

## **Summary of 5. INPI-PatCom Meeting at Paris on June 25, 2009 – Agreed Version**

Participants: INPI: François-Régis Hannart  
Marie-Louise Cadelon  
Catherine Pagis

PatCom: Pierre Buffet  
Gert Frackenpohl  
Georg Schultheiss

### **1. Introduction and Agenda**

M. Hannart welcomed the PatCom delegation. The agenda proposal was approved. The last summary will be checked and returned in about a week following Mme. Cadelon.

### **2. New Developments and INPI Information Policy**

M. Hannart explained that a new INPI information policy is in place since April 3, 2009. The main target is the public supply with free basic IP information. The procedure tools will be changed and INPI is working on the implementation of EPTOS, which should start on July 3rd. By Sept 7<sup>th</sup> EPTOS will be the sole route for patent procedure.

Following M. Battistelli, INPI will have a new pricing the day when it produces information without external sub-contractors. Details are expected by beginning of 2010. Register Plus will be part of EPTOS which should be fully available in early September (7<sup>th</sup>), 2009, including information on fees, patent renewing etc.

In a second phase the same construction concerning internal procedure tools will be realized for trademarks (beginning of 2010) and designs (beginning of 2011).

Mme. Cadelon presented ppt-slides on the new web interface and the new free services which are available since April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. They can directly be accessed from the [www.inpi.fr](http://www.inpi.fr) website. The ppt-presentation will be added to the Patcom web page "for members only". INPI asks Patcom members to have a look into the new offers. As initial figure about 150 000 visits per months have been recorded for these new search services. Free search is offered but no alerting service so far. M. Hannart strengthened the INPI view that additional services will have to be given by commercial services.

M. Schultheiss asked for statistical data recording. This will be developed later, so far only the number of visits are counted.

The new patent legal status database using the Register Plus interface will replace the current database beginning September 2009. Next year a new version of Register Plus will com, but so far there exists no plan what will be possible in the service area then.

Security problems have been shortly discussed and the necessity to have a check against "robots" in data downloading without licensing.

Mme. Pagis added that for licenses not all data will be deliverable or included. There will be

- no reclassification,
- no file inspection,

- no fee information and
- no search report.

Trademark search service is available as Mme. Cadelon showed with a French interface, possibly an English interface will be developed later. The service is like in esp@cenet. The Vienna classification will be added at the end of 2009. In licences no CompuMark codes will be given, because of legal restrictions.

### **3. IP5 Development Projects**

M. Hannart explained that INPI is not involved in the planning and waits for more detailed information.

### **4. Effects of Global Economy**

M. Hannart stated that this is a constant topic in the INPI top-management meetings and that older figures were about “minus 4%” in filings. New figures will be available next week and shall be transferred to Patcom then. They have been distributed to Patcom members separately.

### **5. INPI Web Services**

See also agenda point 2. The aim of INPI is to get the web services more effective and user friendly as well as to reach 24 x 7 services. This needs more and constant efforts.

M. Schultheiss asked if INPI has established a user council and M. Hannart answered, that there is an approach to have a few experienced users as consultants for special services out of the general offer. User surveys will also be performed.

### **6. Licensing Of INPI Material**

Mme. Pagis explained that the details for pricing are still under discussion. More details may be available at the end of this year. Major concern now is to be able to deliver data by the envisaged target date in September 2009.

### **7. AOB:**

The meeting that started at 02:00 pm was closed at 03:45 pm and the next regular meeting was scheduled for June 24, 2010 on 02:00 pm at INPI to be confirmed again next year.

Georg F. Schultheiss  
Secretary of PatCom

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