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0. Introduction

Gerardo Penas García welcomes the PatCom delegation and introduced the OEPM representatives. He announced that it may be possible that the OEPM may have a new Director General after the elections in Spain. The PatCom President *Willem-Geert Lagemaat* thanked for the possibility for this meeting and introduced the PatCom delegates.

1. OEPM Structure, Information Policy and Development in Latipat

Gerardo Penas García than gave a comprehensive overview upon OEPM and the Spanish IPR situation in a Power Point presentation which will be added to this summary in the PatCom “website for members only”.

Some of the important points shall be mentioned here:

- OEPM is ISO 9001 certified
- OEPM handles 60 00 trademarks/year
- The patent and innovation applications show an increase of 94,8 % in the last five years and reach about 3000/year plus about 3000 utility models
- The OEPM wants to have Spanish data everywhere and sees Spanish applicants less protected as the new material is not included in EPO’s Epoque for examination purposes
- OEPM data will be shown in WIPO Patentscope
- The workflow is shown in more detail in the ppt-presentation
- OEPM information services are mainly free of charge; download of documents has been increased by 30%. The users are mainly from Mexico, Brazil and USA
- Industrial design has also increased by 47,4%

The relations with Latin America have been discussed in more detail. The countries there have the will to solve the problems which are known to them. Within the Latipat project training of national offices (without Venezuela) is performed, lastly at a meeting in Panama. *Gerardo Penas* announced to send a copy of the minutes to PatCom.

OEPM would very much appreciate if commercial companies could help especially smaller offices for a certain time span with free or low price access to their services. OEPM offers to act as “Ambassador” for a co-operation between PatCom members and Latin American Offices. The PatCom delegation welcomes this proposal as a fruitful future co-operation area and will activate the PatCom members respectively. The main purpose seems to be the formation of a win-win situation for all participants.

The OEPM mentions as special topics that Cuba and its biotech industry needs help and the handling of chemical formula in general should be improved.

2. PatCom and its Activities

Willem-Geert Lagemaat thanked for this very informative presentation and explained the background for the formation and the activities of PatCom especially with respect to the EPO-PatCom relationship. He also mentioned the PatCom working groups and the ongoing activities of the Technical Working Group within the ICP development during the last years.

The market situation and the subsidising arguments have been discussed as well as the “value added” situation. The OEPM proposes to provide data like

- PDF of documents
- Bibliographic data
- XML format of full text and
- Citations inclusive ECLA

The backfile will be from 1930 onwards, although data are available from 1826 to 2008. So far it seems to be an open ftp without charge.

3. Future Cooperation

Willem-Geert Lagemaat proposes to have annual updates. This was appreciated by *Gerardo Penas*. OEPM and PatCom agree to start co-operation on the results of this meeting and to have regular meetings every year.

4. AOB

The second regular OEPM-PatCom Meeting will be in March 2009 at Madrid. Details will be agreed between Gerardo Penas and Georg Schultheiss.

Georg F. Schultheiss
Secretary of PatCom

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