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11th INPI-PatCom Meeting Summary, Paris, 5th June, 2015, 11:00 to 13.00

Participants:

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Apologies: Paul Peters, CAS, DE

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Sabine Darrigade (Online Search Services)
Anne Poux (Data Redistribution)

Apologies: Marie-Louise Candelon (Information Dissemination)

Summary

1. Introductions: all participants introduced themselves and their roles.
2. Agenda was agreed.
3. **INPI Data Dissemination update (Sabine Darrigade)**
(see the attachment which provides more detail on the information provided during the meeting.) The new online services of INPI are now available, namely, e-inscription, e-opposition, e-design, e-payment.
The first geographical indication IPR has been published this week. All on the INPI website, available in French. An English version is planned by the end of the year. The new patent database was launched on 23rd January, and this contains legal status and publication at the same time. The database includes all FR patents from 1902, (legal status from 1989), EP, PCT from 1978, and CCP (SPC) from 1993. The French version of espacenet is no longer available. All EP B documents since 1995 are translated into French. File inspection is also available.
4. **Licensing of INPI Material ; Open Data (Anne Poux)**
Anne described the PI licences (slide 9). Anne clarified that the certificat d'utilité , (utility model) IPR can be granted for up to 6 years, and can be distinguished from patents by the kind code A3 – application and B3 granted. The numeric series is the same as for patents.
Anne gave an update on the open data licences, which were introduced in October 2014 (slides 10-14). 11 new licences for types of data have been issued. 6 for Patents include : (XML, PDF, Biblio, FT, Legal, Images). The primary platform is via <https://www.data.gouv.fr/fr/organizations/institut-national-de-la-propriete-industrielle-inpi/> .

Precise personal data is omitted from the open data due to legal requirements. By providing data for free, INPI aims to promote innovation. Where possible data is available via ftp, designs and models, and 19th century data is provided on disc. Only INPI produced data can be provided. A usage survey has been carried out, and companies taking the data are start-ups (33%); foreign companies (25%). The companies are taking the data to start new, or complement existing services, and are primarily from business, recruitment, commerce, sales, business development sectors. INPI data is authoritative and reliable, and therefore represents quality data for these markets. The data is primarily used to match IPRs to companies (35% of respondents). Data matched includes company name, patents and trademarks owned. The companies are providing services to clients, not used in house. For instance DataPublica is a licensee for the new open data. No governmental organisations have taken licences, all public sector. Data exchange is on-going between the offices. Other usages are for TM novelty search, text mining, and commercial IP provider, statistical trend analysis. INPI plan to repeat the survey in 12 months' time. All the new licensees are updating their data. One reason for the strong uptake is because the data itself is free, and therefore easier to justify the project in house. Domain name information is also integrated in some cases. Open Data licences, of 102 requests, 10-20 did not complete. Unclear as to why, INPI may investigate. Only 1 request was from a university for historic data. There have been no questions regarding the data itself or how to process it. Most organisations are taking basic data only.

France is preparing to make available as Open Data information on Cities, urban planning, and medical information will be next (subject to privacy laws).

The new geographical indications IPRs will be made available as Open Data in due course, INPI expect 100 filings per year.

5. AOB:

Future - INPI plans for website are to improve the TM and designs search functionality, this is planned for 2016.

Patent filings at INPI are stable at 14,000 per annum.

Preparations for the unitary patent at INPI? INPI are negotiating renewal fees payable under the unitary patent, the fees will need to replace the EP national phase fees currently paid. Budgets are going to be uncertain whilst the unitary patent is in early stage.

There is no demand from PatCom for INPI to provide web-services, companies prefer to hold their own data, now data storage is not expensive, the exception is legal status where accessing the most up to date, authoritative, may be preferred by users. PDFs – not needed through web-service.

The new INPI database receives 50,000 hits per month, similar to the FR register. 60% of users are from foreign users, many through federated register. INPI do not distinguish usage by automated access eg. Patbase, Orbit users).

Open data from other offices – AU, JP, ES are all planning / or have already provided Open Data.

4. Date of the next meeting:

The 2016 meeting will be arranged for the afternoon, and we will aim to keep the meeting in the month of June.