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Minutes of the 22nd meeting of CEPIUG, September 9th 2018, Milano

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The meeting was held at Hotel ADI Poliziano Fiera during the CEPIUG 10th Year Anniversary Conference

Time: 19:30 - 21:30

List of attendees:

CEPIUG Board	Affiliation 1	Affiliation 2
Muriel Bourgeois-Tassanary-Tassanary	CEPIUG Board Chair	CFIB
Frank Verbecke	CEPIUG Board Vice-Chair	BEPIUG
Guido Moradei	CEPIUG Board Secretary	AIDB
Aalt van de Kuilen	CEPIUG Board	WON
CEPIUG User Groups		
Alessandro Piras		AIDB
Dania Agnoletto		AIDB
Dirk Rattat		BEPIUG
Sander de Vrieze		BEPIUG
Pam Toplis		BPIP
Paula Juckes		BPIP
Frederic Baudour		CFIB
Samuel Hutsebaut		CFIB
David Borel		CHPIUG
Corinne Le Buhan		CHPIUG
Daria Petersen Wagner		PIF
Heike Schwanbeck		PING
Alexander Giesen		PING
Stephen Adams		PATMG
Linus Wretblad		SIPIG
Cecilia Hakansson		SIPIG

Observer Guests		
Alejandro Roca Campaña	WIPO	
Irene Kitsara	WIPO	
Richard Flammer	EPO	
Daniel Shalloe	EPO	
Martha Yates	PIUG Chair	
Sakae Nakamura	Japan – former organizer of PSPG contest	
Jo Sagawa	Japan	
Supervisory Council		
Bettina de Jong	ISBQPIP Supervisory Council Chair	WON
Susanne Hantos	ISBQPIP Supervisory Council Vice-Chair	PIUG
Bernd Wolter	ISBQPIP Supervisory Council Secretary	PING
Bart van Wezenbeek	ISBQPIP Supervisory Council Treasurer	WON
Linus Wretblad	ISBQPIP Supervisory Council	SIPIG
Frederic Baudour	ISBQPIP Supervisory Council	CFIB
Colin Mc Carney	ISBQPIP Supervisory Council	BEPIUG
Michele Fattori	ISBQPIP Supervisory Council	AIDB

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)

Observers

Representatives from WIPO, EPO, PIUG, PDG and guests from Japan

AGENDA:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of minutes from May 14th meeting via Skype
3. Board candidate elections and withdrawals
4. A.O.B.
5. ISBQPIP Update
6. Welcoming our Guests

Notes:

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

The Board Chair Muriel Bourgeois-Tassanary welcomed the meeting at 19:30.

Due to the large number of participants (32), the audience ran an initial introduction of each one.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No delegates from AGM and SPIP could come. SPIP sent Apologies.

CEPIUG Board members Klaus Gundertofte and Jane List as well as PDG Chair Gerard van der Ligt apologized too.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 21ST CEPIUG MEETING, HELD BY SKYPE TELECONFERENCE ON MAY 14TH 2018

The 21st meeting was the first held by skype teleconference, there was not a large participation but it was technically good and similar meeting might be organized in the future in case no physical meeting could be organized.

The minutes of that meeting was previously distributed to the user groups via email, nothing has been reported and they are approved.

3. BOARD CANDIDATE ELECTIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

After the 21st meeting, the Board received the candidatures of Jane List from BPIP and after a vote by email; she was elected in the Board.

Muriel Bourgeois-Tassanary, current chair, having terminated her first three-year period in the Board was re-candidated by CFIB for a second period and reelected unanimously (art. 3.2 CEPIUG Regulations).

According to the CEPIUG Regulations, one Board member must step down every year and the Secretary Guido Moradei confirmed it is his turn now (by the end of the year).

No other candidatures have been received. Groups not having a representative in the Board are invited to propose one, also considering that the tasks of the Confederacy have grown over the years and that a treasurer shall be nominated as well, since the CEPIUG Conference will consent to provide a fund for the Confederacy.

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.

4. A.O.B

Considering the extraordinary presence of the whole ISBQPIP Supervisory Council (eight members) at the meeting and several observer guests a short report of the CEPIUG activity done since the previous meeting is given.

The main focus has been the organization of the CEPIUG 10th Year Anniversary Conference, whose first feedback is very positive, as it started well, with no technical problems, everything timely according to the program, with very interesting sessions and a friendly atmosphere which was one of the main target of the initiative.

It is again recalled the sad loss of Sue Helliwell and her enthusiastic support of the event.

The results of the CEPIUG Tools Survey (article written by Muriel) has been published on the WPI journal on the 5th of September, 2018.

Among others, have been mentioned the good relationships with the EPO through the participation to the SACEPO/PDI and the WIPO through IP Information Round Table (Geneva, October 30th) and the participation in Task Forces, committees and meetings.

Guido reported the possible interest for affiliation of individuals domiciled in countries without a user group, and the possibility to set up a "mixed group" for them will be investigated.

The User Groups present to the meeting then reported the main features of their group, number of members, usual activity, special initiatives, and particular issues. Participants put many questions and comments and the lively discussion gave a great opportunity to learn more about each other and to inform the observer guests about the nature and organization of the Confederacy and its member groups.

CFIB received congratulations for its 30-year anniversary.

The situation of PATMG after the merger with a larger group not specially focused on patent information but some members of the original group are currently trying to give a new identity to the group.

The Confederacy is monitoring the situation and encourages the initiative.

No news about the situation of the German group AGM were reported.

Budget considerations regarding each Group status were briefly discussed since not all have budget structure per se to support Confederacy's expenses. Savings from Conference might solve this everlasting issue.

Observers commented positively the work done by the User Groups and by the CEPIUG Board, congratulated for the 10th anniversary and wished a successful future and improved collaboration.

Richard Flammer informed that the enforcement of the GDPR at the EPO is under discussion, since a strict interpretation of the regulation could involve even the impossibility to provide the data of patent applicant and inventor, their address, etc.

Participants expressed their concerns and hoped in a reasonable solution of the issue, which did not prevent the free circulation of data.

5. ISBQPIP Update

The ISBQPIP Chair Bettina de Jong introduced the members of the Supervisory Council, who have met in person in this occasion for the first time and provided a report on the organization of the project. After a huge work of many years involving many people, including a great contribution from Sue Helliwell, Bettina was pleased to announce that the ISBQPIP was officially established by being registered in the Netherlands on August 31.

The window to apply for the PER certification will be opened in December. Committees are under creation. The announcement will be given the day after during the Conference.

Participants congratulate for the great achievement!

6. Welcoming our Guests

Muriel as CEPIUG chair welcomed the Japanese colleagues Sakae Nakamura and Jo Sagawa. They congratulated the Confederacy for its anniversary and thanked for the invitation to the meeting, which made them aware of the diversities and similarities of the European groups, which can be considered the richness of the Confederacy.

Sakae then gave some information about the Patent Search Grand Prix (PSGp) held in Japan since 2007, she had been the organizer until 2017.

The number of participants increased from 39 in the first edition to almost 400 in 2017 and it can be considered a successful initiative.

Muriel expressed her wishes to have an increased collaboration between CEPIUG and Japanese colleagues.

The meeting ended with an excellent Italian buffet dinner in a very friendly atmosphere.

Groups representatives enjoyed sharing views together in small groups while broadening their professional network, and learning about foreign habits.

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