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Minutes of the 17th meeting of CEPIUG, Wien, March 16th 2016

List of attendees:

<i>Linus Wretblad</i>	<i>CEPIUG Board Chair</i>	<i>CEPIUG / SIPIG</i>
<i>Guido Moradei</i>	<i>CEPIUG Board Secretary</i>	<i>CEPIUG/AIDB</i>
<i>Klaus Gundertofte</i>	<i>CEPIUG Board member</i>	<i>CEPIUG/PIF</i>
<i>Dania Agnoletto</i>		<i>AIDB</i>
<i>Susan Helliwell</i>		<i>BPIP</i>
<i>Philippe Bodart</i>		<i>CFIB</i>
<i>Aalt van de Kuilen</i>		<i>WON</i>
<i>Bettina de Jong</i>	<i>Chair WG Certification</i>	<i>WON / PDG</i>

AGENDA:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of minutes from November 2015 meeting in Copenhagen
3. Matters arising; Tools Survey
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. Wishes brought to the CEPIUG board: what do you want us to do?
8. Update of member groups 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:

PDG representative
PIUG representative
WG Certification
Individuals from countries not represented in the Confederacy

The Board Chair Linus Wretblad welcomed the meeting at 15,00.

1) **Apologies for absence** are received from AGM, BEPIUG and PATMG.
PDG is represented by Bettina de Jong, PIUG by Guido Moradei.

2) **Minutes of the 16th meeting** held November 10th, 2015 are accepted without corrections.

3) Matters arising

CEPIUG Board Chair and Secretary are confirmed as Chair and Secretary of the meeting.

Breakdown of European Users 2015: the scheme proposal sent out for comments to the Users Groups on 11 March 2016 was briefly discussed. Participants agree on the new scheme, even if someone (at least AIDB) should make slight amendments to their usual scheme.

If no comments or alternative proposals are received from the Users Groups the new scheme will be adopted, in order to get consistent data from all the groups.

Also in view of the results of the statistics provided in November 2015, showing that more than 100 members (13%) are independent searchers, and as agreed in the last meeting, a letter has been sent to the organizers of the IPI Confex in view to solve this unequal situation due by the different conditions applied to corporate and independent users to attend the conference.

Tool Survey: the feedback given by the groups has been analyzed and slight amendments made.

A brief discussion follows about possible additional questions to be included regarding items useful for the certification project, eg. average time spent in FTO, etc.) but the survey is considered already too full of data to be expanded.

A final version is now in preparation.

[Action – member groups/Board]

4) **Candidature to the Board** of Aalt van de Kuilen was presented by WON. The other member groups are reminded about the possibility to submit additional nominations but nothing else is received. The meeting approves and Aalt is elected as a member of the Board.

5) **CEPIUG Board activities** since last meeting are then reported.

The efforts to **extend the activity of CEPIUG to other European countries** continues, colleagues from Poland, Germany and Spain have been invited to the meeting for this purpose.

In **Spain** contacts have been started with some relevant members of the community and with the head of patent information at the Spanish Patent Office (OEPM) in order to launch a mailing to a number of colleagues and to have a meeting held as side event of the EPOPIC in Madrid (Beginning of November).

In **Germany**, Christoph Hooek, head of IP at PATON (Ilmenau), reported that their project is to establish officially the new German group PING at the next conference PatInfo (June).

Following to the actions proposed in the last meeting Klaus Gundertofte is studying the possibility to include a calendar in the **CEPIUG website** to host news from the users groups, their agenda, etc.

Other work has been done at the website to host the minutes of the board tlc in a restricted area and the minutes of the meetings in a public area.

A new meeting will be held by the **OECD** to meet the patent information users in Paris at the end of June. This could be a fruitful contact for future collaboration.

Contacts with **WIPO** are in course at several levels, a development of the former "Patentscope Users Day" will be further investigated. Bettina de Jong who participated in the last years reported the problems the event has to attract expert colleagues, being more a one-side event than an open meeting. She (as vice-chair of the group) thinks the PDG will certainly support an improvement of the meeting in the direction of eg. a kind of SACEPO/PDI.

With regard to the **SACEPO/PDI** itself, a clarification should be asked to Dan Shalloe about the membership, in view of a possible growth in the number of CEPIUG member groups, and considering it is not possible to substitute an official member with a colleague of the same group.

The **meeting with EPO and USPTO about the CPC** was considered useful and a good idea to have it organized in Vienna in the same days of the SACEPO/PDI.

Linus Wretblad reported he would probably attend the **PIUG** conference in the USA in May and in that case discussions with their board will certainly take place. In the program there is also a panel on the certification project.

6) With regard to the **status of the certification project**, the WG chair Bettina de Jong reported that she gave a presentation on it at the IPI-Confex few weeks before, that not a lot of feedback was received after the clarifications issued by the team in August last year, but that a successful teleconference was held in January which consented a number of colleagues to express their

suggestions, some of which were already considered positively by the certification team (facilitate administrative burden, creating templates for some items, witnesses instead of notarization, while some legal questions considered to belong more to the attorney knowledge would probably just require to be re-written in a suitable form more adapted to patent searchers).

Also time of experience required could be reviewed, particularly part time.

It was clarified that it is possible to comply with the CPD requirements with no costs. User groups are invited to organize occasions in this sense.

A new WG Landscaping was created to better investigate this particular field of activity and its role within the QPIP.

7) A brief discussion follows about the role of the CEPIUG board. It was suggested that it could represent the Users Groups towards the commercial vendors.

Opportunities of **interchange amongst the users groups** should be developed, as an example this year Linus Wretblad was invited to speak at the WON meeting.

8) No relevant news was reported from the Users Groups.

The next meeting will be organized at the EPOPIC in Madrid in November, the date will be communicated later.

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 17.30 pm.