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## Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of CEPIUG, Madrid, November 8, 2016

**Time: 13:30 - 15:15**

### List of attendees:

#### 1. MEMBERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Group/affiliation</i>
<i>Linus Wretblad</i>	<i>CEPIUG Board Chair</i>	<i>CEPIUG / SIPIG</i>
<i>Susan Helliwell</i>	<i>CEPIUG Board vice-Chair</i>	<i>CEPIUG/BPIP</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>Aalt van de Kuilen</i>	<i>CEPIUG Board member</i>	<i>CEPIUG/WON</i>
<i>Dania Agnoletto</i>		<i>AIDB</i>
<i>Frank Verbeke</i>		<i>BEPIUG</i>
<i>Sander De Vrieze</i>		<i>BEPIUG</i>
<i>Philippe Bodart</i>		<i>CFIB</i>
<i>Frederic Baudour</i>		<i>CFIB</i>
<i>Susan Bates</i>		<i>PATMG</i>
<i>Bettina de Jong</i>	<i>Chair WG Certification</i>	<i>WON / PDG</i>

#### 2. OBSERVERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Group/affiliation</i>
<i>Bernd Wolter</i>	<i>PDG/PING/Certification WG</i>
<i>Christoph Hooch</i>	<i>PING</i>
<i>Theodore Nyfeler</i>	<i>PING</i>
<i>Björn Jürgens</i>	<i>Spain</i>
<i>Abraham Haek</i>	<i>Spain</i>
<i>Sandrine Amman</i>	<i>WIPO</i>

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**AGENDA:**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of minutes from March 2016 meeting in Vienna
3. Report of CEPIUG board activities since the last meeting
4. Matters arising; Follow up Tool Survey, PIUG Wiki discussion on national patent office services
5. Board elections – nominations for candidates are invited
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.

**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)

Observer representatives from:

- EPO

- PIUG

- PDG

- PING

- Coordinators Team Certification

- European countries not members of the CEPIUG

The Board Chair Linus Wretblad welcomed the meeting at 13:30.

### 1. Apologies for absence

- AGM, PIUG; introduction of the participants, members and observers (distribution of the attendance list)

### 2. Approval of the minutes of the 17th meeting

- The minutes were approved without correction

### 3. CEPIUG Board activities since last meeting

- A new user group in Germany has been set up – namely PING. They have been voted to be formally part of the CEPIUG group.
- Additionally observers from Spain were invited ahead of the meeting with Spanish users to set up a group.

The meeting for this was a success where a person formally agreed to start a Spanish user group initially starting with a mailing list

**ACTION User groups** are requested to supply minutes of some previous meetings where possible to give them an idea of what is covered.

- CEPIUG website (Klaus): Comment was made on the cost of the website – it is generally 70 euros per year. CEPIUG does not have any membership charges and as such cannot finance this without help of the individual user groups. Therefore a request was made for volunteers. Many user groups also have no fees so also do not have the funds to pay this. CEPIUG now has a LinkedIn group <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8249623>, mailing list, calendar

**ACTION User Groups** any user meetings should be reported to Klaus to add to the calendar unless the groups prefer to be set up with users. Volunteers required for paying for the CEPIUG website gratefully received.

Participation to the following events:

- SACEPO/PDI, - we actually have 9 seats at present but EPO not willing to increase even if number of user groups increase.

- CPC meeting with EPO and USPTO – this year at same time as SACEPO – hence the CEPIUG meeting being at same time.
- PIUG meeting (Linus)- part of board meeting where harmonising projects and topics are strong on the agenda.
- PatInfo (Aalt) in Ilmenau – new German group was formed.
- OECD - (Dania/AIDB), basically scientific and technological innovation department working on patent data together with financial and geographical data to create indicators but need more industry participating to focus on end users desires. Next June another meeting planned
- WIPO IP Round table - (Guido, Susan) The main point coming from this was the national phase entry has become a requirement in the new rules so more data on entry/non-entry into national phase may be available in the future.

The actual future of the meeting was discussed at great length as Sandrine – the organiser was present. We emphasised what an important interaction it was and encouraged further exchange in the form of an annual meeting with progress reports on any actions taken as a result of the meeting. We were given the impression that the organiser had expected a one way information day rather than an exchange of views and seemed reluctant to pursue it due to low attendance. We confirmed that each person represented a number of organisations and as such made it more possible to have an exchange of ideas rather like at SACEPO/PDI.

- Possible idea of having a webex type meeting for one CEPIUG group meetings to enable others to attend

#### **4. Matters arising**

- Presentation of the Breakdown of European Users 2016 (Linus)  
50% across the board are corporate members with 10% independent searchers.
- Presentation of the preliminary results of the Tool Survey (Linus)  
Number of people (about 25% of members) replied so far – a decision to keep it open until end November was made in hope others would reply
- Position about the search services offered by PTOs (PIUG Wiki) – this was discussed and the general consensus was that they have been working for a number of years and are

priced on the high side rather than economically lower than competitors and free market should decide. Certainly on a cost view the Indian companies are often more competitively priced. Thus no concrete opinion was made against the European patent offices having a commercial search service so long as it did not interfere in the daily work of the patent office.

## **5. Board elections**

- Nominations for Klaus Gundertofte and Guido Moradei (2nd 3 year period), were received and voted to stay. Some interest was made by other groups so we are hoping to expand the board next year.

## **6. Status of the Certification project**

- Report of the Chair (Bettina) - Great progress has been made on Rules and Articles which is looking to be published next year. Witnessing and notarisation has been dropped and there has been careful consideration on whether to make the exam modular. At present it has been decided to leave it as it is and try to incorporate the landscaping aspects into the existing papers. In addition a code of conduct needs to be prepared before the final Rules and Articles and schedules can be circulated for approval.
- Training WG report (Klaus, Aalt) have produced a document which will be used internally and have re-worked the schedules. They produced a very usable document, parts of which will be distributed (the schedules) when the next round of Rules and Articles gets published for approval. In addition there is a useful section of links and articles as recommended reading for certain topics. The hope is that in the future a full list of courses will be made available/

## **7. Role of the CEPIUG**

- Position about the IPI/Confex policy and Award candidatures - an e-mail was sent to IPI discussion group members and possibly past attendees but no – formal request for candidates was sent to the individual user groups – some members expressed concern as they had no time to discuss possible candidate in their user groups so would like a

formalisation of the process. Request the IPI awards board to ensure that all the user groups are formally requested

**ACTION:** Aalt to request to IPI award board to e-mail the CEPIUG to ensure user groups are formally invited for candidates rather than relying on existing discussion lists.

- Should CEPIUG be responsible for helping set up other user groups? – this was discussed and to what extent the non –EU/EP contracting state countries. It was decided IL should not be part of the survey.

### **8. News from Users Groups**

- No time for this at our meeting so it was decided that this should be done by e-mail in the future – should be done in future or facilitated through the CEPIUG website where the meetings

### **9. Next meeting**

- To be decided, c/o SACEPO/PDI in Vienna again or at IPI/Confex in Rome or possibly be webex/Skype?

The works ended at 15.30, thank you to all those who participated in the meeting.