

**Minutes of the 15. PatCom Executive Council Meeting held at Geneva
February 5, 2008 – 07:00 pm**

Present:

Willem Lagemaat – President
Pierre Buffet – EC Member
Rob Willows – EC Member
Armin Förderer – EC Member
Prof.Dr.-Ing. Georg Schultheiss – Hon Secretary

1. Agreement of the Agenda

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of 14. ExCo Meeting London

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

3. Organizational Issues

For the continuation over next term the ExCo envisages to nominate one or two new members to the next AGM.

The President explained that the newly planned working group on “Resources including Pricing” as proposed to the last AGM shall be collect and actualize product offers of the different offices. The repository shall be a “value add” for all members. The Secretary will ask all members for participation and sharing of the necessary workload.

4. Financial Issues

The Secretary informed that the Treasurer explained at the last Board Meeting that the financial situation of PatCom is balanced for 2008.

5. Trilateral Issues

This topic has been combined with

7. Future of PatCom

The President explained his view that PatCom shall take a lead in the formation process for the Trilateral Alliance. This was shared by the ExCo.

For information about the future situation in the US and about the Coalition, Rob Willows will contact representatives in the US. It is envisaged to have a meeting with Coalition Members along the next PIUG Meeting.

Pierre Buffet shortly reported upon a contact to Patolis and will officially send a set of questions for more details about future plans of the Council.

The ExCo will take the trilateral situation as a main topic for the next meeting at Vienna.

6. Meetings

a. EU

The summary upon the meeting on December 12 at Brussels has been distributed.

b. EPO President

As consequence of the meeting with EU the President three weeks ago send a letter to Allison Brimelow, EPO President, asking for a direct meeting with PatCom representatives. A reminder shall be send end of February if no answer arrives.

Rob Willows reported about a meeting with John Brennan, EPO during the WIPO workshop.

c. WIPO

The WIPO meeting will take place along the proposed agenda.

d. Spanish Office

The meeting with the Spanish Office will be on March 6, 2008, at the Madrid OEPM office. The President, Rosa Alentorn, Pierre Buffet and the Secretary will form the PatCom delegation.

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.

f. EPO Patent Forum

The program for the 2008 Patent Forum of EPO at Ljubljana is available The ExCo decided that the Secretary again shall represent PatCom.

8. New Members

More and more service providers show up in the market arena. PatCom members shall have a closer look if one or the other of those companies might be ready for PatCom membership. Contacts with Infoco are existing.

9. AOB: Next ExCo Meeting

The next ExCo will be held at Vienna on March 10, 2008, 07:00 pm at Fasanlwirt, Rennweg 24

There were no additional requests.

The President adjourned the meeting at 10:30 pm.

Georg F. Schultheiss
Hon. Secretary of PatCom

Lueneburg, February 11, 2008