



11TH OEPM – PatCom Meeting Minutes 2nd October 2018

1. The Agenda was approved and Carmen welcomed PatCom to the meeting. CT informed us that since June 2018 the OEPM has a new General Director - Mr. José Antonio Gil Celedonio. For the time being there are no changes are expected to working practices.
2. The Minutes of the 10th Meeting in 2017 were approved.
3. **Development of OEPM Web-services, Usage Statistics (RCD/ MN)**

Web Services are all free to users. The OEPM have developed a unique form to access all of the IPRs information. The Nice classification (CLINMAR) is updated monthly, harmonised, in 34 languages. The OEPM creates a Spanish language version which is widely used. INVENES (patents) contains all of the original Latipat data, designs and trademarks are all searchable. The CEO (legal status) data is under test at the moment, there are concerns over personal data. The issue on how to handle the personal data needs to be resolved, a consultation is underway. Trademarks is the most widely used. See slide 6 for stats. Slide 14 onwards refers to the Dossier Access. This information is accessed by the applicants and their agents to check payments, and payment history.
(see PatCom_OEPM_IT.pdf)
4. **Provision of ES Bulk Data (MN)**

The OEPM continues to digitize its collection of patents which date from 1826. Utility Models were introduced in 1930. At the moment complete documentation is available from 1980 , and documents from 1940 to 1980 are almost complete, some missing abstracts are being prepared. On Invenes the documents are searchable full-text (FT), but the FT is not published. All documents from 1940 onwards have been OCR'ed and are being prepared as XML. However there are problems with quality, due to the poor quality of the original documents. The WIPO OCR solution improves the quality of FT, but this is no solution for back data. Documents from 1930-1940 are also under preparation. They are being scanned, and it is hoped that the small collection will be ready during 1H 2019. *(see PatCom 2018 Invenes.PDF)*
5. **Latipat and co-operation with Latin American countries (BR)**

The Latipat is now hosted by the EPO on the new espacenet server (since 12/2017). There are differences to the data which is made available on the new server, and there are no publically available coverage tables, no country flags, and no additional contents. The new espacenet server does not allow such deep information to be presented. See slides 5-6 on data flow old and new. PDFs are only updated every two weeks. Due to the EPO quality checking procedures older data from Latipat is no longer available e.g. Bolivia, Paraguay, Venezuela. Slides 8-9 itemise the coverage gaps. The problems have been presented to the EPO, but there is currently no solution, as the EPO want the data to come only from the source country. OEPM can provide the data back to the Latipat member country for quality check. There is a MoU between EPO, WIPO and OEPM to work together to distribute the data widely. Coverage information can be found on EPO website, slides 12-17 provide a summary of what is available. OEPM are actively supporting the Latipat initiative. Carmen went to the meeting in March 2018, and OEPM will support the meeting in Costa Rica in

November 2018 where FT data provision will be discussed and the OCR solution. IPAS training is also provided at the meeting. A Latipat portal has been proposed by the OEPM to improve awareness of the data availability from the Latipat countries, at the WIPO assemblies meeting the issue will be discussed. The Latipat coordinator will continue to be based at the OEPM. Andrés Araújo (AA) from Uruguay arrives in Madrid in November to take up the position for two years. The Latipat MoU will be renewed in December 2018 for two years.

PatCom requested that the Latipat representative be present at the 2019 meeting. Latipat data is very important for PatCom members, because it is of significant importance to industry patent information users. In particular PatCom are interested in PDFs of national patents, and legal status information. Particularly for Argentina which is not yet in the PCT. (see *PatCom2018_Latipat.PDF*)

6. **Cooperation with WIPO** – was discussed under 7.

7. **QaS progress with EPO.(MN)**

The OEPM is working with the EPO to supply ES data. Some missing files are being prepared, and work is in progress on front file which will be delivered to EPO to WIPO St.36 standards using WIPO front file OCR solution. An authority file containing a list of publication numbers and data is available with the updates. The third stage – automated quality check of the files uploaded from the EPO is also in progress. The OEPM is working on how to publish the data in QaS at the EPO. There are some ICT issues regarding the EPO servers. The ES data will be available as Open Data. PatCom asked if there will be more PDFs available via the EPO? And / or will the PDFs 1940 to 1986 be made available on a commercial basis? MN replied that the OEPM are working to solve open data format problems in October. OEPM ICT department is working to solve the problem (security issue). (see *PatCom_OEPM_IT.pdf*)

8. **AOB:** Discussions on AI and IP, GDPR, and the importance of patent abstracts. ES Utility Models have no abstracts, and under the new Spanish Law, Utility Model applicants are not compelled to file an abstract of the invention; the SPTO is therefore using claim 1 as a substitute of the abstract for U.M. in its database INVENES.

9. Date of next meeting.

TBD – September 2019.

Agenda

- 1) Approval of the Agend and welcome.
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the 10th Meeting in 2017
- 3) Development of OEPM Web-services, Usage Statistics
- 4) Provision of ES Bulk Data
- 5) Latipat and co-operation with Latin American countries
- 6) Cooperation with WIPO
- 7) QaS progress with EPO.
- 8) AOB:
- 9) Date of next meeting

OEPM Attendees:

Mariano Nieto Navarro, Head Documentation Service, Patents and Technological Information Department (MN)

Carmen Toledo de la Torre, Head of the Technological Information Division (CT)

Blanca Vila Riudavets (BR)

Maria Rosa Carreras Durbán (RCD), Coordinator of International Technological Projects IT Division.

PatCom Attendees:

Robert Fokkema, Lighthouse IP

Miriam Plana, CAS

Olivier Huc, Minesoft

Jane List, Extract Information, & Secretary, PatCom

Apologies from Jurjen Dijkstra, LNU.

Jane list , PatCom Secretary, 29th November 2018.