

## **Draft 1.0**

### **Minutes of the 18.PatCom Executive Council Meeting Held at London December 1, 2008 – 7:00 pm**

#### **Present:**

Willem Lagemaat – President  
Gert Frackenpohl – Hon Treasurer  
Rob Willows – EC Member  
Pierre Buffet – EC Member  
Ann Chapman – EC Member  
Christa Deinum – as guest  
Georg Schultheiss – Hon Secretary

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

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

#### **2. Approval of the Minutes of 17. ExCo Meeting at Vienna**

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

#### **3. Organizational Issues**

The President welcomes Ann Chapman as member of Patcom ExCo. Elisabeth Piveteau unfortunately could not accept because of actual work load. Further expansion of the ExCo is still a target.

Gert Frackenpohl announced that Dialog will be member of Patcom in the new year.

#### **4. Financial Issues**

The Treasurer prepared a financial report for the AGM. The planning looks good, although still some members have to pay their fee for the actual financial year. They will be reminded at the AGM and by separate letters.

#### **5. Trilateral Issues**

The President and Rob Willows shortly explained the situation in US. The secretary reported that the connection to the Coalition representative Jim Burdett has been established.

Together with the new US-government the USPTO will have a new commissioner and this will give earliest at the next PIUG a possibility to have a fruitful contact to the Coalition. Nevertheless Rob Willows has been asked to explore in the next phone conference if Jim Burdett is coming to Europe sooner next year and if that might be an opportunity to meet.

At the trilateral round table at Stockholm the announcement of the USPTO has been made to make their search tool “West” available to public. The Coalition shall be asked for their opinion upon this issue and the status.

With respect to Japan no answer has been arrived from Asanuma-san to the secretary's e-mail request. Ann Chapman offered to use Minesoft links to find out more about the situation in the Japanese Council. Pierre Buffet also offered to use Questel routes. The secretary mentioned the offer of Jim Burdett to ask his Japanese friends for more details.

The ExCo after closer contact to the Coalition will decide if there shall be a trilateral letter 2009 or a bilateral letter only.

The extension of the Trilateral Offices to "the big 5" in 2008, the role of WIPO and the announced "big 5" development plans will be watched carefully to find out if they give reason for strategy changes to Patcom.

## **6. AGM**

According to the agenda proposal the ExCo sees no additional necessity for discussion.

## **7. Meetings**

The next **Patcom Board** meeting will be at Bonn on January 21, 2009, 11:00 am.

The next meeting with **INPI** will be at Paris on June 26, 2009, 02:00 pm.

With **OEPM** the next meeting was proposed for March 18, 2009 but this collides with the EPO XML-IPC workshop. Therefore the secretary shall contact Gerado Penas to change the date to March 10. The secretary once more mentioned the wish of OEPM to have assistance for Latin America by Patcom members. The Patcom delegation will be Willem Lagemaat, Pierre Buffet, Ann Chapman, Rob Willows and Georg Schultheiss.

The President gave a short report about the **EPO PIC** Trilateral Round Table which did not bring too much. He mentions the discrepancy between announcement and roll out in EPO activities. During EPO PIC rumour came up that EPO after 2009 may cancel further similar conferences because of budget reasons. The ExCo discussed possibilities for Patcom to get actively into this arena to keep this neutral and not for profit platform of communication in Europe alive. The AGM will be alerted on these thoughts, which might need an extraordinary AGM mid of 2009.

The next meeting with **EPO** may take place at Vienna together with the XML-IPC workshop on March 17, 2009, 10:00 am. The secretary will clear details with Dan Shalloe.

The next meeting with **WIPO** is not yet fixed. William Meredith mailed that WIPO has to arrange their internal schedule after Francis Gurry, the new Director General started work. The secretary will find out as soon as possible if the Patcom proposal February 17 or 18 can be fixed.

Gert Frackenpohl informed the ExCo that he has been invited to give a speech about Patcom at Ilmenau next year. The ExCo would appreciate if he could do this.

A meeting with the **Swedish Office** is in preparation for the first half of 2009.

**8. AOB**

The next ExCo meeting shall be on March 16, 2009, 7:00 pm at Vienna at Fasanwirt, Rennweg 24; if the dates with EPO are as assumed. Details will be given in due time.

There were no additional requests.

Georg F. Schultheiss  
Hon. Secretary of PatCom

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