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Minutes of the 17.PatCom Executive Council Meeting Held at Vienna September 25, 2008 – 7:00 pm

Present:

Willem Lagemaat – President
Gert Frackenpohl – Hon Treasurer
Pierre Buffet – EC Member
Armin Förderer – EC Member
Georg Schultheiss – Hon Secretary
Christa Deinum – as guest
Matt Toussant – as guest
Richard Lambert – as guest
Andrew Rufener – as guest
Steve Lodge – as guest

1. Agreement of the Agenda

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of 16. ExCo Meeting at Vienna

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

3. Organizational Issues

The Secretary informed the ExCo that Ann Chapman and Elisabeth Piveteau have been accepted by the members of Patcom as ExCo members. Elisabeth still needs the approval of Matrixware management.

Gert Frackenpohl announced that the e-mail addresses in the Patcom webpage will be changed to prevent SPAM.

4. Financial Issues

The Treasurer informed that the financial data will be given next week to the bookkeeper and that the balance for 2009 is given.

5. Trilateral Issues

The President shortly explained the situation in US. There still exists no connection to the new formed Coalition. Rob Willows has been asked to explore more details during his stay in the States. Matt Toussant informs that CAS is not participating in the Coalition.

There is also no news from Japan. It seems difficult to get information from the Council.

The ExCo decided that there shall be no trilateral letter 2008 under these circumstances and may be the next letter will be in a year from now. Details are to be decided in due time.

6. Meetings

The President stated that the contacts to **EU** after the meeting in December 2007 are pending.

The **EPO President** shifted contacts to the new responsible Vice President Manuel Desantes (who informed Patcom in the meeting next day, that he will retire early next year).

Out of the **DPMA** the President reported that the increase of functionalities in the alerting service resulted in only 15% usage increase without changes in user distribution. DPMA will give full text material to the EPO for esp@cenet that means for commercials that there might be a cheaper source in future. Translation dictionaries are also not yet available for DPMA from EPO side. The legal problem with SPAM-patents has been realized, but so far no solution is visible.

The meeting with **INPI** has been postponed to October 7, 2008.

With **OEPM** the next meeting shall be end of March, 2009 (20th or 27th). The secretary shall contact Gerado Penas. The President once more mentioned the wish of OEPM to have assistance for Latin America by Patcom members.

For **EPO PIC** Patcom got an invitation for a Trilateral Round Table and is asked to name four delegates. The ExCo accepted the President's proposal:
Rob Willows, Thomson Reuters, Chairman of the Technical Working Group
Pierre Buffet, Questel
Matt Toussant, CAS
Willem-Geert Lagemaat, Lighthouse IP Group, President of Patcom.

The **AGM 2008** will take place at London alongside the London Online on December 2, 2008, 11:00 am. The venue will be given in due time.

New Director General of **WIPO** is Francis Gurry, well known to Patcom members who participated in WIPO-Patcom meetings. The President sees here a real challenge for commercials in the near future. The pace of development of Patentscope in the last year and the released speech of the new Director General indicate that WIPO is a strong competition in the market arena. The President mentioned once more that he sees a coming threat by the **WIPO Patentscope** and its increasing functionalities including machine translation. He asks the members to be aware!

The **EPO** meeting agenda has been shortly discussed later aside the meeting.

7. AOB

The next ExCo meeting will be on December 1, 2008, 7:00 pm at London. The venue will be given as soon as available.

There were no additional requests.

Georg F. Schultheiss
Hon. Secretary of PatCom

October 1, 2008