

**Participants:** Willem-Geert Lagemaat (WL), Lighthouse IP Group, President  
Gert Frackenpohl (GF), INOM, Treasurer  
Georg F. Schultheiss (GFS), Patcom Secretary  
Christa Deinum (CD), Scipat, as Guest

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

Approved.

**2. Approval of Summary of 11. PatCom Board Meeting Katwijk**

Approved.

**3. Organisational and Work Issues**

**- Web Page, Non-Member-Links**

EPO list will be checked if it is in Patcom link list included (GF). Links may be added to the Patcom list in the public area of the web page.

**- ExCo Members**

The Secretary will contact ExCo members and Patcom members by mail. WL in principle will be candidates once more. For GF it depends on the future of his business activities. GFS will work together with WL if his health situation allows. Decisions shall be made at the next board meeting. About the possible case that a new treasurer is necessary, the next ExCo should be alerted.

**4. Financial Issues**

**- Balance Sheet**

The balance sheet has been presented and explained. NERAC will be contacted by WL. Book-keeping results for 2006/2007 to be signed as well as 2007/2008. WL will prepare them for the next board meeting.

**- Actual Situation and Situation in the next Period**

The actual situation shows a sufficiently positive summary. No changes are expected for the next period.

**- Travel Restrictions of ExCo Members (Armin!)**

Next ExCo shall decide if Treasurer and President can decide on assistance. For Armin assistance shall be given without daily allowance. The Secretary contacted Armin and he will report at Geneva. Next ExCo shall give OK, because EPO meeting is of high importance!

## 5. Trilateral Issues

### - **US (PIUG) and Japan**

No presence on PIUG planned. WL may visit coalition members in Washington or New York. Rob will be asked by secretary.

### - **Next Letter**

Still no next trilateral letter visible! In Vienna it must be clarified how the "Big 5"-situation will develop.

### - **PatCom relevant paragraphs (proposals for ExCo)**

Not yet (see above).

## 6. PatCom Strategic Plan 2008/2009/2010

### - **New Items**

No new items are recognised.

### - **Future of PatCom**

At the next ExCo it should be discussed, if the basis for the Technical Working Group should be enlarged by a platform to supply actual data and facts more active to the respective office(s) and to intensify the contacts to the offices.

### - **EPOPIC situation**

Results of a call to Dan Shalloe have been shortly discussed. The topic will be included into the agenda for the next EPO-Patcom Meeting.

### - **EPO unfair competition**

Patcom internal discussions show, that there is practically no chance to oppose the fact, that there is some unfair competition. A contact to the respective EC Directorate seems to have little effect or no chance to be realised.

### - **EPO and Big 5 Projects**

This will be an important topic of the next meeting with WIPO and with EPO. One of the open questions is "The Future of the Trilateral Co-operation"!

## 7. Meetings

### - **EC**

No efforts (see above).

### - **WIPO** **18.02.2009**

There shall be a dinner meeting on February 17, 2009 at hotel Eden. The Secretary is asked to get participants alerted.

### - **OEPM** **10.03.2009**

The President, Pierre Buffet and the Secretary will participate. Rob Willows shall be asked by the Secretary.

### - **ExCo** **16.03.2009**

The agenda shall be updated.

- **EPO** **17.03.2009**

The agenda shall be updated by "EPOPIC Future". The proposal for the next meeting date has been confirmed.

- **PRV** **Proposal: 22.04 or 07.05.2009**

The Patcom delegation shall be Willem-Gert Lagemaat, Rob Willows and Georg F. Schultheiss. The agenda proposal has been approved.

- **PIUG** **02./07.05.2009**

Patcom will not participate in PIUG 2009.

- **Patinfo Ilmenau** **18./19.06.2009**

Patcom will be represented by the board as Reinhard Schramm is retiring in June 2009.

- **INPI** **25.06.2009**

WL, CD, GFS and Pierre Buffet will participate. Rob Willows shall be asked (Secretary). The agenda proposal has been approved.

- **DPMA** **Proposals: 24.09.2009 or 01.10.2009**

All Patcom participants shall be informed about the proposals by the Secretary.

- **ICIC Sitges** **18./21.10.2009**

Patcom will not participate in ICIC 2009.

- **EPO PIC, Biarritz** **03./05.11.2009**

The recommends to have a booth there, but the next ExCo shall decide on it.

- **UK**

Rob Willows shall be asked by mail about future steps (Secretary).

- **AGM** **01.12.2009**

The actual ExCo members shall be asked by mail, if they will get the OK of their company/institution to candidate for another term (Secretary).

- **Italian Office**

At the next ExCo possibilities to contact the Italian National Office shall be one topic.

## **8. New Members**

- **Candidates**

The President will contact CPA at the next possibility.

## **9. AOB**

- **Next Board Meeting: Beginning of June 2009, Katwijk**

Thursday/Friday 04./05.06.2009.

The meeting has been adjourned at 02:20 pm.

**Georg F. Schultheiss**  
**Patcom Secretary**

**Lueneburg, 04.02.2009**