

Draft Meeting Minutes 39th PatCom ExCo 2ND February 2016 at 19:30

Attendees:

Armin Foerderer, (FIZ Karlsruhe)
Olivier Huc (Minesoft)
Jurjen Dijkstra (LNU) (ASPI)
Martine Massiera (Orbit). (ASPI)
Margit Hoehne, PatentGate

Apologies: Paul Peters, CAS, Robert Fokkema, LHIP, Jane List, Extract Information

Agenda:

- 1) .Preparation for WIPO meeting
- 2) Preparation for PatCom AGM March 15th .(am)
- 3) Preparation for PatCom EPO meeting March 15th (pm)
- 4) New members ?
- 5) EPO –USPTO CPC meeting – PatCom attendees. (Paul Peters, CAS).
- 6) Change of Registered Office address
- 7) AOB.

1) Preparation for WIPO meeting

Discussion about the development of the meetings with WIPO, unclear who would take part from WIPO. No progress on the Data issue from developing countries, we do not expect movement at WIPO. Unhappy about this meeting, no outcome expected. We need to clearly voice our concerns. ASPI participating members said they get no return for their activities.

2) Preparation for PatCom AGM March 15th .(am)

PDG members had suggested during the EPOIPC 2015 in Copenhagen that PatCom member companies join forces to create standardized assignee and inventor names across all products. We decided to put this on the agenda for the upcoming AGM. In a short discussion, there were only sceptical opinions, as we would not expect much return from customers for the investment. "At the end they go to the offices and ask them to add it to their free products".

3) Preparation for PatCom EPO meeting March 15th (pm)

Quite a number of open issues we have with the EPO came up:

- We expect a response concerning the data issue that came up during the last meeting (in Copenhagen), i.e. full-text data from national offices they want to integrate in espacenet, and which is not available for PatCom members.
- DOCDB quality and service deteriorated recently. Updates not announced properly, help desk didn't reply to questions, missing data appears after a while without prior warning.
- What is the status of the EPO/Google co-operation.
- Legal status in XML has been delayed again and again, but the deadline when the current format will be stopped has not been moved, it stays at end of 2016.
- Update on the "EU" unitary patent, namely how it will be represented in patent data. Looks like it will only be in legal status data, which is not satisfying patent information user needs.

4) New members

There are no candidates at this time.

5) EPO –USPTO CPC meeting – PatCom attendees. (Paul Peters, CAS).

The President confirmed that Paul Peters will participate and report to PatCom. The meeting is in parallel to the Raw Data day.

6) Change of Registered Office address

Action item for the Treasurer: contact the auditor company to find out about costs of using their address. Jurjen Dijkstra offered to take papers to the Kamer van Koophandel in The Hague, once the change should be made.

7) AOB

Armin Foerderer described that good progress has been made with the PatCom web site. He asked Exec members to review the Link list to sort out how they want their organisations be represented and to sort out obsolete links.

Armin Foerderer / Jane List , 24th March 2016