



13TH OEPM – PatCom Virtual Meeting Minutes (R1) 22 September 2020.

1. The meeting was hosted by the OEPM using the Circuit meetings software. Carmen welcomed everyone to the meeting, and everyone briefly introduced themselves as there were new participants from PatCom and OEPM.
2. The Agenda was approved.
3. **Impact of COVID restrictions on OEPM operations (CT)**

In Madrid the COVID and COVID restrictions have been harsh, and the Madrid Office closed on 14 March and remains largely except for two people who take phone calls and handle the mail. The office is not planning to reopen before 2021. Operations continue electronically and remotely, cooperations with WIPO and EPO continue, and the patent applications are processed. The deadlines for handling prosecution events and terms for IPR renewals were extended between March and May 2020.

COVID has accelerated the move to completely electronic processing of applications, and applicants are now able to conduct Oral proceedings as virtual meetings. See also Latipat section on COVID related delays. The COVID situation has negatively impacted Latin American countries' abilities to continue working.
4. **Development of OEPM Web-services, Mi OEPM (MIO) (RCD)**

Webservices continue to be available for external users. The OEPM continues to develop web services for machine to machine communication, and for all users (filers, legal agents) to use for all OEPM interactions. To use the system users must first register. Users can register to access Invenes, Designs, Clinmar and trademark locator search tools are all available

MIO

The Mi OEPM tool was launched in March 2020. It is a secure system for registered users of OEPM services. Users are authenticated (Cl@ve) to access particular OEPM files, including Filing information and File histories relating to their own applications, and can link with other services.

[PatCom meeting September 2020.PDF]
5. **Spanish national publications and Bulk Open Data (MN / RCD)**

Patent applications remain stable; Utility model applications have grown (28%) increase. The number of PCT applications from ES origin is down. It is possible that ES applicants are using IB and EPO routes to apply for WO filings.

In fact, there is a general raise in the number of Spanish inventions being protected internationally. There is a growth of technology companies investing in Spain. Good for the Spanish economy, but less throughput for OEPM.

There are still some patents being published as Granted under the old Patent Act. (B1). New patent act (with substantive examination are published as (B2)).

The Open data service (Bulk data) should be increased with data from INVENES. . In addition, legal status data is being created which will conform to St.37 WIPO standard. This will be confirmed with the EPO prior to implementation.

INVENES back file.

The Team are working towards completing the INVENES backfile. Work progresses on the 1920 to 1930 data. The aim is to have complete bibliographic data and abstracts from 1826 to date available. A tender is open to provide scanning of the 1886 to 1930 documents. [Spain patent info coverage and data provision.pdf]

6. **Latipat and co-operation with Latin American countries (MN).**

There are still two countries which are not participating in the Latipat project – Bolivia and Venezuela. There is no contact at all for Venezuela. Cuba also has problems to participate because Google does not allow access to its services in the country. Cuba is able to use EPO services. Cuba expects to resume data delivery in October following agreement with US Government.

Bibliographic data

COVID has interrupted the Latipat cooperation project. Many offices are not able to prepare data for the EPO whilst working remotely. Communications are also paused at the moment. Three countries, Dominican Republic (DO), Guatemala (GT) and El Salvador (SV), have paused operations.

Full text data

The ABBYY Fine reader software is used for OCR and to create the FT documents; 9 out of 15 countries (Green on slide) are making progress and are preparing to resume monthly updates.

Legal status data

This project continues and more countries are preparing to send data. Uruguay (UY) has sent its full back file in June. Front files are expected by the end of 2020 from SV and CU to WIPO standard. A webinar is planned during October to review progress. The Latipat coordinator will leave in 2021, after finishing the two-year term of the role. A replacement will be appointed by end 2020, and there will be overlap to transfer knowledge.

See the presentation for details.

[LATIPAT 2020.PDF]

7. **Cooperation with WIPO**

Covered in Latipat notes.

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

Machine translated abstracts for all A, U ES applications for which there is no priority document from 1930 to date are now created and are being sent to EPO for upload into EPO databases. They are already available in INVENES. The documents will be automatically classified. The translations have been carried out using Google via Google API, and each one has a notice to this effect, with a disclaimer.

An ES authority file is created on the WIPO portal. It is updated monthly.

9. AOB:

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10. Date and format of next meeting.

In Spring 2020 we will agree dates for a meeting in September 2021 with in person and virtual options if possible.

Agenda

1. Introductions and welcome
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Impact of COVID restrictions on OEPM operations
4. Development of OEPM Web-services, Usage Statistics
5. Provision of ES Bulk Data
6. Latipat and co-operation with Latin American countries
7. Cooperations with WIPO
8. QaS progress with EPO.
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