



CEPIUG, *what else?*[®]

10th Year Anniversary
Conference



Patent searchers, patent offices, information specialists and examiners, IP attorneys and lawyers, academic researchers and innovation managers!



- Organised **by patent information specialists** being, members of the European User Groups, **for patent information specialists**
- In collaboration with the prestigious **Politecnico di Milano**

Susan Heliwell Memorial



Sue sadly passed away this year. Many of us will be missing her bubbly character, passion & enthusiasm. She was highly valued in many projects:

- PDG Board member from 2005 to 2006
- Member of the SACEPO/PDI since 1995
- Chair of BPIP from 2010-2016
- Member of CEPIUG board since 2015 then Chair from 2017
- Joined the group of volunteers creating an examination in 2009 and became one of the 'coordinators' in 2011.

CEPIUG Establishment

The first idea about certification for Patent Information Professionals came at the EPIDOS 2002 in Copenhagen. It resulted in COPS group (Committee Of Patent Search Standards) group, chaired by Stephen Adams.

Informal contacts between European user groups have taken place on many other occasions. Many initiatives for contact between user groups have been discussed.

CEPIUG Establishment

The idea of forming a Confederacy was launched at a meeting during the IPI-ConfEx in Athens in 2006, followed by a meeting at EPOPIC November same year.

The next year, CEPIUG regulations and a Board were proposed. The official foundation of the CEPIUG took place on **March 6th, 2008, in Sevilla**, Spain at IPI-ConfEx.

First members of the CEPIUG

- **DK - PIF**
(Patent Information Forum)
- **FR - CFIB**
(Club Francophone d'Information Brevet)
- **IT - AIDB**
(Associazione Italiana Documentalisti Brevettuali)
- **NL - WON**
(Werkgemeenschap Octrooiinformatie Nederland)
- **UK - PATMG**
(Patent and Trademark Group)
- **SE - SIPIG**
(Swedish IP Information Group)

First Board of the CEPIUG (2008)

- **President**

Aalt van de Kuilen (WON, NL)

- **Vice president**

Michele Fattori (AIDB, IT)

- **Board member**

Anne-Gaëlle Darmont (CFIB, FR)

- **Secretary**

Gerben Gieling (WON,NL)



Goals of the network (2008)

- Share experiences
- Discuss topics relevant to all – exchange of opinions
- Promote and support set-up of new (national) user groups
- Promotion of Training activities
- Supporting Certification of the Profession

Future of the network (from 2008)

It would be nice to have:

- User groups in other European countries
- Official EU qualification scheme for patent searchers
- Contact with other user groups (PDG, PIUG)
- An own logo and website

CEPIUG developments

A first period inspired by the “parent”



- Common website: www.cepiug.org
- Connecting groups: regular CEPIUG meetings 2 times/year
- Created network: training, wish lists, tool usage, certification
- PIUG – CEPIUG dialogue; sharing information

CEPIUG developments

CEPIUG now puts on weight!

- Common calendar
- European Surveys
- WPI publications
- Engaged in the Certification project
- Official recognition by EPO & WIPO



CEPIUG developments

- Member of Sacepo/PDI!

The **Standing Advisory Committee before the European Patent Office** was established as a meeting between officers of the EPO in charge with patent information products and a group of expert industry users.

The EPO now has a more formal organization, where CEPIUG itself has 2 seats and additional 7 seats are distributed among the CEPIUG User Groups. Also the organizations PDG and EPI as well as expert users appointed “ad personam” by the President of the EPO are represented.

CEPIUG developments

- Invited to the EPO-USPTO CPC Annual Meeting!

Since the launch of the Cooperative Patent Classification in 2013 the two developing partners EPO and USPTO have organized an annual meeting to present users an updated status of the project and get their feedback.

CEPIUG is formally invited and have attended all the five editions of the meeting. Meetings were initially held in Geneva at WIPO, however now in Vienna and hosted by the EPO.

CEPIUG developments

- Official observer status at WIPO!
 - The Patent Information Round Table: a successfully renewed meeting with international users, formerly Patentscope User Day
 - CWS (Committee of WIPO Standards) task forces
 - Working groups, meetings and assemblies on Classifications (IPC and Locarno), Patents and Standards, WIPO administered Treaties
 - Special projects relating to Patent Information
 - WIPO Academy learning courses
 - TISC (Technology and Innovation Support Centers)

CEPIUG developments

- **President**

Muriel Bourgeois (CFIB / CFIB)

- **Vice president**

Frank Verbeke (BEPIUG / BE)

- **Board member**

Klaus Gundertoft (PIF / DK)

- **Board member**

Aalt van de Kuilen (WON, NL)

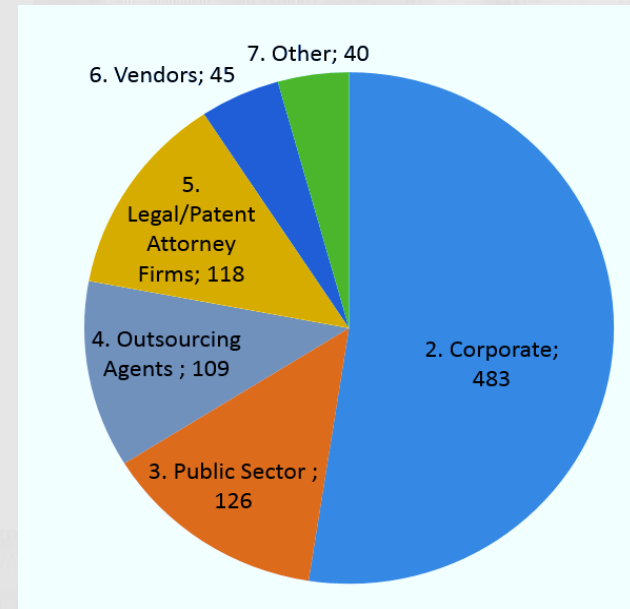
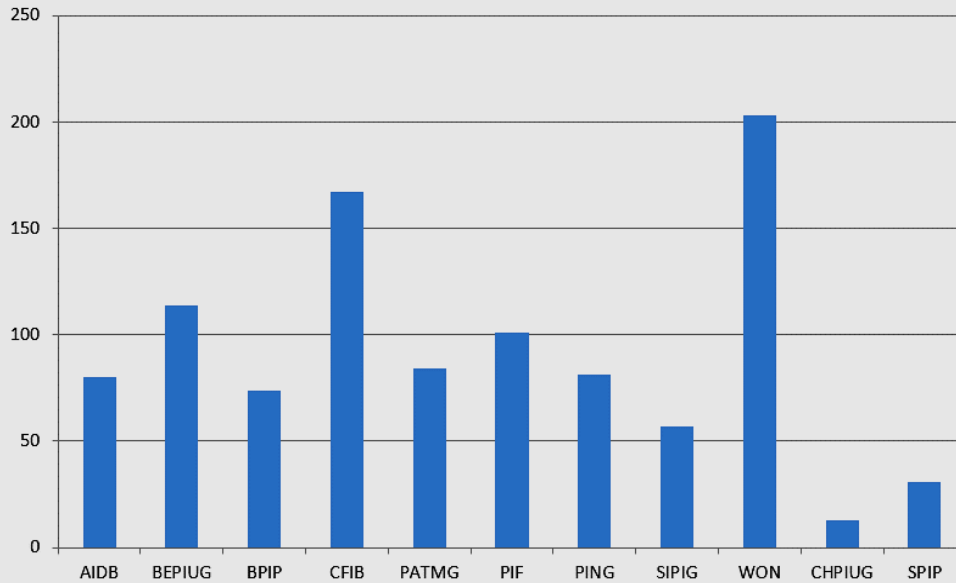
- **Secretary**

Guido Moradei (AIDB / IT)



CEPIUG Key figures as of 2017

(> 1000 members among 12 user groups)



CEPIUG On-going Steps

- Interactions with peer User Groups (PIUG, PDG, Japanese...)
- Increased participation in various EPO and WIPO's committees & events
- Close collaboration & follow-up on ISBQPIP and related certification matters
- Facilitation of pan-European working groups
- Study on similarities and differences between groups & best practices sharing

CEPIUG Future Steps

- Officially registered association with budget and treasurer
- Enhanced communication tools, publications and surveys
- Another conference for our... ?
15th year?
- **And last but not least: Training and Education**



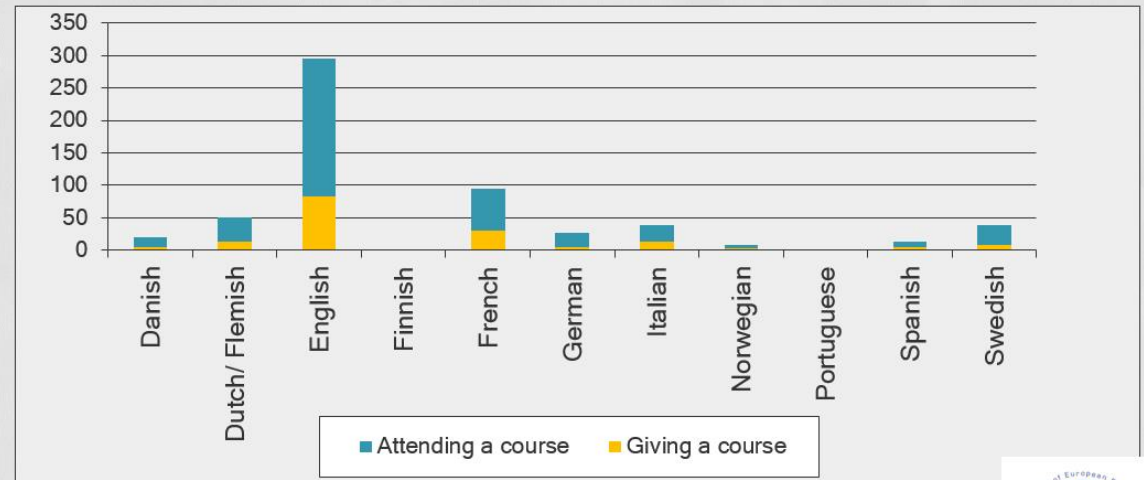
Training & Education

Yes!

From tool
survey
2016

Should the CEPIUG organise courses?

- 83% said they would be interested in attending courses
- 26% said they would be interested in being actively involved in giving courses
- Preferred language is English but French and Dutch is also popular.



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Your
Opinion
matters



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