

## **Draft 1.0**

### **Minutes of the 11. PatCom Executive Council Meeting Held at Geneva February 26, 2007 – 07:00 pm**

#### **Present:**

Pierre Buffet – EC Member  
Rob Willows – EC Member  
Rosa Alentorn – EC Member  
Armin Förderer – EC Member  
Prof.Dr.-Ing. Georg Schultheiss – Hon Secretary

#### **Apologies:**

Willem Lagemaat – President  
Gert Frackenpohl – Hon Treasurer

#### **1. Agreement of the Agenda**

The Secretary 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**

With respect to re-election for the board the constitutional paragraphs have been shortly discussed. The ExCo sees no necessity for establishing a retirement rota. Candidates for the next term shall be asked beginning of June 2007 starting with the acting ExCo and followed by an inquiry to all members. This shall allow in time-information of all members before the next AGM.

The nomination of the chair for PatCom delegations in case the President is not participating shall be task of the President. For the next meeting with EPO he designated Rob Willows.

#### **4. Financial Issues**

The Treasurer distributed a report upon the financial conditions which was accepted by the ExCo.

#### **5. Trilateral Issues**

Along the PIUG meeting a second trilateral meeting following 2005 will be held on May 8. Several members already confirmed their participation. Details will given as soon as available.

The Secretary of PatCom will prepare an agenda proposal soon for Joe Ebersole and also send a mail to Kotaro Asanuma and ask for a Japanese delegate to report about the situation in Japan. Rob Willows will visit Japan soon and try to meet with Patolis representatives.

#### **6. Contacts to National Offices**

The next meeting with INPI will be prepared soon. Pierre Buffet will call INPI to ask for results of the check of legal limitations of supplying raw data before publication date. The agenda of the next meeting shall be nearly the same as for the first one.

As dates for the meeting with DPMA shall be fixed soon, Mr Rothe will be contacted by the Secretary. Possible dates are 20.09.2007, 27.09.2007 or 11.10.2007 (all Thursday) afternoon.

Rob Willows and Willem Lagemaat are asked to keep close contact to achieve similar meetings with the UKPTO.

The ExCo has unanimously the opinion that Spain should be the next preferred candidate for national office contact by PatCom.

### **7. Meeting with WIPO**

The Secretary distributed copies of WIPO papers send by mail to PatCom and mainly relating to the PatCom Observer Status. The ExCo saw no necessity to discuss items of the meeting upfront. It was announced that William Meredith changed the sequence of the agenda items but not the total content.

### **8. EPO Behaviour**

With respect to a contact to the EU Ombudsman the ExCo decided to consider legal aspects in the member companies and institutions and give the results within six weeks. If a complaint about mal-administration shall be send to the EU Ombudsman, all members shall be asked before. (P.S. A short discussion with the PatCom President on the next day showed also that the possibility of a direct contact to the EU Ombudsman for discussion of the existing problems shall be considered.)

The agenda proposal for the next EPO meeting has been distributed and the PatCom participants were named by the secretary. All participants shall have a close look into the minutes of the last meeting to see if there are modifications necessary by PatCom's view. There was no further discussion.

The abstract for the presentation of the President planned for ICIC 2007 has been given to all ExCo members. A discussion has been postponed to the next meeting, when the President is available.

### **9. Meetings**

The list of meetings send out by e-mail on December 30, 2006 has been reviewed

### **10.AOB Next ExCo Meeting**

The next ExCo Meeting shall be at Questel in Paris before the INPI Meeting on June 5, 2007 10:00 am. Pierre Buffet will take care of a room.

There were no additional requests.

The Secretary adjourned the meeting at 09:00 pm.