



Minutes: 14. INPI-PatCom Meeting, Paris, 18th June, 2018

1. SD welcomed PatCom to INPI for the 14th meeting.

2. The Agenda was agreed, with information on API, and new services from INPI added in.
See presentation from the meeting (Patcom20180618_SLB.ppt)

3. INPI Data Dissemination (SD)

Some key facts and figures from the annual report (attached inpi_ra17_0.pdf) were presented to give an overview of INPI activity.

INPI provides IP information free on its website. IP databases contain 8.8 million patents (FR and EP and WO), 4.4m trademarks (1966 -), 1.2m designs (1910 -) and 106,000 legal cases. The volumes have all increased considerably since the databases were created in 2011.

Patent data contains: A1, A3, B1, B3. Note A3 at INPI is (Demande de Certificate d'utilite) (B3 is granted A3 and is valid for 6 years.) The jurisprudence database used to be presented solely via Questel (jurinpi). So far this year IP applications are rising with the exception of patents which is down 1.5%. Opposition decisions have also increased. We looked at the top applicants for French patents. Valeo was top applicant in 2017, and has been in top 10 for some time. Valeo rebranded so all subsidiaries are under Valeo name (brand) . All top 10 are corporations except CNRS (Centre national de la recherche scientifique).

3. New data dissemination projects

3.1 RNCS – (Registre national du commerce et des sociétés) data is available through INPI. This is a trial, and so far seems successful with 700 licences issued since the launch at the end of 2017.

Why is INPI providing RNCS data?

Because there are common data items. The SIREN number (French company registration number) provides unambiguous company identity for patents (90% of applicants have a SIREN number) and trademarks (70%) coverage. Subsidiaries may have their own SIREN number (e.g. Valeo). SIREN numbers for companies which are acquired cease to be active.

3.2 The 'Bourse des brevets' database is a platform (SLB)

Is a market place for patents which are available for licencing or are for sale. It is for FR granted patents only, an ICON is shown on the website (<https://bourse-brevets.inpi.fr/?/search>) . This information is NOT available in the raw data feed. 200 patents are available ATM. The Bourse was started mid-2017. Feedback from users is positive. Patent licensors / sellers are in the main small companies and individuals.

3.3 API PI (see slide 13-14) (SLB)

The IP portal linked with company register data is another project, at the moment in trials with governmental admin users. Towards the end of 2018 the API will be made available by licence to private organisations. The API will permit basic search within the link.

4. Licensing of INPI data (SLB)

There has been significant interest in open data licences since inception in 2014. Licences stand at : 123 Trademark, 93 patent, 38 case law, 30 design active licencees at this point in time. Most licencees take two types of IP data with the most popular being Trademark + Patent, or Trademark + Design. There are 284 companies with data licence, and 190 new companies as licencees (see slide 9 for more info.).

4a. Legal status updates from INPI pertaining to French documents (BC)

INPI Legal status information is available from 1989 (earlier legal status is as on DOCDB). From 2018 INPI are providing their own legal status information including events for lapse, owner, validity, reassignment. Back data is available once a year. Front file is available weekly for patents, trademarks and designs. The EPO will also have the current data. Files relating to new, amend, change events will be issued. EP national phase legal information will be the same as FR. INPI is planning to join the Federated Register at the EPO in Q3 2018.

4b. Full text of French documents published by INPI. (BC)

INPI will be providing all full text to the EPO by mid-2019. INPI are using the WIPO workflow tool which required MSWord .docx documents (not PDF). The documents are processed internally to create the XML. The quality should be improved as there will be no OCR. The first patent applications to be processed in this way were filed in January 2018.

This data will all be available through INPI's open data licensing scheme after June 2019. (see slide 12 of ppt for full dates and document types).

5. INPI support of SME innovation in France. (SLB)

INPI continues to provide services for SMEs including financial, strategic IP assistance (mainly patents and trademarks). This is supported at EU level. IP Pass (<https://www.inpi.fr/fr/pass-pi>) is a new initiative to help small companies. And specifically for start-ups is: <https://www.inpi.fr/fr/aides-et-accompagnement-start-up>

6. AOB:

6.1 COP (Contrat d'objectifs et de performance 2017-2020) (slide 14)

A new data portal is under development as part of the performance objectives. It was launched in March 2018 with surveys and these are now under review. At the moment everything is open, the project will combine different types of data from companies and from IP documents. Specifications will be written and partner companies will be needed. INPI expect to issue RFP in Q3-04 2018.

6.2 Other statistics on French economic matters which may be of interest are published by INSEE (The National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies) INSEE collects, analyses and disseminates information on the French economy and society (<https://www.insee.fr/en/accueil>)

6.3 Q&A

INPI have no plans to introduce translation tools, however all of the abstracts from EPO and WIPO are being translated into French. SD to let JL know when this is available. INPI are setting policy for IP information provision in France.

Agenda

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Agenda agreement
3. INPI Data Dissemination
4. Licensing of INPI Material
 - a. legal status updates from INPI of French documents
 - b. Full text of French documents published by INPI.
5. INPI support of SME innovation efforts in France. Results of the study from 2017
AOB
6. Date of next meeting in 2019

Attendees

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