

**Minutes of the PatCom Executive Council Meeting held at Vienna
October 5, 2006 – 07:15 pm**

Present:

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of ExCo Meeting at Geneva

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

3. Organizational Issues

The President welcomes the new ExCo members Rosa Alentorn and Armin Förderer and explained shortly the ExCo role and the organization of the meetings.

4. Strategic Issues

The secretary asked the ExCo members to have a regular look at the new and approved PatCom mission statement on the front page in the web for PatCom to keep it as actual as possible.

The president explained his proposal for activities in the 2006/2008-period and strengthened the necessity for better communication as well as the offer of value-added services for members. The establishment of a uniform platform and a web-forum needs to be shown clearer and depends heavily on the input from member side.

The services have to be precompetitive. A link from the web side to the forum will be organized and questions of common interest. Rob Willows urges to have an eye on Non-European offices like China, Korea and India.

The president will send an e-mail to all members, asking for input. He further will have a conference call on the “Asian offices”- issue and ask TWG for a base for an envisaged resource library.

5. Financial Issues

The Treasurer explained the balance sheets which he presented to the ExCo. The general financial situation of PatCom is seen agreeable; the change to the new fee structure gave room for activities to support members. The payment behaviour of the members is ok now. The balance sheets for the last financial year will be send to the bookkeeper in the Netherlands.

6. Trilateral Issues

The president will prepare a proposal for the “China”-issue and send it around for a short discussion before the draft of the letter will be mailed to Joe Ebersole.

7. Contacts to National Offices

The visit to INPI in Paris will be on October 17, 2006, 2:00 pm. PatCom will be represented by the President, Pierre Buffet and the Secretary.

8. New Members

The Secretary asked the ExCo members to have a look at the market development and the participants in upcoming conferences and exhibitions for potential new members. This topic will be a constant one for the ExCo. PatCom still needs more members.

9. Meetings

The AGM will be along London Online on November 28, 2006, 11.00 am. The President will organize the venue during the next weeks. The agenda proposal was accepted.

For the upcoming meeting with DPMA on October 12, 2006, 2:00 pm at Munich the President explained shortly the proposed agenda. The meeting with EPO was discussed after the ExCo in a premeeting with the PatCom representatives present.

For the next meeting with WIPO the Secretary will contact William Meredith, the new contact after the retirement of Bill Guy. PatCom will also ask Francis Gurry and Mikhail Makarov for a follow-up of the IPC 8 Forum.

10. AOB

a) Next ExCo Meeting

.The next ExCo meeting will be before the AGM in London on November 27, 2006, 7:30 pm. Rob Willows will organize the venue.

There were no additional requests.

The President adjourned the meeting at 08:25 pm.

Georg F. Schultheiss
Hon. Secretary of PatCom

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