



PatCom Secretary's Report 2019 - 2020

Office Meetings

This year we held meetings with the following patent offices in person at their offices, OEPM, EPO (A), WIPO.

The UKIPO meeting will be scheduled for the Autumn, and we hope this will take place in person as travel resumes.

This year we have held virtual meetings with EPO (S), and INPI. The Offices prefer us to use their software for the meetings.

Other Office Meetings

PatCom had planned to attend the East Meets West meeting in April 2020. I had arranged for PatCom to have access to a Room for private meetings, and to have a 'Poster' Table to present PatCom with a view to establishing links with the Asia Office. The EMW meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.

WIPO Standards development (cws) and Observer Meetings

PatCom members can attend WIPO meetings. This is an opportunity to show PatCom is active in patent information matters. I continue to circulate meeting invitations. Recently we had invitations to the following meetings:

- **CWS Task Force Application Program Interface (API) (17 June 2020)**
- **Committee on Development and Intellectual Property(CDIP). (22-26 June 2020).**
- **IA/IPO Conversation on Intellectual Property (IP) and Artificial Intelligence (AI), (7 – 9 July 2020)**

In 2019 PatCom contributed to WIPO's initiatives on Blockchain, Name standardization, and Sequence standards / tools development.

ExCo meetings

PatCom has held two ExCo meetings. The first in Vienna prior to the Autumn EPO meeting and the second in Geneva prior to the WIPO meeting.

Board Meeting

An extraordinary virtual board meeting was held in May to discuss and agree how to continue with the PatCom meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic travel and workplace restrictions on meetings.

Website

The Secretary, with the Assistance of Tanja Windbiel, FIZ Karlsruhe, maintain the PatCom website adding members' information, meeting minutes, presentations shared at the meetings by the offices, forthcoming meeting dates and agendas. These can all be found on the website in the members area. Members are reminded to send the Secretary changes to company representatives, and new contact details.

Membership changes

- IFI Claims and Patently became members in 2019-2020.
- InfoChem are not renewing the Membership for 2020-2021
- Anaqua have expressed interest in joining, but as yet have not submitted a formal request to do so.

15 June 2020 Jane List, PatCom, Secretary, Cambridgeshire, UK