

Minutes of the 16.PatCom Executive Council Meeting Held at Vienna March 10, 2008 – 7:00 pm

Present:

Willem Lagemaat – President
Gert Frackenpohl – Hon Treasurer
Pierre Buffet – EC Member
Rob Willows – EC Member (arriving 08:07pm)
Armin Förderer – EC Member
Georg Schultheiss – Hon Secretary
Jurjen Dijkstra – as guest
Christa Deinum – as guest
Matt Toussant – as guest

1. Agreement of the Agenda

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of 15. ExCo Meeting at Geneva

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

3. Organizational Issues

The President informed the ExCo upon a request from Denmark for associated membership but for commercial companies the board sees not such a possibility.

4. Financial Issues

Occurring online banking difficulties will be cleared by the President.

5. Trilateral Issues

The President and later Rob Willows report about a new attempt of the Coalition to restart Joe Ebersole's activities. Details shall be discussed with coalition members at the next PIUG meeting at Crystal City in May.

Pierre Buffet will try to get more details about the Japanese Council situation.

The next trilateral letter may be a letter only coming from PatCom and the secretary is asked to set up a draft in due time.

6. Meetings

The President shortly explained the results of the PatCom meeting with **EU** in December 2007 and announced that he will write a new detailed letter to the **EPO President** after having received a short reply that she sees no necessity for a top meeting as the regular meetings with Vice President Edfjäll are continuing. The letter will be send around to the ExCo.

About the recent meeting with **OEPM** at Madrid the President gave a short report. The meeting was very productive. The OEPM explained that its information is not present in the DOCDB of EPO and therefore the Spanish applicants seem to be less protected. The OEPM offers to be a mediator to the Latin American Offices. Some of

the smaller ones need help and assistance. OEPM would be delighted if commercial providers could give them a free of charge entry to data for some time and get their patent data in a win-win situation for the involved partners. The president asks all members which are interested to contact the secretary and the OEPM.

For the last minutes of the regular meeting with **EPO** there are no changes necessary. The agenda of the coming meeting has been shortly discussed.

PatCom will be represented at the **EPO Patent Forum 2008** by the secretary.

The President mentioned that he sees a coming threat by the **WIPO Patentscope** and its increasing functionalities including machine translation. He asks the members to be aware!

7. AOB

The next ExCo meeting will be on June 24, 2008 at Paris in the Questel office at 11:00 am.

There were no additional requests.

The President adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Georg F. Schultheiss
Hon. Secretary of PatCom

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