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Minutes of the 23rd meeting of CEPIUG, March 21st 2019, Vienna

May 14th, 2019

1- Attendees

Members	In person	Via Skype
AIDB	Guido	
BEPIUG		Frank
BPIP	Stephen	Jeanette
CFIB	Philippe	Emmanuelle
CHPIUG		David
PIF	Klaus	
PING	Henrik	
SIPIG		Cecilia Per
SPIP		
WON	Aalt	
CEPIUG Board		Muriel
Invitees	Bettina Torsten	

2- Approval of 22nd meeting notes

No objections

3- Board candidates and seniority

Swiss group member **Charles Madore** is candidate for the board. He is a patent attorney, employed by a law firm and having worked with patent information for more than 15 years.

Charles Madore unanimously elected to the board,

Aalt was re-elected with the wish to be replaced by other WON member.

Klaus has to step down later this year - due to seniority policy.

There is a chance that Linus and/or Guido may want to come back after their quarantine.

4- Membership

Muriel presented breakdown of membership based on a recent survey. 1054 individual members as of today. Slides will be uploaded to the website ASAP.

Directory of user group contacts must be updated upon input from members, please provide them accordingly.

AGM is no more part of the Confederacy. Most members are now members of PING.

5- CEPIUG 10 Year User Conference

Article by Susan Hantos in issue 56 of WPI.

Muriel will share link to document about the conference, alternatively Susan may be able to send out the link with a complimentary access (Guido to ask Susan).

Guido is collecting pictures from Milano meeting -users may send to Guido.

Very good feedback on the conference! Also, from providers.

Financial status:

Net total income around 57k€. Last fee now received. Expenses around 43k€.

Outstanding, final meeting with accounting consultant which means an expected surplus of 13k-14k€

Promotional materials still available for any new event going forward.

6- Validation of new regulations - to better fit to our needs.

Latest version from Frank discussed and approved.

7- EPO strategic plan feedback

Was discussed today at SACEPO/PDI meeting and UGs can still send in input to the president - even though deadline has passed. Any user group should send in comments directly to the president. SACEPO/PDI will also send in comments as a group.

8- News from groups

Guido again president of AIDB. Looking for new candidates. Working on amending statuses on model

BEPIUG n/a

BPIP: 5 new members have joined - still wanting progress with integration of other group but transition is not smooth due to different funds.

PatMG - Stephen agree with problems of integrating groups. Trying to persuade members to join BPIP. Brexit: TAX problems may be an issue with providers like STN.

CFIB: annual meeting early June - 2 days meeting at AGC Glass in Belgium - no commercial members allowed

Confederacy still wait for the video released during the conference dinner to be uploaded on website

➔ **Yes, requested. CFIB will ask for it.**

CHPIUG - three new members - first webinar on QPIP certification – should be available on website if WebEx session recorded. Second annual meeting in June.

CHPIUG interested in exchanging job posts with other groups. Good idea - To publish on the new website.

PIF: Biannual meeting May 2nd with a lot of knowledge sharing.

PING - discussing the rules aiming to have a real legal status.

SIPIG: informal group - promoting QPIP - planning next meeting hosted by member's company.

WON: Biannual meeting in April 4th. Seminar in June. Dutch basic training courses starting next week 10 days basic courses for Patent Information Professionals).

9- AOB

CEPIUG to become an association. The board is working with plans in NL.

QPIP – Bettina de Jong as Chair of ISBQPIP: Received ~280 applications for PER. Some people have already received certification

Statistics:

#1 Germany

#2 US

#3 NL

Remaining widely spread all over Europe. More detailed information will come after full review.

Ideas on how to promote existence of QPIP certification

Advertising channels sought. Contact to HR departments, employer acceptance varies.

Companies may make outsourcing depending on QPIP certification. Individuals may include their Certification in their CV, cards, signatures...

Joint conference with PDG suggested after the success with the CEPIUG conference. This is being considered in CEPIUG/PDG, to be held maybe in a couple of years. IPI Confex apparently closed.

Torsten Gerber (special guest as Vice President of PDG) found our discussion interesting and appreciated our conference, QPIP process and exchanges within groups.

Stephen considers the idea of Virtual Masterclasses. Feedback from groups directly to Stephen about this initiative would be appreciated. This is a non-official thought for the time being.

Guido mentions that communication and information push to Spanish group continues. Their participation will be highly appreciated in the future.

Meeting closed @17.45

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