



Minutes of the 12. INPI-PatCom Meeting,

Held in Paris, on 21th June, 2016, 14:00-16:00

Minutes:

1. Introductions were made briefly, all participants known to each other.
2. The agenda was agreed.

SD began the meeting by outlining the changes which are taking place, and are already in place at INPI. From 1st February INPI was reorganised and the group are now in a department called DPI/DD/ Information Dissemination Service. The Data Department provides a new direction for IP and the changes are at the moment on going. INPI is negotiating the new 5 year plan objectives with the government, and this period will begin in 2017. There will be more to report next time on the changes, and implications.

There are now 5 directorates:

 - IP,
 - Human Resources and social development
 - Communications, Innovations, Marketing,
 - Performance Quality Indicators, and sustainable development
 - Economic.
3. And 4.

Data dissemination (AP) (see separately attached ppt.)/ Licensing of INPI data (SD)

 - a) Open Data

An update on the Open Data licences was presented. Some surveying of licensees was carried out (30 responses in 2015) , and a new survey will be conducted in Q4 2016. The data usage (regarding personal information) is governed by the contracts). There are 4m IPRs.

All INPI (open) data available is supplied to EPO for re-distribution via DOCDB. This includes biblio, and legal status information. Since 10/2015 126 licences have been signed, with 86 companies. The companies were all experienced with handling IPR data, a third start-ups, 1 quarter were outside of France (DE, US and GB primarily). The next survey will look at data usage, and business success.
 - b) Company Names

There is no single company name index in use across INPI for registering IPRs. INPI does record the SIREN number – a business identification number issued by . The SIREN number (9 digit number) is issued by INSEE. <http://www.insee.fr/en/>

Around 85% of FR applicants have the SIREN number, but the EPO remove this before re-distribution of data. INPI will participate in the WIPO name standardisation meeting in September. INPI has the aim to merge all IPR information held for a company.
 - c) New data creation projects
(see slide 8 for currently licensable data, slide 9 for new.)

Highlights – FR full text (FT) data scheduled for mid-2017. Currently FR FT is

produced by TR, plan is to move the production in house.
Additional web-services are being created offering API access, and links to other offices data to obtain data of interest to FR remotely, without need to create additional data stores. Access will be by licence. Corporate information (RNCS) of 4 million French companies will also be linked, and commercial court data could be added too. These initiatives were stimulated by 'Macron' law of 2015 which aims to steer FR towards business friendly policies.

PatCom offered to assist with testing the API access, when available.

Although self-employed and micro-enterprises may be in the register Universities, and hospitals (?) are not. The registers are also subject to personal data restrictions.

An additional register of insolvent businesses is under creation, and FR company data will be available in the EU wide company register (according to EU directive planned for 2018). www.ebr.org

d) MLC reported that e services are a focus for INPI. And that TM and Design information will be revised and harmonised, and available together with Patent information. This should evolve by early 2017.

Revenues from IP licenses are not recorded. Promoting IP in FR is a focus. And the IP renewals fees proposed under the Unitary Patent are in line with FR expectations.

e) Designs. INPI aims to make all information on designs registered in FR available for FR citizens. INPI are working with WIPO on design data, and OHIM initiatives including the image search, logo search and design search programmes in Alicante. (EUIPO).

f) plans at INPI on public IP search services

small improvements planned for exporting, search mask.

geographical indications – 3 are now registered. (latest savon Marseille). This is a system in parallel with the agricultural indications, and food (appellation).

In addition INPI website will be translated into English in the next few months.

5: AOB:

INPI have no firm plans to introduce analytics on any platform. Personal data processing is according to national guidelines. FR FT data will become available in espacenet, as supplied to the EPO. SD added this is for PCT minimum documentation guidelines, and further countries will be expected. There are no plans to collect information on licence agreements.

6: Next meeting date will be scheduled early in 2017, and is expected to take place in June / July .

INPI Attendees:

Sabine Darrigade (Online Search Services)
Anne Poux (Data Redistribution)
Marie-Louise Candelon (Information Dissemination)

PatCom Attendees:

Martine Massiera, Questel, PatCom President FR
Jane List, Extract Information, PatCom Secretary, UK
Armin Foerderer, FIZ, PatCom Treasurer, DE
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Jane List, Secretary, PatCom, Cambridgeshire 18/08/2016