

Summary of 3. INPI-PatCom Meeting at Paris on November 27, 2007
Agreed Version

Participants: INPI: François-Régis Hannart
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M. Hannart welcomes the PatCom delegation and distributed paper versions to the planned presentations upon the new INPI web site www.inpi.fr in French language for customers opened recently. Now it has special entries e.g. for

- FAQ's
- Pricing of services and products
- Searches
- Links to 15 branches of INPI over France exist
- Straight link from FR Esp@cenet to es@cenet le.

The usage has been identified to come mainly via a search engine (62%) to INPI. Among the search engines Google represents 85% of the usage. For version 2 at least the home page will also be in English. Release is planned for June 2008.

Mme. Darrigade gave a more detailed presentation with examples of FR Esp@cenet. The PowerPoint presentation will be shown in the PatCom web area for members only. The system gives customers the position to set up "My Patent List" with max. 20 documents over one year time. No full text search is foreseen. The material includes FR, EP and PCT. Updating will be regularly.

For the future FR B will be completed to 1989, machine translation French-English is planned for June 2008 within a project driven by France, Belgium, Switzerland and Monaco together with the EPO efforts. An alerting service is not foreseen so far.

M. Hannart pointed out that the target is to achieve "The electronic platform on IP in France" and to foster e-administration. An information mailing to SMEs is planned soon. Experiences and customer usage data are evaluated. First results may be given in the next meeting.

M. Lagemaat again mentioned the necessity to have early information on plans for policy or product changes which might interfere with commercial interests to avoid ineffective investments. He also explained the latest results for timeliness of data delivery and publication achieved with EPO. M. Hannart sees no INPI issue in it.

Mme. Pagis gave a pre-announcement on format changes by end of 2008. Details will be given in the next regular INPI-PatCom meeting.

Because of terminating of the contract with Jouve, the Plutarque service may be closed if replacing services are ready and operable. This is seen earliest by end of 2008.

M. Lagemaat mentioned the "Chinese issue" and M. Hannart explained that during the visit of French President Sarkozy to China IP will be a main issue also with respect to counterfeit. The topic will be picked up again in the next regular INPI-PatCom meeting.

The minutes of the 2nd meeting have been shortly discussed between Mme. Cadelon and M. Schultheiss. The modifications of INPI are agreeable and the minutes will be sent soon to the PatCom secretariat together with the presentation at the meeting.

The meeting that started at 02:30 pm was closed at 04:30 pm and the next regular meeting was scheduled for June 24, 2008 on 02:00 pm at INPI.

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Secretary of PatCom

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