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Minutes of the 21st meeting of CEPIUG, May 14th 2018, Skype teleconference

June 7th, 2018

The meeting was carried out as a Skype teleconference

Time: 15:00 - 16:00

List of attendees:

Name	Group/affiliation	Remote
Muriel Bourgeois	CFIB/Board	X
Guido Moradei	AIDB/CEPIUG Secretary	X
Klaus Gundertoft	PIF/CEPIUG Board	X
Sander de Vrieze	BEPIUG	X
Jeanette Eldridge	BPIP	X
Jane List	BPIP	X
Frederic Baudour	CFIB	X
Corinne Le Buhan	CHPIUG	X
Aalt van de Kuilen	WON	X

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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,BE,LU,CH)
CHPIUG	Swiss Patent Information User Group (CH)
PATMG	Patent & Trademark Group (UK)
PIF	Patent Information Forum (DK)
PING	Patentinformationsnutzerguppe (DE)
SIPIG	Swedish usergroup (SE)
SPIP	Spanish Patent Information Professionals (ES)
WON	Werkgemeenschap Octrooi-informatie Nederland (NL)

AGENDA:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of minutes from October 2017 meeting in Sofia
3. Board candidate elections and withdrawals
4. CEPIUG 10th Year Anniversary Conference 2018
5. A.O.B.

Notes:

In square brackets, in *Italic*, are reported additional notes which have not been discussed in the meeting but can be helpful to understand the item or the follow-ups.

The Board Chair Muriel Bourgeois welcomed the meeting at 15:00.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There are some absents without previous communication.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2017 MEETING IN SOFIA

The minutes of the previous meeting was previously distributed, nothing has been reported and they are approved .

3. BOARD CANDIDATE ELECTIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

Muriel Bourgeois, former vice-chair, after Sue's sad loss was voted as new chair by the Board members and is in full charge.

Muriel, having completed a first three year period, now recandidates for a second one (art. 3.2 CEPIUG Regulations). Participants voted unanimously in favour of her re-election but, unfortunately, having the number of participants (7 on 12 user groups) not reached the two thirds required (art. 4.6 CEPIUG Regulations), the election is not valid. It is decided to repeat it by email or other means (art. 4.7 CEPIUG Regulations).

[Update on CEPIUG Board Withdrawals:

After a further check Muriel's charge term has resulted due on 10 November 2018, so it was not necessary for her to recandidate at this Meeting and for the Meeting to vote]

No candidatures for new Board members are received from the User Groups. It is agreed to promote additional candidatures, also considering that Guido Moradei will step down from the next meeting (according to art. 3.2 CEPIUG Regulations), and that the tasks of the Confederacy have grown over the years and that if the CEPIUG Conference will be successful in establishing a fund to be managed by the CEPIUG, a treasurer shall also be nominated, better in advance.

Some activities can be profitably delegated to colleagues outside the CEPIUG Board. Guido Moradei offered, e.g. to continue his activity at WIPO and at the SACEPO/PDI on behalf of the CEPIUG Board, and to report to it.

Fred Baudour suggested to nominate a treasurer located in the country where the fund is established. On this point it is reminded that the fund will be initially established in Italy as the AIDB is collecting the Conference fees, Guido will investigate possible candidates in the Italian group.

Jane List remarked that it would be better to have an odd number of Board members, to make decisions easier.

BPIP will have soon a meeting and a candidature is then expected from this group.

[Update on CEPIUG Board Candidate:

BPIP have nominated Jane List as its representative on the CEPIUG Board.]

4. CEPIUG 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE 2018

Guido has given a summary of the current status of the organization, which started more than one year ago, and now a first detailed Preliminary Programme is ready to be released, thank to the several presentation and workshop proposals received.

Participants registration (for CEPIUG members only) has been formally opened but not advertised yet, to wait for the delivery of the Preliminary Programme.

A little delay in the registration of the commercial providers for the Exposition is reported, since not all the 16 stands have been already booked.

Jane, as Patcom secretary, can help in contacting the Patcom members in this regard. Guido will provide her with a communication including some details about the event, the audience, the number of participants expected and anything else useful to understand the opportunity to attend the event.

Top guest speakers from the EPO, WIPO, PDG and PIUG have confirmed their participation.

Bettina de Jong, as organiser and chair of session 3a, reported that all the members of the ISBQPIP Supervisory Council should be present and could be introduced to the audience, and that herself, Susanne Hantos, Bernd Wolter and Bart van Wezenbeek will speak about the procedure and all the aspects of the certification.

An advertising campaign will then be started, even if we do not consider to avail of professional means for that, but rely more on the User Groups to disseminate the information among their members and to external contacts.

Conference fees are not immediately visible, they are disclosed in the flyer and in the registration form, but only after pages to be filled, therefore communication in this regard must be improved, also because the fees are very low and this point must be adequately communicated.

Muriel reminded the importance to have, as far as possible, the participation of experts from all the User Groups.

3. REPORT OF CEPIUG BOARD ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Guido has given a summary of the main activities done after the last meeting in Sofia.

CEPIUG Board delegates and CEPIUG User Groups representatives have attended the SACEPO/PDI in March 2018, which is actually the most important place to discuss patent information issues with the EPO.

BPIP announced the candidature of Jane List to substitute Sue in the SACEPO/PDI membership for the two remaining years of the charge. This candidature will be communicated to the EPO and will follow the nomination process, which requires the approval of the EPO President.

[Update on SACEPO/ PDI candidate from BPIP:

Due to a conflict of interest, Jane List is unable to represent BPIP at SACEPO/PDI.

BPIP is seeking another representative.]

CEPIUG delegates have officially attended also the EPO-USPTO meeting with Industry Users about the CPC, held in Vienna the day before of the SACEPO/PDI.

Guido will provide as soon as possible to the User Groups a short report about the above events and the related documentation, including at least the links where to find the relevant information.

Guido is also following the works of some WIPO CWS (Committee on WIPO Standards) tasks forces regarding, inter alia:

- the new standard 27 on legal status, for which now the national PTOs are providing the detailed codes,
- the public access to patent information, for which he is involved in helping the WIPO CWS drafting a questionnaire to be sent to all PTOs, asking them to report which kind of information they make available, coverage, format, particular features, etc.

In a second phase the WIPO CWS will issue recommendations to the PTOs how to improve the delivery of patent data. It will be an important opportunity to tell them what are our needs.

An increasing successful relationship with the WIPO is also reported in the last two years, with the IP Round Table and the several opportunities for CEPIUG to attend the WIPO works in meetings and committees.

[CEPIUG obtained the official WIPO observer status in 2015].

A broader participation of experts from the User Groups is however required to better follow the different matters (e.g. the revision of st.26 about sequence listing).

Besides, it is also desirable to improve the participation to said activities through agreements with PIUG and PDG, being difficult for any group to have a good attendance of these events in Geneva or anyway to exploit all these interesting opportunities.

4. A.O.B.

Fred reminded that the new GDPR regulation about privacy is going to come into force in the EU on May 25 and that all the Groups (as far as they are located in the EU territory) and the CEPIUG itself should comply with it.

Some participants reported their activity in this regard, but the CEPIUG itself should not be largely touched as far as the Confederacy manages a very limited number of personal data.

The Conference the registration form has been already prepared in compliance to the new regulation.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled during the Conference, namely in Milano on September 9th, after the afternoon session.

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