NO PATENTS ON SEEDS!

16 May 2022 Conference call NPOS

Minutes

Participants

1. Nout van der Vaart / Oxfam (joined later)
2. Dagmar Urban / ARCHE NOAH
3. François Meienberg / ProSpecieRara (joined later)
4. Anne-Charlotte Moy / No patents on seeds!
5. Christoph Then / No patents on seeds!
6. Johanna Eckhardt / No patents on seeds!

Chair: Christoph
Minutes: Johanna

Agenda

0. Timeline for next weeks (added agenda point)

We came up with the following proposal for the next weeks:

until 20 May last comments for the report

end of May: have the report ready, but not publish it yet

May/June: contact experts, ask for meetings

13 or 14 June / 10-12h CET:

have a background talk with experts to discuss the findings of our report.

- This will have a bigger impact than discussing the rather technical report with journalists.
- have the following guests on the podium:
- invite Thor Gunnar Kofoed (in coordination with Erling)
- invite Niels Louwaars from Plantum (in coordination with Oxfam)
- invite an expert from the AT ministry/patent office (in coordination with ARCHE NOAH)
- We'll coordinate with them beforehand to see what their position is.
- We'll share the report with them beforehand and will ask them for comments. We'll ask Plantum to forward the relevant parts of the report confidentially to their members that are mentioned in the report (= opportunity to comment)
- We'll invite the experts of the 38 member states as guests.
- We'll have around an hour to present our statements, then 1 hour for discussion.

Contact journalists

- We'll contact select journalists that have already reported about patents in the past in Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and maybe as well in Denmark, share the report with them and give them the opportunity to cover this story exclusively.
- We'll still receive some feedback from Axel (press, ARCHE NOAH) what approach would work best for journalists.
- We could share the report with them embargoed a few days before 29 June. They could then cover the report, the meeting of the Admin. Council and our public activity.
- Journalists need time to read the report beforehand and be able to publish their stories very close to the event on 29 June.

29 June: Meeting of Administrative Council

- publish our report
- have a public activity in Munich around 10h-12h.
- We'll use the broccoli and tomato shields.
- Christoph will get some info about producing a further shield with barley / cereal.
- With the war in Ukraine, it would be better not to focus too much on beer with the new report, but on food security, cereals, tomato, etc.

end of June Physical meeting of NPOS members

- As discussed at our meeting of members, we could take the opportunity to meet in person around 29 June. If people already travelled to Munich, it would make sense to have a whole day of meeting – not just half a day. Plus, people could join the public activity.
- Some options would be:
- Arrive on 27th evening or 28th early morning, have a whole day meeting on 28th, join the activity on 29th and travel back in the afternoon.
- Arrive on 28th evening or 29th early morning, join the activity, have the afternoon for the first part of the meeting, have 30th morning for the second part of the meeting.
- Or else set up a physical meeting in autumn.

Holiday Johanna

- Johanna is on holiday from 4 to 31 August

Autumn

- maybe set up another background talk with experts

1. Updates

1.1. Carlsberg hearing

- not discussed

1.2. from countries / member organisations

- not discussed
- Dagmar will send an update to the group via email

2. Petition

2.1. fix end of petition with members

- ARCHE NOAH needs to know a timeline until the end of the year so they can plan accordingly.
- With the meetings of the ministries accompanied with public events together with WeMove, we can gather more signatures. But if afterwards no organisation has more specific events planned that would increase the number of signatures, it makes no sense to continue the petition.
- The petition will latest run until the end of the year.

2.2. timeframe for meetings with ministries

- try to meet the German ministry before the summer break
- contact ministries in May/June, arrange meetings between June – Autumn

3. Meeting Administrative Council 29/30 June

3.1. public activity (or presentation of report? – see 4.2.)

- see agenda point 0

3.2. Physical meeting of NPOS members?

- see agenda point 0

4. Patent report

4.1. Opportunity to comment for industry

- see agenda point 0

4.2. Presentation of the report with experts and journalists?

- see agenda point 0

5. Other

5.1. Open source Crowdfunding project

- not discussed, Johanna sent an email

5.2. Membership request Norwegian Development fund

- postponed to next conference call

5.3. Next conference call

- between 14 and 29 June