





# **Agenda**

- IDUG Mission
- What IDUG offers
- RUG Committee





# What is IDUG? www.idug.org

**IDUG's Mission Statement**: The International Db2 Users Group (IDUG°) is an **independent**, **not-for-profit**, **user-run organization** whose mission is to support and strengthen the information services community by providing the highest quality education and services designed to promote the effective utilization of Db2.





# Who is IDUG for?



**Developers** 



**Database Administrators** 



**System Programmers** 



**Security Engineers** 



**IT Professionals** 



**Data Architects/Engineers** 



**Data Scientists/Analysts** 



**IT Architects** 





# Why IDUG?

- Established over 30 years that provides "first class" technical education
- Global, leading organisation that unites Db2 professionals
- Members benefit from leading **educational offerings**, a network of experts available to share knowledge and answer questions,
- Library of content on a wide range of topics.
- Offer events all around the world including North America, Latin America, EMEA, Australia, Asia and expanding rapidly
- Offer complimentary Db2 Certification at conferences
- Supports local Db2 User Groups (RUGs)
- Social networking communities for "like-minded" individuals





# We May Be Distanced, but We're Not Disconnected! IDUG is going Virtual!

IDUG NA 2020 Pivoted to a Virtual Model and Doubled Its Reach



#### Registration is open:



The IDUG Australasia Db2 Tech Conference is going virtual March 15 - 19, 2021



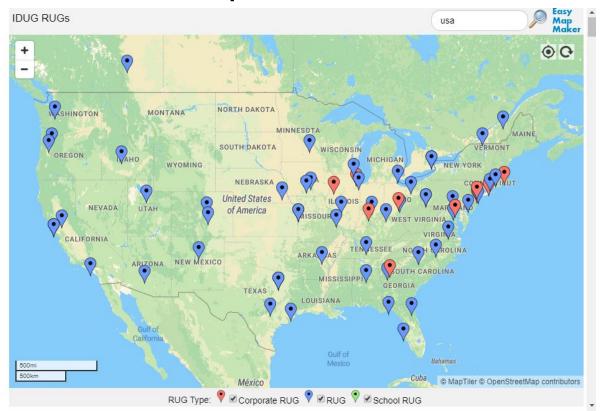
The IDUG NA Db2 Tech Conference is going virtual June 7 - 16, 2021

IDUG EMEA 2021 Edinburgh, Scotland October 17-21, 2021





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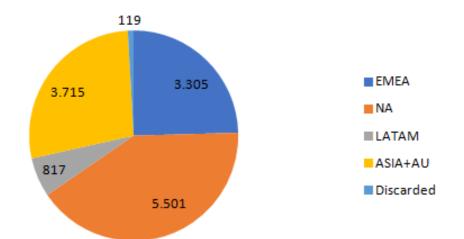






## **IDUG Membership: Jan 2021 – 13.457**

#### IDUG Geo # members



#### Db2 Users by Geographic Segment

- North America 5501 users
- EMEA 3305 users
- Asia 3715 users





### **IDUG RUG Committee**

- For the initial years of the International DB2 Users Group (IDUG) organization, Regional User Group (RUG) support was at the Conference Planning Committee (CPC) level only and was not a coordinated effort across the organization. Accordingly, Db2 RUGs developed on their own as autonomous entities with little if any ties to IDUG
- With the concentrated effort to focus more on strategy and less on operational, the Board of Directors approved the formation of an IDUG RUG Committee with a designated Chair in October 2020 as part of the Db2 in the Community strategic initiative





## **RUG Screening Results**

Emails sent	125	
Address not found	25	20%
Confirmed	63	50%
no reply from:	37	30%
No. events in 2019.	54	
Active RUGs (at least 1 event in 2019)	22	18%

No. of events (2019)	RUGs	
1	8	Db2 Forum, DeDUG NEWDb2UG
2	5	
3	4	
4	3	
5	1	→ SQLAdria
6	0	
7	1	→ TRIDEX





## **IDUG RUG Committee - RUG Growth and Development**

• IDUG is in a unique position to **facilitate Db2 RUGs** around the world. This can be done by helping existing RUGS, stimulating User efforts to create or revitalize a RUG, or support vendor efforts to create RUGs in emerging markets.

• IDUG must stay **positioned to be a resource for creating or revitalizing RUGs**. It is vital to ensure the message of our ability to provide such assistance is well communicated and promoted. Maintaining documentation that can be immediately provided will assist in such, as referenced below, adding instance credence to our ability in this area.

For emerging markets, IDUG must be able to provide tactics for vendors to establish a RUG existence, especially in strategic markets like China, India, and Latin America. IDUG must stay agile enough to take specific advantage of such opportunities.





## **IDUG RUG Committee Organization**

IDUG RUG Committee Chair

**Željen Stanić** 

IDUG RUG Committee Regional Members

North America Dustin Ratliff, Kim May
 EMEA Jan Tielemans, Mirna Kos
 Latin America Javier Estrada Benavides

Asia openAustralia/New Zealand open

BoD Liaison

Mateja Jankovič

Vendor (BoD) Liaisons

IBM Jim Reed
 BMC William Moran
 Broadcom Stuart McIrvine

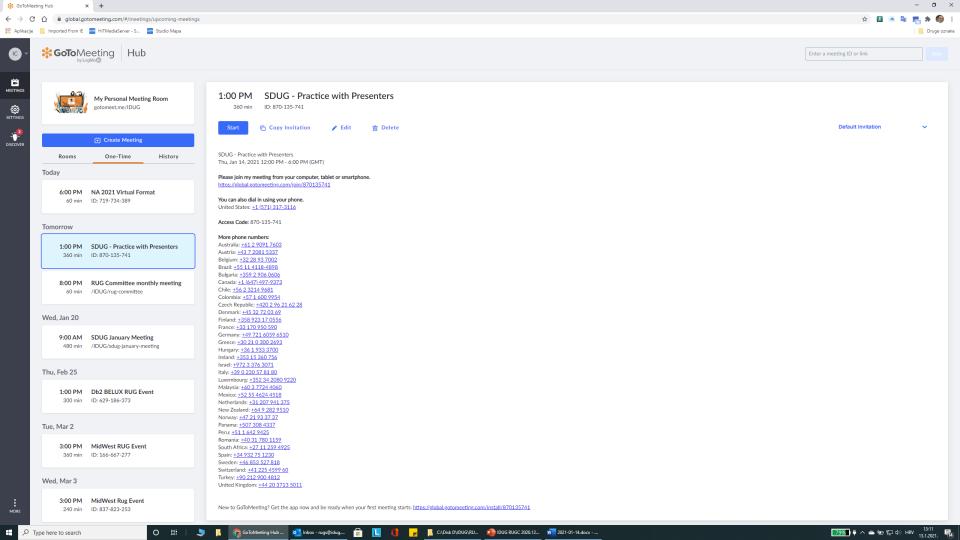




## RUG Committee Activities till now

(extract from January 2021 meeting minutes)

- Team established (still waiting for two members open positions)
- Common RUG calendar inserted events (SQLAdria, St. Louis + Midwest + Omaha + Twin Cities + Wisconsin, SDUG, BELUX)
- Received BoD approval for GoToMeeting for RUG usage (St. Louis + Midwest + Omaha + Twin Cities + Wisconsin)
- Options for using IDUG virtual platform to organize virtual RUG events (Adobe Connect, GoToMeeting, Microsoft Teams...)
- Contacted vendors (BMC, Broadcom,IBM) for meeting platform support (RUG activities)
- New requests for support:
  - BELUX (52 attendes)
  - Central Canada (CCDUG) Adobe Connect
  - MIDWEST







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Created form for RUG support (thanks to Angelina Baynes):



https://form.jotform.com/idug/rug-event-support-request info published on Slack (rugleaders)

ITGAIN (vendor) offer - speakers for Latin America RUG events (LUW)





## 2021 RUG Committee Plan (extract)

- Open communication channel with regional RUG leaders (Slack?,...)—> SLACK
- RUG development in "NEW" geographies India, China, Russia (Asia), Latin America
- Improve vendor coordination (speakers, facilities, ...)
- Improve coordination with content committee speaker support
- Budget platform for virtual events (one room G2M limit now)
- Motivate User Speakers (?)





# Benefits for Db2 User Groups

- IBM Liaison supports your group
- Vendor support
- Common RUG calendar
- Possibility to have a speaker from Content Committee ("Fun with SQL" dojo,...)
- IDUG can organize a booth in the Expo available to RUGs who are interested in marketing their groups to IDUG attendees. (in-person event)
- Options for using IDUG virtual platform to organize virtual RUG events (Adobe Connect, GoToMeeting,...)
- More information / suggestions email rugs@idug.org





# Q&A

