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## Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of CEPIUG, Rome, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### List of attendees:

<i>Linus Wretblad</i>	<i>CEPIUG Chair</i>	<i>CEPIUG / SIPIG</i>
<i>Guido Moradei</i>	<i>CEPIUG Secretary</i>	<i>CEPIUG</i>
<i>Christian Jargstorff</i>		<i>AGM</i>
<i>Alessandro Piras</i>		<i>AIDB</i>
<i>Dania Agnoletto</i>		<i>AIDB</i>
<i>Dirk Rattat</i>		<i>BEPIUG</i>
<i>Susan Helliwell</i>		<i>BPIP</i>
<i>Susan Bates</i>		<i>BPIP</i>
<i>Benoit Sollie</i>		<i>CFIB</i>
<i>Jean-Sebastien Fruchart</i>		<i>CFIB</i>
<i>Lisbeth Gauguin</i>		<i>PIF</i>
<i>Stephen Adams</i>		<i>PATMG / PIUG</i>
<i>Jan Kleminga</i>		<i>WON</i>
<i>Thomas Lorenz</i>	<i>Observer</i>	<i>PDG</i>
<i>Lucy Akers</i>	<i>Observer</i>	<i>IPI Award</i>
<i>Elke Tomä</i>	<i>Observer</i>	<i>University of Ilmenau</i>

### AGENDA:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of minutes from November 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 meeting in Warsaw (attached)
3. Matters arising
4. Board elections – nominations for candidates are invited
5. Report of CEPIUG board activities since the last meeting
6. Report from Certification Project for Patent Information Professionals
7. Discussion on the future of CEPIUG and its Organisation
8. Update of member group activities
9. A.O.B.

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### **Invited Attendees:**

#### Members:

AGM	Arbeitsgruppe Elektronische Medien in der Patentinformation (DE)
AIDB	Associazione Italiana Documentalisti Brevettuali (IT)
BEPIUG	Belgian Patent Information users group (BE)
BPIP	British Patent Information Professionals (UK)
CFIB	Club Francophone d'Information Brevet (FR)
PATMG	Patent & Trademark Group (UK)
PIF	Patent Information Forum (DK)
SIPIG	Swedish usergroup (SE)
WON	Werkgemeenschap Octrooi-informatie Nederland (NL)

#### Observers:

Thomas Lorenz - PDG representative  
Elke Tomä - University of Ilmenau  
Lucy Akers (IPI)

The Board Chair Linus Wretblad welcomed the meeting at 17,45.

1) Apologies for absence are received from Marjolaine Thulin, Aalt van de Kuilen, Ruth Mikeska, Bettina de Jong, Agnieszka Podrazik. Stephen Adams representing the PATMG will also attend the meeting as PIUG observer.

2) Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting held March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 are accepted without corrections.

3) Matters arising

The Salary Survey organized by CEPIUG and presented by Linus during the conference is discussed. Concerns about the level of detail provided by the presentation are expressed by some participants including Susan Helliwell and Susan Bates, as it could consent to identify some particular respondent (eg. age range vs. gender) and that risk should be avoided for privacy reasons.

Besides, they would have preferred a dissemination amongst the member groups before giving a public disclosure.

Even if there is a different sensitivity amongst the participants about this item, it is agreed that the presentation will not be distributed to the conference attendees and the next steps further discussed with the member groups.

Some ideas how to improve the communication between the Board and the member groups are examined and it was finally agreed that a liaison person shall be nominated by each member group not having a representative in the Board.

*[Action – member groups/Guido]*

4) Candidature to the Board of Susan Helliwell is presented by BPIP. The meeting approves and Susan is a member of the Board since now.

5) The action to extend the activity of CEPIUG to other European countries started with Poland in October 2014. Contacts with Agnieszka Podrazik of the AGH University of Cracow and Patlib are promising. She is disseminating information about the CEPIUG and the certification project in her country in order to stimulate the creation of a national group.

Elke Tomä of the University of Ilmenau, organizer of the most important patent information conference in Germany (PATINFO) is present at the meeting for the same purpose. Bernd Wolter (WG certification) will provide a speech at PATINFO in June about the certification project and the possibility to establish a German group.

The contacts with the AGM group have been resumed and its representative Christian Jargstorff is present to the meeting.

More in general, all the person/email contacts with the groups have been now updated thank to their collaboration and the data will be shared with all the member groups.

*[Action Guido]*

The announced CEPIUG LinkedIn group was established. It now needs to be advertised through the CEPIUG website *[website administrator already instructed]* and the member groups to consent a direct communication between the members of the groups.

The next SACEPO/PDI meeting held at EPO in Vienna on 19 March will see the participation of official representatives of the CEPIUG and of some of the national groups.

Contacts with WIPO are in course. Guido Moradei will attend the next CPC meeting with EPO and USPTO with Industry Users that will be held at WIPO in Geneva on 14 April. An official invitation was not yet issued, as soon as it will be received the invitation will be probably extended to (at least some representatives) of the member groups.

Official status of observer in some WIPO committees (like PDG and PIUG already have) would be desirable to take parts to works concerning important issues of the patent information area at high level.

*[Action Linus/Guido – informal email to Mr Young-Woo YUN of WIPO]*

Linus reports the progress in the preparation of the Tools Survey. The draft will be circulated to the member groups soon.

Lucy Akers says it could be of great interest for the commercial vendors and the participants agree to take into consideration this remark to further process the survey.

6) With regard to the status of the certification project, due to the time constraints the participants are referred to the presentation that will be provided tomorrow [on Wednesday 11] by Susan Helliwell in the Conference.

An issue presented by Benoit Sollie about the Continued Professional Development (CPD) about the disadvantages to comply with the regulation proposed for SME was not discussed in depth because the final text of the proposal was not yet released.

All the articles, when finalized by the WG certification, will be sent to the member groups and the partner groups to be further discussed.

7) Some items referring to the organization of the CEPIUG are already discussed in other points of the agenda (enlargement, official relationships with WIPO, communication between the Board and the member groups).

The costs of the website for the year 2015 was supported by the CFIB and it is desirable to have a rotation amongst the group.

The lack of funds of the CEPIUG itself is recalled. Stephen Adams suggest to give priority to this matter to improve the role of the CEPIUG.

Some ideas about getting a fee from the member groups or look for sponsors are briefly discussed but nothing decided.

8) No particular remarks about the member groups activity. Just noted that the BEPIUG is present at the Conference with a poster and the AIDB with a stand.

9) A.O.B.

The date of the next meeting was proposed to take place during the EPOPIC in Copenhagen between 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015, details to be decided closer the time.

There being no further business to discuss, Linus Wretblad thanked the participants for their participation and continuing good work and declared the meeting closed at 18.45 pm.