

## Draft Minutes 40<sup>th</sup> PatCom ExCo

Location: Paris,

Date / Time: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016 at 12:00 noon.

### **Agenda:**

- 1) Confirmation of ExCO members 2016-2018
- 2) Preparation for INPI meeting
- 3) Preparation for Autumn meetings – OEPM, EPO.
- 4) New proposed PatCom members: PatentSight GmbH
- 5) EPO/USPTO CPC annual meeting for external users - 16 March 2016 (PP report)
- 6) Change of Registered Office address ?
- 7) AOB.

### **Minutes:**

1) All present confirmed their desire to serve on the Executive Committee for 2016 – 2018 period. Paul Peters, and Jurjen Dijkstra have also committed to remain on the ExCo. Members of ExCo for July 2016 to June 2018 are confirmed as:

- Martine Massiera
- Armin Foerderer
- Jurjen Dijkstra
- Robert Fokkema
- Ann Chapman
- Paul Peters.

2) It was decided to raise the matter of continuing acquisition of INPI data via the EPO.

3) Preparation for forthcoming meetings:

The dates of the two planned meetings (OEPM, EPO) should be changed, if possible.

PatCom would like to extend its reach by establishing communication with other national patent offices in Europe. New meetings should be established, if possible, with GB IPO, and (IT) UIBM. JL has started the process with UIBM, using contacts from Guido Moradei. But has yet to identify the appropriate person who could initiate a PatCom meeting. MM has colleague who may be able to assist with language.

It was agreed that PatCom should field a strong delegation to attend the next meeting, in order to maintain the pressure on the EPO of maintaining the open availability of all data which they produce to all players in the market place. At the last meeting, the EPO promised to respond to PatCom on this issue, this remains outstanding.

The issue of access to national office data from the EPO, should be raised at the next DPMA meeting too.

### **Actions:**

JL: (OEPM w.b 26/9 ) (EPO – October suggested in Vienna). (both done)

AC: To contact GB IPO with a view to re-establishing the PatCom meetings. .  
MM: to work with JL with help from Orbit Italian speaking colleague to identify UIBM contact.

All: if anyone has a known contact at UIBM, please put in touch with Secretary!

AC: to provide initial draft text for letter requesting update from EPO on access to full text national data for commercial providers. JL to send letter on behalf of PatCom once finalised.

4) PatentSight GmbH were formally accepted as member of PatCom from July 1st 2016.

**Actions:**

MM: to email formal acceptance to PatentSight.

JL: to add contact details, and other info to PatCom website, and to invite to 2016 onwards meetings.

AF: add PatentSight to invoicing regime.

5) EPO/USPTO CPC annual meeting:

Secretary shared key points from PP who represented PatCom at this event.

More complete notes are attached with the minutes.

6) Change of PatCom Registered Address

because the current registered address of PatCom is an old LHIP address, the address needs to be changed. Although the address of the new auditor could be used, it was decided to use a new address of LHIP, as the address needs to be in The Netherlands.

**Action:** RF to confirm that LHIP is willing and able to host the PatCom registered address and to confirm to JL which address. JL to forward documentation required in order to make change over.

7) Fees / Obligations of Membership of PatCom >

At the AGM the question of PatCom fees arose. This was again discussed, and it was agreed that further discussion was needed with new ExCo at the next meeting, and any decision on a) fee level change, b) late fee payment charges should be approved at the next AGM. In addition to the membership fees, member companies do also bear the costs of meetings attendance. However, attendance at meetings, is vital and members should be encouraged to participate, and play a fuller role.

**Actions:** AF to send reminders to those with fees outstanding, and those whose fee level should be reviewed for 2016-2017.

AF to invoice in July all members for 2016-2017 period.

JL: to encourage attendance at specific meetings, where major issues are under discussion, e.g. EPO and WIPO meetings.

8) Coalition.

AF/MM held discussion with Marla Grossman (MG) of the US Coalition. A lobbying organisation who represent commercial patent information providers at the USPTO. The coalition reached out to PatCom to discuss Open Data in Europe, and the US. MG shared that in the US the commercial providers are attempting to limit the open data policy wrt patent information. ExCo agreed that PatCom should share experiences on Open data in Europe with the Coalition.

**Action:** JL to request all members to provide info on two questions: a) their views on Open Data in the market place b) has the availability of Open data impacted their business. MM to provide collated response to Coalition.

**Attendees:**

Martine Massiera, Questel, PatCom President, FR (MM)  
Jane List, Extract Information, PatCom Secretary, UK (JL)  
Armin Foerderer, FIZ, PatCom Treasurer, DE  
Ann Chapman, Minesoft, UK (AC)  
Robert Fokkema, Lighthouse IP Group, NL

**Apologies**

Paul Peters, CAS, DE  
Jurjen Dijkstra, LexisNexis Univentio, NL

Jane List, Secretary, Cambridgeshire, 24/6/2016