

Summary of INPI-PatCom Meeting at Paris on October 17, 2006 **Agreed Version**

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

PatCom: Willem-Geert Lagemaat
Pierre Buffet
Georg Schultheiss

M. Hannart welcomes the PatCom delegation and introduced the INPI representatives.

M. Lagemaat thanked for the possibility of this meeting, introduced the PatCom representatives and gave a short revue of the PatCom development, its tasks and the background for the meetings with national and international offices. Copies of the PatCom mission statement were handed out to the INPI representatives. The procedure with minutes has been explained by Mr. Schultheiss and was accepted by INPI.

M. Hannart gave an overview of the INPI information policy. INPI will take fully in charge the dissemination of its information and its offers and services are mainly targeted to SMEs. Mainly based on European and French patent information user-friendly services are built up. About in June 2007 esp@cenet.fr will be online. Plutarque in its present form will be ending by October 2008. INPI does not exclude the development of online services, which might not be free of charge, but so far there exists no business model for licensing. M. Hannart stressed the fact that he comes from the private sector and knows very well, that the public and the private sector have to work together. INPI's wish is, that 100% of French companies shall know what IP is! A so-called RISC-Service (prior art search) is offered by INPI and may be extended in a form similar to IP-Score in Denmark.

Mme. Darrigade explained the data supply done in French language. Into esp@cenet.fr the IPC8 in French will be linked and a search service concerning the legal data backfile and using the register+ interface is under work. The development of an OPS-like system depends on the electronic system development and the demilitarised zone. The electronic publication like in Germany is under work.

M. Buffet reminded the two roles of the offices, procedure and publication.

M. Lagemaat explained the difficulties of timeliness for the commercial information providers and the DPMA awareness service development within an EPO-DPMA environment, thus relying on the fair trade aspects. M. Hannart promised to check the legal aspects of an early delivery of data by the French office by the end of November 2006.

Mme. Pagis explained the licensing policy for external users of INPI material for both internal usage and distribution purposes. In the future INPI will provide more information on this issue. M. Hannart confirmed the INPI position, to use new technology like machine translation also for SMEs.

Mme. Cadelon said, that in the future there would be no more different INPI-"trade marks" but only esp@cenet.fr. On a question by M. Buffet she explained that INPI has the

project to join the EPO work on automatic translation and to participate at the enhancement of the dictionary.

M. Lagemaat shortly mentioned the global aspects as discussed with EPO and DPMA as well and the differences of services between the national offices and EPO, which acts like an aggregator. He also asked for the INPI catalogue of services and explained the PatCom activity to create a library of existing services and their costs to enable all PatCom members to get a fair access to those services.

Finally M. Schultheiss offered to send the PatCom link list for free of charge SME training material to INPI. The offer was accepted. (The list was send to Mme. Candelon)

The meeting that started at 02:00 pm was closed at 04:30 pm and the next meeting was scheduled for June 5, 2007 on 02:00 pm at INPI.

Georg F. Schultheiss
Secretary of PatCom

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