



Secretary's Report Jeanette Eldridge

BPIP 49th Meeting

Wednesday 11 November 2020

Virtual Meeting hosted by Pilkington Group, Ormskirk



BPIP Secretary's Report 2019-2020

Key activities

- ▶ BPIP Meeting Planning Groups
- ▶ Membership developments
- ▶ BPIP representation
- ▶ Communications
- ▶ Future-proofing BPIP



BPIP Meeting Planning Groups

49th Meeting Planning Group

- ▶ Paula Juckes
- ▶ Adam Hope
- ▶ Cristina Crespo
- ▶ Rachel Lewis
- ▶ Nathan Pennington
- ▶ Jeanette Eldridge

50th Meeting Planning Group

- ▶ Chris Harrison
- ▶ Sheena Zuberi
- ▶ Tania Zuberi
- ▶ Nathan Pennington
- ▶ Jeanette Eldridge

- ▶ Additional support from UK IPO colleagues closer to meeting date

Thanks to all on this slide!

Active through the year starting March 2020, roughly bimonthly then monthly 1/2h TCs for 49th meeting (a bit more frequently shortly before today) and alternate bimonthly 1/2h for 50th, with surveys & comms by email during year.

So the hope is that these will be the model for the future, and for other activities that BPIP take on – share the load and responsibilities!

Membership developments

- ▶ New members joining through
 - ▶ Recommendations by existing members at external meetings
 - ▶ Direct requests to access members-only area on website
 - ▶ Email to Chairman or Secretary
 - ▶ Being approached as patent information professionals/QPIPs in the UK through LinkedIn
 - ▶ Identification as additional participants from existing member organisations

Fewer members (0) than last year joining by recommendation as most external meetings now virtual and therefore networking opportunities reduced

Requests for access to the members-only website (3) are checked (by looking up individuals on LinkedIn, etc.) as we have had a number of “spoof” approaches

Occasional emails to BPIP Gmail account (1)

This year, I made use of a free month of Premium LinkedIn access to search for UK patent information professionals or QPIPs and was able to contact them directly through LinkedIn InMail messages to invite them to join (3)

Particularly for today’s meeting, additional participants from existing member companies () are here for all or part of the meeting, as one-off participants or formal members, so welcome!

Membership developments

- ▶ Removal of some members from distribution list through
 - ▶ Retirement
 - ▶ Role change
 - ▶ Bouncebacks or unresponsive to email and LinkedIn messaging over last 2 years
- ▶ New members from other potential sources
 - ▶ From beyond industry sectors / types currently represented (e.g. academia; SMEs)?
 - ▶ Broaden our scope to include technical experts from vendor organisations?

Retirement (1) – Mike Blackman

Role change (2) – Anthony Lynch – previously at DeLoitte, now at patent attorney partnership; Daniel Williams – from Nexion to Jaguar

Bounceback (1) – Lee Rowan, Kraft Foods

No response (1) – Grace Shomade, was previously our rep on CEPIUG Education & Training Working Group

How do we tap into people in other sectors / types – personal contacts, widen LinkedIn searching, CILIP, trade/professional networks? Where patent info is part of a broader info pro role? See also last slide on future proofing BPIP

Convene subgroup (outstanding item from last meeting actions) now to look at membership criteria – could help to bring new members / speakers / sponsors for 50th meeting and beyond.

BPIP representation on other groups

- Confederacy of European Patent Information User Groups (CEPIUG)
<http://www.cepiug.org/public/index.php?page=Home>
 - Annual Meeting – 2 December 2020 – minutes shared with member UGs
- CEPIUG Board
<http://www.cepiug.org/public/index.php?page=Board>
 - Monthly meetings – minutes restricted to board members
- Standing Advisory Committee before the EPO - Patent Documentation and Information sub-committee (SACEPO/PDI)
<https://www.epo.org/about-us/services-and-activities/Consultingourusers/sacepo/members.html>
 - Representatives proposed by UGs, nominated by CEPIUG, approved by EPO
 - Next term 2021-2023

Representation across various groups listed here are connected through BPIP's membership of CEPIUG (Confederacy of European Patent Information User Groups), of which we have been a member UG since its inception

CEPIUG hosts virtual annual meeting of member groups; next is 2 December by invite; Board Reps & BPIP Sec confirm (possible) attendance.

Each member group presents an updated slide of data on membership and details of activities to the annual meeting – current slide being prepared for submission by 16 Nov, so will also be posted to BPIP website after BPIP meeting. Included below is 2019 details.

10th Anniversary meeting was special, took place in September 2018, and Pam Toplis (now retired & no longer active member of BPIP) was on the planning committee. We provided poster (see later slide & on BPIP website) – one thing we could update for 50th meeting.

The Board meets monthly, minutes restricted to Board members but they can summarise for UGs, next meeting should be week ending 20 November. Each UG can nominate up to 2 members, up to one of whom can be from a vendor organisation, and both reps have votes on Board decisions; confusingly though, the rules also state that the Board as a whole can only include one vendor rep! Board reps are ideally in post for a three-year period (obviously subject to changes in individual circumstances) and can be consecutively or subsequently re-elected.

SACEPO/PDI: "Closed" meeting, agendas might be publicised, but meeting dates are hard to find in public domain, and minutes aren't widely circulated. Representatives are for "CEPIUG and CEPIUG user groups" as a whole, not BPIP only. Meeting planned for March 2020 was cancelled due to covid.

Hannah Sophia has been proposed and nominated as our current (Nov 2019 to end 2020)/future (2021-2023) representative; Stephen Adams has been past representative for both PATMG and BPIP (to end 2020), so has fed back to us useful highlights in the past. Therefore we briefly (late 2019 to date) have had two UK representatives, but it looks like CEPIUG have tried to expand representation across other CEPIUG member groups, so we are likely to have only one seat for a UK/BPIP representative at SACEPO/PDI going forward.

BPIP representation on other groups

- ▶ International Standards Board for Qualified Patent Information Professionals (ISBQPIP)
<https://qipip.org/>
 - ▶ See <https://qipip.org/filebrowser/download/2969> for 2020 CPD requirements

- ▶ CEPIUG Education & Training Working Group
http://www.cepiug.org/public/index.php?page=Training_/_Education

- ▶ CEPIUG Certification Working Group
<http://www.cepiug.org/public/index.php?page=Certification>

- ▶ WIPO IP Information Roundtable
 - ▶ CEPIUG (and other user groups and IP information professionals) are invited to attend the next virtual meeting on 1 December 2020

We have at least 10 members who are now QPIPs (congratulations!) through Prior Experience Recognition (PER) process, in future individuals will go through examination process to achieve QPIP status; we had argued for an extension to PER for existing territories, but were unsuccessful; the last period of PER was only open to individuals based outside the list of countries, including UK and Europe, from the first period, and closed in October 2020.

BPIP meeting attendance qualifies as 2-3 CPD points, depending on length and type of events and participation; 2020 covid impact has meant some concession on CPD points required. BPIP is interested to hear how QPIPs are being asked to contribute to the examination process, and how national user groups might support future developments.

BPIP has had reps on Education & Training WG (Grace Shomade, Jane List) and on Certification WG (Susan Helliwell) – what will remit/representation be for WGs now that QPIP process in action? Focus on examination, supporting input of QPIPs?

WIPO IP Information Roundtable

The program has been shared via CEPIUG and directly sent to BPIP; agendas and minutes of past meetings are difficult to find anywhere on WIPO website (https://www.wipo.int/global_ip/en/); some slides (https://www.aidb.it/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/topic9_standards.pdf) and minutes (https://www.aidb.it/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/WIPO-IP-Round-Table-21.10.2019_Minutes.pdf) from my last meeting (21/10/2019) are available on AIDB website. Jane List (BPIP CEPIUG Board member) will attend.

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Confederacy of European Patent Information User Groups

The 'Confederacy of European Patent Information User Groups' (CEPIUG) was founded in 2008. Its aim is to be a platform for cooperation for the Patent Information User Groups in Europe. Focus of the Confederacy is to subjects that are relevant to all member User Groups. Having these issues resolved by the individual member user groups would be a waste of valuable resources.

Mission

The CEPIUG

Members

Patent Information in Europe

Marie Berggren (SWE) / CH
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Frank Wenzel (BEL) / BE
Vice Chair

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Confederacy of European Patent Information User Groups

The CEPIUG

The CEPIUG is an association of national patent information user groups on the European level. In total nearly 1000 individual members of 10 national user groups are represented by the CEPIUG. The CEPIUG has built strong ties with the European and Global patent organisations, major contributors to intellectual property and international providers of patent information products.

Patent Information Updates

Country	Percentage
Netherlands	21 %
France	20 %
Belgium	12 %
Denmark	12 %
Italy	10 %
United Kingdom	9 %
Sweden	7 %
Germany	3 %
Switzerland	3 %
Spain	3 %

New CEPIUG website – still not released so asked not to forward links on, although interested parties can contact BPIP Secretary for more details

BPIP British Patent Information Professionals
www.bpipinfo.com

British Patent Information Professionals Group

History and Makeup

Timeline

BPIP works with a variety of organisations to help shape the patent industry

BPIP Member Locations

Useful Information

Need further information please contact:
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BPIP poster for CEPIUG 10 year annual conference 2018



British Patent Information Professionals

- Formed in 1990 as Derwent UK User Group, then Thomson Scientific User Group from 2005, finally BPIP from 2012
- Creation reflected the formation of other user groups across Europe, emerging from the Derwent Subscribers community, to address a desire to focus more specifically on the needs of UK customers and users; always independent from Thomson, in later years we have expanded the membership beyond subscribers to include independent search service brokers
- Current Chairman: Nathan Pennington, Secretary: Jeanette Eldridge
- Main activities at our annual meetings are to be an open forum for a frank exchange of ideas and opinions, to discuss patent data and quality, and to learn from other members about tips and tricks in patent information related issues and share best practices
- We are an entirely voluntary group, meetings are hosted at a different members' workplace each year, so enable visits to sites across the UK and can include a site tour (e.g. UK IPO offices)
- Situation regarding IP in the UK – current issues that we discuss include the impact of Brexit, intellectual property in the digital economy

Breakdown of members

Total number of members	86
From which:	
Corporate	44
Public sector	10
Outsourcing agents (incl. Freelancers)	14
Legal/patent attorney firms	13
Vendors	0
Other (incl. Students, retirees)	5



BPIP slide to CEPIUG annual meeting 2019

Communications

- ▶ More use of website blog for news, meeting details, etc.
- ▶ Reduction of email attachments sent out – now on website
- ▶ Emails of key items for information and/or action
- ▶ Surveys used to gather input to meeting planning steps
- ▶ Request for feedback on this meeting to follow

Occasionally get positive feedback from some members – nice to get a response – feel free to request less email traffic, or submit items for sharing!

Good response rates to surveys. SurveyMonkey an issue for some?

We'll return to topic of website developments with Sheena's presentation later

I'll circulate a feedback request – will feed in to planning for 50th meeting too

Future[-proofing] for BPIP

- ▶ Succession planning
 - ▶ Opportunities for members to take on roles of BPIP Chair and Secretary
 - ▶ Current Secretary to stand down at end of 2021

- ▶ More formal membership framework?
 - ▶ Small subscription fee to build funds
 - ▶ Closer links with other similar groups?

- ▶ Subgroups
 - ▶ 50th meeting planning team
 - ▶ Membership criteria
 - ▶ Social media presence
 - ▶ Publication – update BPIP history to mark 50th meeting?
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wpi.2006.07.009>

Opportunities for members to take on roles of BPIP Chair and Secretary, with planning teams a good model to follow to help support activities and actions required by BPIP members

Mentioned earlier about maintaining a healthy flow of new members (experienced or new to patent info) and making new connections to promote the group

Raised at last meeting but now more critical

Planning ahead for 50th BPIP meeting and beyond!