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## **1. Introduction and Agenda**

*Mme. Marie-Louise Canelon* welcomes the PatCom delegation. The INPI team prepared a presentation which will be send to PatCom for its “members only” webpage.

## **2. INPI Database Development and Pricing Policy**

### **5. Licensing of INPI Material**

*Mme. Catherine Pagis and Mme. Sabine Darrigade* reported on

- Key Figures of INPI Activities
- Online Search Services
- FR-Esp@cenet Database
- Patent Status Database
- INPI Raw Data currently available
- Link to FR Patent Register
- Link from EP Patent Register to FR Patent Register
- Project of a new single Patent Search Service, available spring 2014
- Image Coverage for Industrial Design Database

Licensing of INPI IP Data and the decision of free of charge IP licenses has been officially recorded. The legal framework is currently elaborated. One problem area is the handling of personal data.

A discussion on this issue made the difficulties obvious which exist between personal data protection and patent principles, although IP is more than patents. French law is prohibiting dissemination of personal data and IP data contains personal data. In order to keep an eye on the parties who acquire FR IP data the INPI continues to ask a relative high price, so they are more or less sure that the data is only acquired by professional IP vendors. Under the increasing use of Internet services and their global spreading the participants see, that we may have passed the “point of no return”.

*M. Xavier Albouy* explained that within the INPI 10-years plan a 4-year road map will be signed with the government. The idea is to be more open beyond the boundaries of IP parts towards economic development to help SMEs to evolve. This will include

- human resources
- tools

- information systems and
- quality standards like ISO 9001

This shall enable INPI to assist pre-diagnosis work for SMEs integrated in a network. INPI sees no competition to consultants but more help to stimulate those activities.

### **3. Classification Development, IPC and CPC**

For this topic INPI has no special comments because all classification work is done via EPO and there CPC is now used.

### **4. User survey**

*This topic has not been touched.*

### **6. AOB**

PatCom members asked if there are INPI activities together with Africa and French speaking countries there, similar to the Spanish office and Latin America. This would be a helpful way to foster IP in this region, too. INPI gives some local help what certainly could be improved.

PatCom proposed to have the next meeting again more to the mid of the year. Further details will be agreed between *Mme. Candelon, Martine Massiera Della Valle* and the PatCom Secretary.

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