

Minutes of the PatCom Executive Council Meeting Held at Scheveningen September 7, 2005 – 08:10 pm

Present:

Willem Lagemaat – President
Pierre Buffet – EC Member
Gert Frackenpohl – Hon Treasurer
Rob Willows – EC Member
Prof.Dr.-Ing. Georg Schultheiss – Hon Secretary

Apologies:

Ann Chapman – EC Member

1. Agreement of the Agenda

The President opened the meeting. The agenda of the ExCo was approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes of ExCo Meeting Geneva

The Minutes were approved unanimously and will be shown in the PatCom web page for members only.

3. Strategic Issues

The president reported that he would send a letter to DPMA in the next days with respect to the alert push service announced in Ilmenau. This item has also not been presented to a PDG meeting before the PATON conference.

Pierre Buffet sees still as important to find out, if Jouve Empolis get EPO data before Patcom members see them.

Changes in the management of JPO are reported by Rob Willows. The secretary will ask Mr. Wada for an updating and how to integrate this in the trilateral letter (see 5.).

4. Proposal on Multi-Membership

The ExCo discussed financial and voting proposals and decided unanimously to present the following set to the AGM:

a) Annual Fee:

Small Members with up to 10 Mio € revenues from patent related business:	€ 1500
Medium Members with 10 Mio € to 50 Mio €	€ 2500
Large Members with more than 50 Mio €	€ 5000

b) Voting:

One vote per legal entity.

The president and the Treasurer will prepare a proposal for an amendment to the constitution to be given to the AGM in Budapest for decision and to become effective with the next financial year.

5. Trilateral Issues

The 2005 trilateral letter shall be ready by the second half of September. The president and Rob Willows will have another look at the proposed version from Joe

Ebersole. The secretary will send a mail to Mr. Wada (see 3.) to foster also a more Japan-oriented paragraph in the letter.

Rob Willows mentions his IPC 8 related presentation at the Epidos meeting and that he intends to send it before to PatCom.

6. DPMA Meeting

The ExCo does not see a necessity for a “DPMA Push Service”; a possibility for a “Pull Service” handmade by the respective customer cannot be avoided. The PatCom letter will be send by the president before our meeting on September 20 in Munich.

A premeeting as at the last DPMA meeting shall be arranged. The secretary will contact Michael Lipp. The minutes of the last meeting shall be send by the secretary to Mr. Herberger, PDG observer, to brief him.

7. AGM in November 2005

All acting members of the ExCo except Ann Chapman will candidate for the next period. Ann Chapman will resign as candidate. The secretary will inform the members and ask them to nominate further candidates until October 15, 2005.

The elections following article 10 of the PatCom constitution will be in Budapest at the 2005 AGM. The new ExCo will get active on July 1st, 2006 until June 30th, 2008.

8. AOB

a) Next ExCo Meeting

The next ExCo meeting will be held before the AGM to actualise the constitutional agenda topics for the AGM in Budapest. Details will be distributed in due time.

b) Technical Working Group

The Technical Working Group shall include the “Quality of Data and Information” into its list of topics. Willem Lagemaat and Rob Willows will prepare more details.

c) New Member

The ExCo unanimously accepted that Prous should become member if the respective letters arrive at the president.

There were no additional requests.

The President adjourned the meeting at 09:30 pm.