

## **Minutes of the 14. PatCom Executive Council Meeting held at London December 04, 2007 – 11:00 am**

### **Present:**

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

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

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

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of 13. ExCo Meeting Vienna**

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

### **3. Organizational Issues**

Rosa Alentorn and Rob Willows informed the ExCo, that after the acquisition of Prous by Thomson Scientific there will be no changes be effective for the actual term of the PatCom ExCo.

### **4. Financial Issues**

The Treasurer informed that the fees for the actual financial year mainly have been paid and that the financial situation of PatCom is balanced for 2008.

### **5. Trilateral Issues**

To get information about the future situation in the US and about the Coalition, Rob Willows will contact Thomson representatives in the US at Dialog and Thomson Scientific. Willem Lagemaat will contact a LexisNexis representative.

The possibility of a closer cooperation or the offer of membership in PatCom has been discussed and will be a topic in the next ExCo.

News from Japan could not be given, as Richard Garner had not met Kanerosan from Patolis at his last visit in Tokyo. The ExCo engaged Pierre Buffet to contact Patolis officially for more details about future plans of the Council.

The President received a letter from USPTO as response to the last trilateral letter giving a basis for further contacts.

### **6. Meetings**

#### **a. EU**

The discussion in the meeting on December 12 at Brussels will be lead by the PatCom President.

#### **b. WIPO**

The agenda proposal of PatCom has been reviewed. The keywords for WIPO are "Developing Countries" and "PCT". They shall be seen in a matrix "Developing Countries/ Industrialized Countries over PCT Material/ Non PCT Material as Pierre Buffet explained. It should also be evaluated how cooperation with the commercial sector for developing countries via the INTERNET is seen by WIPO.

#### **c. IPI ConfEx (Booth?)**

Because of high costs PatCom is not intending to have a booth at IPI-ConfEx 2008.

#### **d. Spanish Office**

The Spanish Office has been informed about the PatCom opinion to have an official meeting in the first quarter or in early April of 2008. As there was no reaction so far, Rosa Alentorn will get into contact with Mr. Penas. She mentioned that there were organizational modifications at the Spanish Office recently which might have implications on the future contacts with PatCom.

#### **e. EPO**

The discussion showed that PatCom shall officially react to EPO's new information policy and to the papers available so far. Rob Willows will distribute an interview recently given by the EPO President including budget data which could result in severe modifications in EPO's future.

The president pointed out, that a letter will be prepared and distributed to the EPO President, the members of the Administrative Council, the Presidents of the national offices of the member countries and to PDG. A press release and/or an interview e.g. via Richard Pointer is a further publication way for the PatCom reaction.

PatCom will try to get a meeting with Allison Brimelow as soon as possible.

#### **f. EPO Patent Forum**

At the next ExCo the program for the 2008 Patent Forum of EPO may be available and then it should be decided, how to proceed as PatCom.

#### **g. Patinfo Ilmenau**

As the next Patinfo at Ilmenau is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, PatCom will give an official congratulation. Gert Frackenpohl has been asked by the President, to prepare and present it.

### **7. Future of PatCom**

The PatCom Board shall have a meeting in January 2008 to prepare a proposal and a plan of next steps for the next ExCo. The President, the Treasurer and the Secretary will organize it soon.

## **8. New Members**

SCIPAT is new full-member of PatCom. Some other potential candidates have been contacted during the EPO PIC at Riga. CMM announced to apply for membership, except for one company the ExCo sees no hindrance.

## **9. AOB: Next ExCo Meeting**

The next ExCo will be held at Geneva on February 5, 2008, 07:00 pm at Hotel Eden between the WIPO workshop on IPC and the regular meeting with WIPO on February 6, 2008, 10:00 am.

There were no additional requests.

The President adjourned the meeting at 12:25 am.

Georg F. Schultheiss  
Hon. Secretary of PatCom

Lueneburg, December 5, 2007