática*), the Spanish society that has edited the journal on behalf of CEPIS from the very beginning.

ATI, a founding member of CEPIS which has participated in a large number of its projects and undertakings, is proud to have played a decisive role in CEPIS UPGRADE's success by providing all its own human and material editorial resources through its journal *Novática*.

We must thank CEPIS for having given us the opportunity to be part of such an important publishing endeavour.

New projects and activities will undoubtedly be promoted by CEPIS and, as in the case of CEPIS UPGRADE, ATI will, as always, be available and willing to cooperate.

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