Minutes of the 13. INPI-PatCom Meeting,

Held in Paris, on 14th June, 2017, 10am

Minutes:

1. INPI welcomed PatCom to the meeting and we all introduced ourselves briefly as there were new participants on both sides.
2. The agenda was agreed and we went through the items in order
3. Changes and responsibilities at INPI – data dissemination (SD)
   INPI has a new Director General Romain Soubeyran, in post since November 2016. Anne Dufour is in charge of the data department. PatCom contacts are now SD, and SLB. See presentation (slides 2-3) for further details on the new organisation. Anne Poux is now working in the 'Registre national du commerce et des sociétés' (RNCS). From September there will be a 5th team working along side the RNCS (registre national du commerce et des sociétés) within INPI to validate the company names and improve linking IPRs with the organisation which owns them.   RNCS is responsible for company registrations in France, and providing this information linked together is becoming more important, with the Open Data initiatives.   Anne Poux is presenting the INPI company accounts data at   'VivaTechnologie' this week, of which more later. https://vivatechnology.com/program/
   INPI has a new strategy for 2017-2020, (slides 4-6) of the presentation. Under the 'Strengthen' pillar INPI is providing services to SMEs in the form of searches, and assistance using mapping tools, and access studies. Under the 'Contribute' pillar INPI is invigorating its efforts to support innovation in France by providing more training, e.g.on basic patent searching skills. A study of needs was carried out and PatCom requested more details on the results of the study.
   ACTION: JL to follow up.
4. INPI IP Licences (SVB)   INPI are issuing 3 new licences per month, and now have 185 licencees in total. (slides 7-11) The licences are for all types of IPRs, with trademarks most frequently requested, followed by patents, case law then designs. A new survey of the licencees was conducted in November 2016. 35 licencees responded. 80% are also downloading data updates. Projects reported included technology, INPI data combined with other existing data, usually SIREN, and both external and internal services are being created by the licencees. Licencees are based in France, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany , UK, with very few in China and Japan.   The only data which is not currently 'Open' is the geographical indications, of which there are currently only 3 cases.
   Company data – RNCS open data (arising from the 'Macron' Law of 2015) has been much more popular - with already 315 licences in only two months.
   INPI's COP (Contrat d'objectifs et de performance)– for 2017-2020 added some new subjects (see slides 12-14). These include adding value to IPR data to enable society to make better use of it. Such as linking accurately company data and IPR data, forming appropriate partnerships and simplifying access to the data, for instance legal status data, which is currently in the Bulletin, will be added to the

open data. Not all patent applicants have SIREN numbers, INPI keeps an internal register, 95% of FR patent applicants do have SIREN, and all TM and design applicants have SIRENs.

IP data licences, - the data available is being extended, with the target to include all full text which is created by INPI during 2018.   Making the file history information available in this way 'dossier de examine' is currently not in the planning. PatCom requested improvements to the viewing options for File histories, either through improvements to the API. INPI data is not available through the global dossier. PatCom members volunteered to assist INPI with beta test of the API.

Action: PatCom members who wish to participate to contact MLC individually.

We had a look at XML for St36 delivery of data to check for SIREN, and this was identified.

PatCom asked if INPI had any plans to link IPRs , in particular patents with standards information. Answer: NO.

INPI is launching a new service facilitating IP auctions, this will be launched at VIVA technologie.   An icon will indicate the availability of an IPR for auction, only for FR granted (in-force) patents. Data Licencees will be able to access this information by API or REST.

The meeting noted that Danish patent office also provides this market place service.

5: AOB: Is INPI planning to facilitate the FR speaking countered to develop data? Such as in French speaking Africa.   SD reported that INPI does work with Morocco (MA) and Algeria (DZ) and has a link person with OAPI (Organisation Africaine de la Propriété Intellectuelle), (OA). WIPO takes the initiative in these matters.

6:     Next meeting date will be scheduled early in 2018, and is expected to take place in June / July .

INPI Attendees:
Sabine Darrigade (IP Director) (SD)
Marie-Louise Candelon (Information Dissemination + Data) (MLC)
Severine le Brun (Open Data, IP and company information) (SVB)
Bruno Corriger (IPO team) (BC)

PatCom Attendees:
Martine Massiera, Questel, PatCom President FR (MM)
Jane List, Extract Information, PatCom Secretary, UK (JL)
Olivier Huc, Minesoft, UK (OH)
Martine Michel, CAS, FR (MMi)
Jody Leewes, LNU, NL (JLe)

Agenda:

1. Introductions

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. AOB:

6. Date of next meeting in 2018

Apologies:
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Armin Foerderer, Fiz Karlsruhe, DE

Jane List, Secretary, PatCom, Cambridgeshire 10/07/2017