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1. Introduction and Agenda

M. Buffet as delegation chairman introduced the PatCom representatives and M. Dijkstra shortly presented himself.

M. Hannart welcomed the PatCom delegation and presented the INPI team to M. Dijkstra. The agenda proposal was approved. In August 2010 M. Yves Lapierre has been appointed as new managing director of INPI. His career so far includes industry and research: Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), Stanford University, Areva group. He set up a project program to reach full e-administration at INPI by mid of 2012 including ISO 9001 certification. INPI should move to a new site at Courbevoie also in mid 2012.

INPI's aim is to translate many of the inpi.fr web pages in English by 2011. In 2010 about 60% of trademark applications will be filed online.

2. New Developments in the INPI Information and Pricing Policy

3. Experiences with the new INPI Web Services

Mme. Darrigade showed a ppt-presentation, which has been transferred to PatCom for the members-only webpage, and explained the web pages and the EPTOS procedure. New is a patent status database extracted from SOPRANO and PHÉNIX with six search criteria and a weekly update (on Friday at 9 a.m.).

M. Buffet mentioned the upcoming WIPO standards 36, 66 and 86 combination (XML4IP) which might affect the future structure of data sets and search functionality. M. Hannart expects a new version of esp@cenet by the end of 2010.

With respect to the INPI licensing M. Hannart explained that the INPI e-administration will deliver also licensing of INPI material but a balanced pricing is requested. Therefore a cost evaluation started which should lead to solutions with marginal costs based on real costs.

M. Buffet discussed shortly the differences between commercial service vs. user treatment and the necessity of a fair balance. Obviously the situation in France needs a correct clearance, what seems to be not so easy.

M. Hannart announced that M. Lapierre, the new managing director of INPI, may join the next INPI-PatCom meeting.

4. Results of User Survey

Mme. Candelon announced that a user survey is planned for 2011.

5. Licensing of INPI Material

See also agenda point 2 and 3.

6. IP5 Development Projects and WIPO Activities

INPI is informed about the IP5 projects only by EPO. WIPO asked INPI for material about legal regulations. M. Buffet mentioned that the WIPO Gold Portal may be a competition for commercial services and that the EPO Patstat activity seems not to be a main obligation for a patent office. General items of patenting and utility model usage by SMEs have been discussed including the training deficiencies.

M. Buffet stated that for machine translation the marginal pricing is in the EPO web catalogue. M. Dijkstra sees the prices for the dictionaries affordable for commercials although only a few providers bought any.

7. Effects of Global Economy

M. Hannart sees a stabilisation of filing after the decline at the beginning of 2009.

8. AOB

INPI proposed to have the next meeting as soon as more details in the licensing and the pricing are available. M. Hannart and Mme. Cadelon will inform PatCom respectively.

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Secretary of PatCom

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