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Minutes of the PatCom Executive Council Meeting Held at London November 27, 2006 – 07:30 pm

Present:

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

Apologies:

Pierre Buffet – 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 Vienna

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

3. Organizational Issues

Gert Frackenpohl reported about the new member forum within the PatCom web site and that he will inform the members about more details after getting first experiences. The issue shall be discussed on the next ExCo.

The President announced that in June 2007 the board would prepare for the next elections at the AGM end of 2007 and propose candidates for the board and the ExCo according to the rules of the PatCom constitution.

4. Financial Issues

The Treasurer reported that the financial conditions have given more flexibility to PatCom for the future and that he will present a status at the AGM.

5. Trilateral Issues

The 2005 trilateral letter has been send out. For Japan there was some delay because of changes in the management of JPO (This is meanwhile solved by the PatCom President and Patolis). The President and Rob Willows intend to have a direct contact to the Patolis management early in 2007.

Additionally the EPO Far East meets West meeting (26. /27.04.2007) shall be used for further contacts. The secretary will write a respective letter to Mr. Edfjäll that PatCom is generally interested to invitations to EPO conferences.

The PIUG meeting shall be used to set up a second trilateral meeting following 2005. The secretary will inform Joe Ebersole and PIUG as well as Patolis about this proposal from PatCom side.

As the future development of the US Coalition is of interest to PatCom, Joe Ebersole shall be asked to give an outlook at the envisaged trilateral meeting along PIUG in 2007.

PatCom has interest to present its position also at IPI-ConfEx 2007. Therefore a letter shall be send by the President and the secretary to Ford Korsandian to be included into the program.

Details of the PatCom position have be shortly discussed (Innovation Path, Offices' inabilities, Functionality is easy but not Quality, Destroying if the Commercial Business by steadily Increasing free of Charge Offers etc.) The ExCo shall decide on the presentation finally.

6. Contacts to National Offices

The President reported about the developments at DPMA with the rapidly expanding functionality within the DPMA Alerting Service and the arguments basing on EPO activities and vice versa; the fruitful visit at INPI, which will check the legal limitations of supplying raw data before publication date; the PatCom attempts to have similar contacts to UKPTO, which may happen in spring 2007. The upcoming meeting with WIPO will be discussed under agenda point 9.

7. EPO Behaviour

Following the last PatCom meeting minutes, the distribution list for the EPO Newsflash shall be collected from Dan Shalloe. The EPO Esp@cenet plans and the explanations given in the meeting minutes shall be more carefully examined by the members!

The President stated that seen over the years there is no change in the EPO behaviour and the actions initiated via the EPO Administrative Council.

8. Meetings

The agenda of the AGM has been shortly reviewed and details for the venue were given to the ExCo.

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a) Next ExCo Meeting

The next ExCo meeting will be held before the before the WIPO meeting at Geneva on February 26, 2007.

There were no additional requests.

The President adjourned the meeting at 09:15 pm.