

Summary of the 11. PatCom Board Meeting May 29/30, 2008 at Katwijk Draft 1.0

Participants: Willem-Geert Lagemaat, Lighthouse IP BV, President of Patcom
Gert Frackenpohl, INCOM GmbH, Treasurer of Patcom
Georg F. Schultheiss, Secretary of Patcom

1. Approval of the Agenda Approved

2. Approval of Summary of 10. PatCom Board Meeting Bonn Approved

3. Organizational and Work Issues

- Patcom Web Page

The web page has been updated. E-mail addresses shall be shown only in a copy of the member list in the members-only section and the mail addresses will be taken out of the open member list.

- ExCo Members

LexisNexis may possibly not be available; Willem will ask Richard. We need active people, not trainees! Ann Chapman will be asked by Georg. Elisabeth, Christa and Rupert are seen as further possible candidates for the ExCo.

- Members will be updated end of June

- Information collection

Collection is planned for offers from national and international offices. If there are differences in pricing or not available offers, the respective information should be given by Patcom members. The whole project shall be discussed in more detail at the next ExCo.

4. Financial Issues

- Bank Issues:

Willem called Rabobank to clear further steps. The new pass is not available. The bank will send a new pass to Gert.

- Balance Sheet:

The actual situation has been explained by the Treasurer. For the ExCo at Vienna the final balance sheet for 2007/2008 will be available.

- Situation in the next period:

Patcom will have two members less! Prous is unclear but will get an invoice for 2008/09. New members are under consideration (see 8).

5. Trilateral Issues

- US (PIUG results) and Japan:

In flux, Thomson Reuters is driving force but there is nothing new so far! Willem calls Rob Willows to ask him about future of coalition but reached him only via voice mail. Meanwhile Rob answered by e-mail and transferred the message from Eric Marchant that the new representative contract in the US Coalition is on its way. No news from Japan.

- Next Letter: "Trilateral" does not exist for the moment; therefore no trilateral letter is foreseen in 2008. Next ExCo shall decide if there shall be a Patcom-only letter to the offices. Bi-lateral (Europe-Japan) letter is not the alternative.

- PatCom relevant paragraphs (proposals for ExCo):

- . Data delivery and consequences,
- . IPC 8 usage by all offices in a high quality and we offer to cooperate with the offices
- . Free services limitations
- . Commercials are very concerned about the quality of patents – they will help but the offices must understand that the problem for us is as important as for them.

6. PatCom Strategic Plan 2008/2009/2010

- The Evaluation of the last plan delivered a changed basis to be send to Willem

- New Items:

No. The proposal will be presented to the next AGM to get approval.

- The discussion upon the future of PatCom depends on the US-coalition situation if a respective decision may be necessary.

7. Meetings

- ExCo:

The agenda for the next ExCo at Paris on June 24, 2008 has been reviewed. The next ExCo after Paris shall be at Vienna on September 25, 2008 before the EPO meeting.

- WIPO:

Willem will send a congratulation letter to Francis Gurry. The agenda proposal for the next meeting beginning of 2009 will be prepared for the ExCo at Vienna. The WIPO invitation for the 45th Assemblies of the Member States will be scanned and distributed.

- Patinfo at Ilmenau:

At Patinfo on June 12/13, 2008 Willem will participate for Scipat. Gert is preparing a "birthday speech" for 30 Years Patinfo. Patcom will be represented by its board.

- AGM:

The next Patcom Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, 11:00 am. The agenda has been checked and revised. Rob Willows will be asked if he sees a possibility to use the Thomson Reuters' conference room. At the AGM 2009 at London Online there will be elections for the next term.

- DPMA:

The agenda for the meeting on September 18, 2008 has been checked and will be updated according to results in agenda point 9.

- EPO:

By the PIUG meeting it was understood that Curt Edfjäll will retire by end of June this year. The agenda proposal for the next meeting on September 26, 2008 at Vienna has been reviewed and modified.

- EPO PIC October 28/30, 2008 at Stockholm:

The board decided to repeat the presence at EPO PIC by a booth of Patcom in 2008. Gert will make the respective preparations. The President will give a presentation if the chance is given.

- ICIC Nice

The Secretary will give a greeting from Patcom to the 20th anniversary of ICIC, October 19/21, 2008 and clear with Pierre Buffet and Harry Collier the possibility.

- INPI:

The agenda for the next meeting on June 24, 2008 has been checked and revised.

- OEPM Madrid, Spain:

The Secretary reported from a short meeting with Mr. Penas at Ljubljana and the president will send an e-mail to Gerardo Penas with respect to cooperation with OEPM and the Latin American Offices. The next meeting at Madrid will be in spring 2009.

- UK:

For the envisaged meeting with the UKPTO the secretary will contact Rob Willows to arrange further steps.

8. New Members

Two new candidates (CPA and Updragshuset) will be contacted soon by the President and the Secretary.

9. AOB

- The next Board Meeting will be early 2009 at Bonn.

- The problem of SPAM Patents which has been raised by Richard Garner is seen as a serious topic and has been discussed in more detail. It will be introduced to all agendas of meetings with offices in the next round starting with INPI. Richard will be informed.

Georg F. Schultheiss
Secretary of Patcom

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