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Message from the Interim CEPI CEO



It is springtime in the Northern hemisphere, and CEPI is entering a new season as well. The interim phase is about to end as the organization is moving towards a permanent stage with new governance structures, new management and a permanent multi-nodal secretariat. The permanent organization will be set up building on the lessons learned from the start-up and interim phases.

In about a week's time, CEPI's new CEO, Richard Hatchett, will take office, so this is the last time you hear from me in this channel.

It has been a privilege to lead CEPI in the start-up phase, and I want to thank CEPI's founders for entrusting me with this important and challenging responsibility. I also want to thank all of CEPI's funders, partners and stakeholders for working for CEPI's mission. The organization has come a long way in a very short time, not the least thanks to all its influential supporters.

I am looking forward to following CEPI's further success from the side line, and will continue to support CEPI's mission in my new job as Chief Executive of the Research Council of Norway, which provides CEPI with the online application system for its calls. I wish CEPI great success in delivering on its vision: Developing new vaccines to prevent future epidemics, and making the world safer for all.

John-Arne Røttingen, Interim CEPI CEO

Request for Information on Rapid Response Platform Technologies

The first question and answer teleconference regarding the Request for Information on Rapid Response Platform Technologies for Epidemic Preparedness took place on Thursday 30 March. The summary of the question and answers discussed during this call can now be downloaded on the CEPI website as well as on the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's website.

We kindly remind you that the deadline for submitting information for this call is 24 April.



Unseen Enemy: Documentary about emerging infectious diseases

The film *Unseen Enemy* is a documentary about the 21st century threat of emerging infectious diseases, which currently is screening on TV stations in several countries. CEPI has been involved in prescreening events both in the UK and in the US, and the image shows our incoming CEO Richard Hatchett participating in a panel debate at the National Academy of Medicine. You can read more about the film [here](#).

Pipeline information for priority diseases

Pipeline information for CEPI's initial target diseases MERS-CoV, Lassa and Nipah are now available on the CEPI website. The CEPI secretariat has been reviewing data on the pipeline status of these diseases. Please feel free to contact us in case you would like to inform us about any updates or changes on the pipeline data of CEPI's initial target pathogens.

The pipeline information can be found [here](#).

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Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness

The Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness – GloPID-R - is the only network of its kind to bring together research funding organizations on a global scale to facilitate an effective research response within 48 hours of a significant outbreak of a new or re-emerging infectious disease with pandemic potential. Among the network's 26 members are two of CEPI's founding partners: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Wellcome Trust. CEPI is featured in the last issue of their newsletter, which can be read and subscribed to here.

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