

Summary of PatCom Board Meeting at Katwijk, 06.07.2004

Agenda approval

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LOI

Changed protocol for travel approval to president and/or treasurer

100 days`strategy

For new members we need to arrange documentation so new members can be approached. And overview of current members. Simple brochure

Proposal: Members from a conglomerate can only become member when a non-conglomerate member also joins (stabilization).

Rob Willows consider position of Thomson companies, WG to call.

Members of ExCo to be activities to create list of potential members in their country or area (customer base).

New members will be discussed at ExCo meeting in September, fees will be discussed in December meeting.

30 days evaluation will be on August 13th, 11:00 by phone. WGL to initiate.

EC to be setup when new EC has been selected. ExCo members to be lookout for best opportunities for initial contact.

Internal information flow organization

Mail.patcom.org to be setup for email exchange. Groups to be setup in Georg account.

Email list: When new individuals are added to the distribution list, approval has to be given by the official contact of the member.

When a member contact is not joining the AGM but will send a replacement, an email confirmation by the member authorizing the individual to vote is required, to the secretary. When not received the individual will be excluded of voting.

PatCom Webpage

WGL will disseminate an overview of all pages, and all members (when applicable) will be asked to supply feed for the pages that are assigned to them. Georg will ask FIZ whether it is possible that we receive regular overviews of all important conferences etc.

DPMA Meeting Agenda and participants

Proposal is to have the board, Ann Chapman, Michael Lipp (WGL calls Rob Willows) and Armin Foerderer at DPMA meeting.

Georg will mail agenda

1. Rolle des Amtes im Bereich Patentinformation
 - aus Sicht des Amtes
 - aus Sicht der kommerziellen Anbieter
2. Weiterentwicklung DEPATISnet
3. Weiterentwicklung DPMApublikationen incl. Individualisierter Dienste
 - Alerting-Dienste
4. Vorstellung der Ergebnisse der Nutzerumfrage
5. Erfahrungen mit DEPATISconnect

6. Sonstige Planungen (DPINFO, elektronische Akte, 3-Jahres-Plan, etc.)
7. Zusammenarbeit DPMA, EPO und kommerzielle Anbieter
8. Verschiedenes

Der Punkt „Neue Datenformate...“ sollte zu einem späteren Zeitpunkt mit der „PatCom Working Group on Data“, die zur Zeit gebildet wird, besprochen werden.

4 Oktober 2004, Evening: WG and Georg to arrive in Munchen
 5 Oktober 2004, 09:00 Board meeting
 5 Oktober 2004, 11:00 Preparation meeting
 5 Oktober 2004, 14:00 DPMA

EPO Meeting Agenda and participants

Proposal

1. Role of the EPO in patent information
 - a. View of EPO
 - b. View of commercial providers
 - c. Three year plan for patent information
2. Conclusions and follow up of study under SME's
3. Espacenet developments
 - a. Non patent literature
 - b. Multipage documents
4. OPS developments
 - a. Patent alerting
 - b. Inclusion of data from other patent offices
5. Downloading of documents and data
6. Publication server
7. Cooperation between EPO and commercial industry
 - a. Initiatives in trainings procedures

16 September 2004, 19:00 Pre-meeting, dinner

17 September 2004, 10:00 EPO meeting

Trilateral paper

Turnover loss, taxes lower, less employment

Worried about developments of competing free services

EPO ahead of JP and USPTO offices

Commercial industry is necessary and willing to cooperate with patent offices to improve examination process and availability of content to patent offices. This cooperation is to be based on a commonly agreed plan. Commercial industry has developed services for (non) patent information material which is also essential to the examiners of the various offices

The argument of the past that free services are improving use of patent information and stimulating innovation, has not been proved so far. On the contrary, the EPO survey under SMEs indicate that the largest portion of them are not using these services.

S.Wilson questionnaire

Georg and Willem will write a response to Mr. Wilson. In this response we will indicate that PatCom has made a rough estimate of the annual

revenue loss as a result of the free patent information services. Currently a review is in place to come to a more founded number. However, the damages per annum are significant.

Furthermore, the PatCom board does not see how the questionnaire will lead to a founded answer on the impact of the free patent information services on the commercial industry. On the contrary, the questions asked are more of a business intelligence nature and it is foreseeable that the vendors who have been approached will not supply detailed answers because of the sensitive nature of the information.

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Correspondence to EPO:

1. Letter to Pompidou – WGL will setup draft – Congratulations and announcement of future contacts;
2. 2nd letter to Pompidou – Charles Besson will draft – In agreement with PatCom (letter goes CC to INPI)
3. Letter to trilateral offices (letter will first be mailed to all three offices)
4. Meeting with EPO
5. Trilateral offices meet

Press release announcing change in PatCom, Georg will draft first version

Start of working group data. Request to Gert and Ann if they can initiate this group, to meet with offices and work with PDG (Peter Kallas) group.