



Re: Minutes Annual Meeting 11 April 2016

Venue: The Sofitel Legend The Grand in Amsterdam

1) Opening

President Koen Bijvank opens the Annual Meeting and welcomes all members in Amsterdam.

He starts with 2 announcement concerning the program:

- Mr. A. Ramsay unfortunately will not make it, but Mrs. Eileen Tottle from the Preparatory Committee gladly takes over his presentation.
- Mr. De Corte will not be able to join the panel discussion in the afternoon.

2) Presentation by the treasurer Patrice Vidon

The treasurer starts by emphasizing that the association is in a healthy financial condition and gives an insight in the finances of 2015 and a preliminary budget for 2016.

3) Presentation of the working groups

All presentations given by the workings groups can be consulted on the EPLIT website.

- ***Qualification***

Rainer Beetz gives, in absence of chairman Chris Mercer, a short update on the status of this working group.

- ***Costs of procedure***

Eugen Popp, chairman gives a presentation on the status. The working group prepared a position paper with rather detailed comments on the first proposal for proper „Rules on Court fees and recoverable costs for representation“, which is available on EPLIT’s website.

- ***Code of conduct***

Kim Finnilla, chairman of this working groups gives a report. In July 2015 a meeting was held by EPLIT, EPLLAW and EPI preparing the draft UPC Code of Conduct, which was presented to the Expert Panel of the UPC Preparatory Committee on 18 September 2015 . This first draft was amended based on the discussion. The second draft was presented on 10 December 2015 for the meeting of the Preparatory Committee on 14 April 2016

– **Privilige**

Ferenc Török, chairman, gives a report on the activities of the Privilige working group. The group replied to the Questionnaire regarding cross-border aspects of client/ patent attorney privilege (CAP) issued by IPI. The full Questionnaire and the responses by EPLIT are on the website.

– **Education and training**

Christian Köster gives a insight in the UPC Mock Trial that has been held in Munich in January 2016. 80 participants were present at the mock trial on the famous Epilady case. On 14 October a similar Mock Trial will be held in London. The report written by judge Zigann after the Munich Mock Trial was well received. It would be highly appreciated if such a report will be published after the London Mock Trial as well.

– **Procedural Law**

Michael Wallinger, chairman, gives a report on the activites of the group and shows the importance of statistics. Statistical data can make it obvious whether there is a connection between the workload of a legal body and its tendency to issue decisions based on formal matters. The working group proposed to analyse all BoA and later all UPC decisions according to a predetermined scheme. When there is a sufficient number of participants, the workload for the single member should be acceptable. The decisions should be distributed among the participating members in accordance with the technical field of the respective patent. Therefore, it can be guaranteed that decisions e.g. in the field of chemistry are analysed by chemists etc. It is suggested by the audience to look into existing databases such as those of Darts IP.

Kim Finnilä suggests to have a formal EPLIT representatives in Sacepo.

4) Closing

The chairman thanks all members for their input and closes this part of the Annual Meeting at 10h50.