

Participants: Willem-Geert Lagemaat (WL), Lighthouse IP Group, President
Armin Förderer (AF), FIZ Karlsruhe, Treasurer
Georg F. Schultheiss (GFS), Patcom Secretary

1. Approval of the Agenda

Approved.

2. Approval of Summary of 16. PatCom Board Meeting

Approved.

3. Organisational and Work Issues

- Web Page

Lighthouse has created a new version. Gert Frackenpohl will be contacted by Armin Förderer to see, if FIZ Karlsruhe can organize the regular updating together with the Secretary. The "Members-only-Section" needs urgent update!

4. Financial Issues

AF explained that the financial situation of PatCom is solid. Travel costs again have been reduced. Membership fees can be kept at the current level for the next term and beyond. However, this is valid for the current level of activities and expenses only. The next regular invoices shall be mailed beginning of July 2012.

5. Bilateral Issues

The last ExCo decided to ask Rob Willows for actual information about the US Coalition if necessary. For the Board this agenda point will be closed.

6. Future of PatCom

- PatCom-Asia

The President sees a possibility for acting in the Asian Region only by a very respected representative of PatCom. The cultural differences between the large players in Asia are very high compared to the situation in Europe. The topic shall be discussed at the next ExCo at Geneva on September 24.

7. Meetings

The secretary will ask the members for participation for the first half of the next term.

- II-SDV 2012 16./17.04.2012 Nice

The President participated and gave a presentation. There were about 140 participants and the quality of presentations was high.

- East meets West 19./20.042012 Vienna

The President participated together with other PatCom members. China has been represented only by lower level experts.

- **Patinfo** **14./15.06.2012** **Ilmenau**

Gert Frackenpohl from Lighthouse IP Group will be there and some other members.

- **PRV** **2012**

As the progress by the Swedish Office is going slowly, the board decided to postpone the next meeting for 2013. The secretary will inform PRV respectively.

- **30. ExCo** **24.09.2012** **Geneva**

GFS will ask all ExCo-members for participation.

- **10. WIPO** **25.09.2012** **Geneva**

GFS will ask all ExCo-members for participation.

- **25. EPO** **06./08.11.2012** **Hamburg**

GFS will ask all members for participation.

- **DPMA** **20.11.2012** **Munich**

GF will contact Hubert Rothe, DPMA again for fixing of the meeting date.

- **31. ExCo** **21.11.2012, 07:00 pm** **Paris**

GFS will ask all ExCo-members for participation.

- **AGM 2012** **22.11.2012, 10:30 am** **Paris**

GFS will ask all members for participation.

- **INPI** **22.11.2012, 02:30 pm** **Paris**

GFS will contact Martine Massiera Della Valle, Questel for assistance to organize the meetings ExCo, AGM, INPI.

8. New Members

The President will contact Jane List and Elizabeth Piveteau.

9. AOB

Next Board Meeting shall be in spring 2013. The preparation for the expected changes for the next term shall start latest in summer 2013. Election will be at the AGM 2013 for the term 2014/2016.

The President adjourned the meeting at 12:30 am.

Georg F. Schultheiss
Patcom Secretary
Lueneburg, 05.05.2012