

Minutes 37th PatCom ExCo 7:30 pm 9th February 2015

Location: Geneve

Attendees:

Paul Peters, (PP) CAS.
Martine Massiera, Questel. (MM) (President)
Armin Foerderer, FIZ Karlsruhe. (AF) (Treasurer)
Jane List, Extract Information. (JL) (Secretary)

Summary of meeting:

- 1) Agenda approved, and minutes of the previous ExCo in Paris were approved.
- 2) Attendance of PDG at PatCom – patent Office meetings.
It was decided not to invite the PDG to future patent office meetings. PatCom already engage with PDG at the IMPACT meetings, and it was felt this was the most appropriate forum for communication, given that the goals in patent office meetings may not be aligned.
- 3) Website issues – JL to work with IT control and Tanja to add a new Meetings page in the Members area where forthcoming meetings planned with dates could be stored as quick reference for all. Website navigation also to be reviewed. Tanja is working on obtaining and holding separate back up copies of all meeting minutes at FIZ Karlsruhe for PatCom.
- 4) Suggested new members for PatCom. It was decided that MM would contact GenomeQuest, who have expressed an interest in joining, and JL to contact IFI Claims. There is no specific geographic requirement for PatCom membership, but all current members have a base in Europe, and it was felt that this is a useful practical criteria to enable attendance at meetings.
- 5) Preparation for AGM. Timing and agenda were discussed and agreed. JL to arrange AGM for morning of 17/3 if possible (JL) (Done).
- 6) Preparation for EPO meeting. Agenda items for the next meeting were agreed, and JL to propose to EPO. (done).
- 7) Additional offices for PatCom meetings.
GB IPO –

Action: JL to pursue GB IPO for a meeting, possibly in July. (See if AC has any contacts).

Spanish IPO (OEPM) – JL has contacted but had no reply. MM to supply additional contact details (done) . JL to contact again to arrange next meeting. (done).

Italy IPO – JL to contact to arrange first meeting with this office which is in Rome.

Russia IPO. Liaise with representative at the EPO PIC if appropriate.

- 8) Members to be contacted to confirm up to date contact details of primary contact for the website and meeting communications.

Action: (JL).

Jane List, Secretary, Cambridgeshire, 19th February 2015