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## Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of CEPIUG, Wien, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

The meeting has taken place at the European Patent Office, Rennweg 12, Wien, Austria

**Time: 17:30 - 19:00**

### List of attendees:

Name		Group/ affiliation	Attending in person	Attending via webex
<i>Linus Wretblad</i>	<i>CEPIUG Board Chair</i>	<i>CEPIUG / SIPIG</i>	X	
<i>Susan Helliwell</i>	<i>CEPIUG Board vice-Chair</i>	<i>CEPIUG/BPIP</i>	X	
<i>Guido Moradei</i>	<i>CEPIUG Board Secretary</i>	<i>CEPIUG/AIDB</i>	X	
<i>Klaus Gundertofte</i>	<i>CEPIUG Board member</i>	<i>CEPIUG/PIF</i>	X	
<i>Aalt van de Kuilen</i>	<i>CEPIUG Board member</i>	<i>CEPIUG/WON</i>	X	
<i>Bettina de Jong</i>	<i>Chair WG Certification</i>	<i>WON / PDG</i>	X	
<i>Philippe Bodart</i>		<i>CFIB</i>	X	
<i>Muriel Bougeois</i>	<i>CEPIUG Board member</i>	<i>CEPIUG/CFIB</i>		X
<i>Burkhard Schlechter</i>		<i>PIIG</i>		X
<i>Colin McCarney</i>		<i>BEPIUG</i>		X
<i>Dania Agnoletto</i>		<i>AIDB</i>		X

### OBSERVERS

Name	Group/ affiliation		
Jessica Díaz de Cerio García	Spanish users group		

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**AGENDA:**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of minutes from November 2016 meeting in Madrid
3. Report of CEPIUG board activities since the last meeting
4. Matters arising: Follow up Tool Survey
5. CEPIUG 10th Year Anniversary Conference 2018:  
“Patent Information Professional – Past Present and Future”
6. Board elections – nominations for candidates are invited
7. Report from Certification Project for Patent Information Professionals
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)  
PING Deutschsprachige Patentinformationsnutzergroupe  
SIPIG Swedish usergroup (SE)  
WON Werkgemeenschap Octrooi-informatie Nederland (NL)

Observer representatives from:

- EPO
- PIUG
- PDG
- Coordinators Team Certification
- European countries not members of the CEPIUG

The Board Chair Linus Wretblad welcomed the meeting at 17:30.

For the first time the meeting comprises some participants in person and some connected via webex (gotomeeting). A feedback from the remote participants is expected after the meeting to check the quality and possible improvements.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

- No answer received from AGM to the invitation, perhaps this group is joining to the PING, it is decided to investigate their effective will to still participate to the Confederacy; it was not possible to connect with Nathan Pennington (PATMG) via webex.
- Introduction of the participants, members and observers. A Spanish observer is welcomed, looking forward to having a regular membership of the Spanish Group to the CEPIUG.

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

- The minutes were briefly reviewed.

Just a little correction has to be done to the costs of website, following the receipt of a second invoice, the former having been settled personally by Aalt van de Kuilen, the second by the PATMG. Thanks to both of them and looking forward to the offer from a Group to set the invoices for 2018.

Contacts will be taken with WIPO about the possible organization of a second edition of the IP Round Table (in October 2017).

### **3. CEPIUG Board activities since last meeting**

- **Tools Survey:** the preliminary results have been presented by Susan Helliwell. The presentation slides were approved for circulation among the user groups (after minor amendments). For any user groups wishing to have the raw data relating to their groups, please request this and we shall make a sub set available.
- The data are given and may be circulated among group members *on the provision* that they are not used (particularly by the commercial vendors) for advertising purpose, claiming the copyright of the CEPIUG on the slides of the presentation and a disclaimer on the results, which do not necessarily reflect the position of the CEPIUG.

The results have been briefly discussed, some clarifications have been given by Susan about the criteria adopted.

The Survey received 263 answers (about 30% of the CEPIUG User Groups members).

It was noted the great interest from the users to have training organized.

**Action user groups:** Circulate the Tools survey with members for discussion and if required, request subset of user groups data for further analysis to the board.

- **Events with the participation of CEPIUG: the Director General's Meeting with NGOs** was attended at WIPO in Geneva by Guido Moradei in February. He reported briefly about the type of event, quite short and informal, a place to recall about general issues, not technical questions or details. A little surprisingly, as we usually know the WIPO for its role in the Intellectual Property management at a different level, many questions were given by organizations of the Health sectors like Médecins Sans Frontières and others.

Guido reported also a very good impression from the friendly attitude of Mr Gurry in answering all the questions. [Here](#) more information is available as well as a video of the full event.

- **Website, CEPIUG discussion lists, Calendar:** Klaus Gundertofte gave a brief report on the activity since the last meeting. The LinkedIn group counts now 77 members, the User Groups started to fill in the calendar with their events, but a continued reminder about this opportunity should be circulated.

**Action user groups:** Add user group events to calendar on linked in or send to Klaus ([KGU@lundbeck.com](mailto:KGU@lundbeck.com)) for inclusion

- **SACEPO/PDI:** the three year mandate 2015-2017 of CEPIUG members ends with the current meeting (held the day after). Confirmation of the rules for nomination are expected from the EPO: if confirmed, as discussed by the Board in a previous meeting, Klaus Gundertofte and Guido Moradei will hold the two seats assigned to the CEPIUG for the next three years period, while it shall be discussed how to fill the seven seats offered to the User Groups. Please note that the seats are not transferrable so those members of SACEPO/PDI must commit to attending the yearly one day meetings.

**Action user groups:** Provide nominees to represent your user group in SACEPO/PDI as soon as possible to CEPIUG Secretary.

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

- Follow up regarding the Tools Survey is expected, nothing to add to the above point 3.

**5. CEPIUG 10th Year Anniversary Conference 2018: “Patent Information Professional – Past Present and Future”**

- The Proposal for a European CEPIUG Conference to be organized by the User Groups to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Confederacy (founded in 2008) was presented by Guido Moradei. The presentation is enclosed.

The Conference is proposed to be the main event of the User Groups for 2018, and can be organized only with their full support.

The focus of the Conference proposed will be on the Patent Information Professionals, not on databases, search techniques and best practices, as other events of the sector. A list of proposed topics have been illustrated, including training, qualification, professional risks, office organization, and, in addition, how to market ourselves (item then inserted in the final version of the presentation).

An organizing committee with representatives of all the groups shall be established to decide all aspects.

It was envisaged that the Groups would give also a presentation of activities and what they do – (this could be a short introductory part to the meeting otherwise it may prove repetitive).

It is needed to ask the Groups if they are willing to contribute and how many people they think will attend from their group. Price may be an important factor. AIDB have said that, in this special occasion, they will be willing to assign the project the budget they usually give for the national event.

Guido presented a proposal (with some details about a possible location, catering and social program) to held the Conference in Milan, an ideal town for the several opportunities offered and the importance this town held in the national IP sector.

Once approved, it is planned to hold the Conference in Italy, the AIDB is available to bear the up-front costs for organising it following a reliable business plan is drafted and the predicted costs do not exceed their budget. It is presumed that the costs will be re-cuperated in exhibitor and registration costs, anyway the event will be held for no profit and avail of volunteers as much as possible.

Considering some Groups don't apply a membership fee and therefore don't have a budget, the contribution they could be required to give shall be discussed – whether that be up front or in terms of conference fees.

Philippe Bodard expresses concerns at making yet another conference, being already difficult to get a number of participants to national events.

Guido reminded that the event may be actually held only if there is the full support of the User Groups, e.g. if they agree not to organize a competitor event at national level in 2018 but, instead, focus and promote this extraordinary Conference within they members and commit themselves to provide interesting speeches.

Talk of whether we want exhibitors and how much we want the vendors to be involved was briefly considered (that should be decided by the organizing committee considering the purpose of the event, the quality level and the financial issues). One proposal was on getting the vendors to present case studies (that we supply them), which could be produced together with users, instead to give them slots for pure commercial presentations.

**Action User groups:** nominate a person to be part of the organising committee for the 10 year anniversary CEPIUG conference to decide on program etc and send names to board by end May 2017

#### **6. Board elections**

- Nominations for candidates are invited, it is also reminded that Linus Wretblad is going to finish his mandate in October and a new Chair shall be nominated.

**Action user groups:** Make any nominations for the board

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

- Bettina de Jong gave a very concise overview of activities. The articles rules and code of conduct have been worked on over the last 1.5 year and are almost ready for circulation. It still requires input from the training and education group but there have been some problems in the group that still need addressing. Documents are being finalised and will be circulated for final approval in May 2017

#### **8. Update of member groups activities**

- Nothing to report

#### **9. A.O.B.**

- Nothing to report

Thank you to all those who participated in the meeting!