

Report of the Editorial Committee

M. Névant (FR), Chair

This report covers the period from the last Council meeting in Lisbon to the end of February 2020. Developments occurring within this period include the following.

1/ As mentioned in **epi** Information 4/2019, the Workshare Platform has been implemented on the **epi** website. The purpose of the platform is to facilitate the interactive cooperation between European Patent Attorneys who are interested in exchanging work. Members are invited to visit our website to learn more about this exchange work program.

2/ New features have been implemented within the forum section of the website:

- A search by keyword or author within the forum;
- A classification of threads by individual "Tags";
- The possibility to create a post as a draft first and to publish it at a later stage;
- The possibility to include/add a "Voting Poll" to every forum thread;
- The possibility to move forum posts from one thread to the other.

3/ The Editorial Committee met on 18th February 2020 in Munich. During the meeting, the decision was made to promote the initial plan to encourage regular authors to contribute to **epi** Information. The Guidelines for authors¹ will be updated on an *ad hoc* basis.

Furthermore, the Editorial Committee intends to foster communication with other Committees so that our members can be informed in a timely fashion of relevant information for our profession.

The following action points were also decided during the meeting:

- All existing editions of **epi** Information will be uploaded on the **epi** website (for the time being archived issues go back to 1999 only);
- A guide for the use of the forum with instructions for all available features will be uploaded on the **epi** website.

¹ https://patentepi.org/assets/uploads/documents/epi-information/160119_Guidelines_for_Authors.pdf

First meeting of the Working Group set up at C87 to explore a new epi IP Commercialisation Committee (IPCC)

At its C87th meeting held in Lisbon on 23rd November 2019, the **epi** Council unanimously approved to create a Working Group to take care of the preparation required to set up a new Committee (the IP Commercialisation Committee [IPCC]) at the next C88 Meeting in Glasgow.

The Working Group (composed by Mr Tony Tangena, Mr Chris Mercer, Ms Heike Vogelsang-Wenke and Mr Florian Stöckle) held its first meeting in Munich on 16th January 2020. Mr Tony Tangena was elected as Chair of the Working Group.

The Working Group discussed the envisaged scope of activity of the new Committee and had an exchange of views on how to advise **epi** members about inter alia IP valuation

and monetarization, portfolio optimization, assignment of IP rights and licensing matters.

The Working Group further considered means of cooperation with other organizations such as LESI, FICPI, AIPLA as well as universities and research centres. Lastly, it agreed to request to Council that IPCC is set up as one of the **epi** specialised committees for which interested candidates shall send their CVs and details before being elected. The election of the new members will take place at C89 in Ljubljana on 13th November 2020.

Should you be interested in knowing more about the topics discussed by the Working Group during its meeting, please send an email to legaladvisor@patentepi.org