



Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes

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- Time: 10:00 – 12:00 Tuesday 19th March 2019
 - Location: Business Lounge, Imperial Riding School Hotel, Ungargasse 60, Vienna, Austria

1. The president welcomed everyone to the meeting, the agenda was approved.
2. The minutes of the 2018 AGM were reviewed and approved.

3. **President's report.**

Ann Chapman (AC) delivered her report (see attached document).

These notes relate to the discussion of points raised in AC report.

All agreed PatCom should reiterate the commercial viewpoint to the IPOs.

It is becoming harder to influence the IPOs as they are increasingly competing with each other, and with google. The availability of open data continues to grow. We discussed the office meetings, and agreed items for the agenda for the forthcoming UKIPO meeting. The DPMA have not offered an annual meeting for PatCom, instead they have invited some PatCom members to their "Nuetzerforum" on 11th April 2019 in Munich. Only the CEO of FIZ Karlsruhe has been invited to the Advisory Council Meeting, and not as a representative of PatCom.

Action: AC to attend the meeting on 11/4 (see attached translation of the meeting programme). And to follow up by writing to H. Rothe to request reinstatement of the PatCom DPMA private meeting either collocated with the user forum, or at a different time/ place.

The USPTO is ahead of the other IPOs in providing API access to data. The use of free (patent information) web services is very far ahead of the commercial providers as derived on <https://hypestat.com/> using number of searches per day.

Action: All members of PatCom to give permission to the Secretary for their details to be provided to relevant third parties when requested.

This keeps PatCom GDPR compliant, and will enable the Secretary to respond in short time to requests.

All of the major offices are now building value-add tools for IP information search and analysis. E.g WIPO are considering adding Markush searchability, and improving patent translation tools.

The EPO gather feedback from users, which is then used to justify the improvements on tools such as espacenet. The EPO talk to the offices, requesting new data and enhancements.

The PDG do want commercial providers. PatCom should reach out to the PDG.

Action: JL to contact PDG IMPACT group with the aim of arranging a meeting so we can agree common aims.

AC emphasised that PatCom must encourage the offices to focus on providing data in a form suitable for commercial sector use.

Promoting the value of the commercial sector is important. This could be by raising awareness of the anti-competitive practices of the IPOs, and / or by highlighting to patent information users the quality, currency and accuracy of commercial data compared to office free data.

PatCom plans to attend WIPO meetings at which all stake holders are present through the Observer status we reactivated in 2018. Jurjen Dijkstra plans to attend the Name standardisation workshop on 2-3 May 2019.

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=430132

Ann Chapman plans to attend the BlockChain workshop on 29-30 April.

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=430113

We briefly discussed the conferences and lack of participation at SDV of the users, and the loss of IPI Confex. The EPO PIC conference dates and location are now public:

<https://www.epo.org/learning-events/events/conferences/pi-conference.html>

4. Treasurer's Report

Armin Foerderer (AF) delivered his report (see attached document).

These notes relate to the discussion of points raised in the report.

AF informed that it would be necessary to put the fees up from the 2019-2020 membership period. This will be the first increase for members since the inception of PatCom. The treasurer's proposal was discussed and fee increases were agreed unanimously. From July 2019 PatCom members will be EU800 for an Associate Member, EU2,000 for an SME Member, and EU5,000 for a large corporate member. AF is still waiting for the full Audit. It was therefore proposed that the accounts will be officially signed by PatCom Board at the ExCo in Paris in June 2019. AF plans to retire in 2020. It would be advantageous for the next Treasurer to be based in The Netherlands, for communications with the bank, and because PatCom is registered in The Netherlands. Jurjen Dijkstra (JD) agreed to take on the role of Treasurer from July 2020.

Action: AF to resend invoice for 2018-2019 to Clarivate Analytics. AF to hand over to JD in June 2020. The information at the bank and the NL Chamber of Commerce will also be needed. Suggested to hold a Board meeting in NL to do this.

5. Secretary's Report

Jane List (JL) delivered her report (see attached document).

These notes relate to the discussion of points raised in the report.

Should PatCom establish additional meetings with IPOs? For instance with IPPH? The group considered it would be too costly, and perhaps not appropriate to attempt to establish a meeting with SIPO at the CPAC meeting. The East Meets West event may be a more appropriate venue, where PatCom could also interact with other offices.

Action: JL to contact offices who will be attending EMW 2020 to set up meetings. PatCom members to attend EMW 2020.

The PatCom website can support a BLOG. It was suggested that each member writes a piece for the BLOG, to be published approximately monthly.

Action: JL to put this on the Agenda for ExCo.

6. ExCo Meetings -

Will continue to be held in Paris prior to the INPI meeting in June, in Vienna in October prior to the EPO Autumn meeting, and in Geneva prior to the WIPO meeting.

7. Member Changes

IFI Claims have requested to join PatCom. They were unanimously accepted as a member.

Action: AF to let Rosa know at the Data Meeting. JL to send full information on membership. (DONE)

PatentSight were acquired by RELX Group and are now represented by LNU.

Mtc have resigned from PatCom.

Attendees:

President	Ann Chapman, Minesoft
Secretary	Jane List, Extract Information
Treasurer	Armin Foerderer, FIZ Karlsruhe
	Robert Fokkema, Lighthouse IP
	Lee Smith, RWS
	Linda Williams, Questel
	Jurjen Dijkstra, LexisNexis Univentio

PatCom AGM 2018 TO 2019: Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the Vienna 2018 AGM**
- 3. Annual Report of the President (AC)**
- 4. Report of the Treasurer and Financial Issues (AF)**
- 5. Report of the Secretary (JL)**
- 6. ExCo meetings**
- 7. Member Changes**
- 8. A.O.B.**

Jane List, PatCom Secretary, Cambridgeshire, 26TH March 2019