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Minutes of the 19.PatCom Executive Council Meeting Held at Vienna March 16, 2009 – 7:40 pm

Present:

Willem Lagemaat – President
Gert Frackenpohl – Hon Treasurer
Rob Willows – EC Member
Pierre Buffet – EC Member
Armin Förderer – EC Member
Christa Deinum – as Guest
Matt Toussant – as Guest
Stuart Doig – as Guest
Georg Schultheiss – Hon Secretary

Apologies:

Ann Chapman – EC Member

1. Agreement of the Agenda

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of 18. ExCo Meeting at London, 01.12.2008

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

3. Organizational Issues

The Secretary remembered all acting ExCo members to clarify with their companies/institutions if they will add another term and candidate at the next AGM. The Board wants to clear this at the next ExCo.

4. Financial Issues

The Treasurer reports that the financial situation is balanced and looks solid for the next period.

5. Future of Patcom

The President reported that at the last Board meeting the ideas and initiatives have been reviewed. Fact is that not many members are responding to them. The main activity is, that Patcom acts as a consultation and communication platform as channel between the national and international offices and the Patcom members. WIPO also seems to seek for assistance.

The technical working group of Patcom shall act as a more central spot and closer contact between the TWG and the members shall be achieved.

Future actions may be planned within the EPO-PIC continuation.

6. Trilateral Issues

The President and Rob Willows shortly explained the situation. The President plans to meet with Jim Burdett at Washington DC during this year to get a better view upon

the US situation. It should also be discussed how the shift from “Trilateral+WIPO” to the “IP5” shall be handled. WIPO’s role in this context is not yet clearly visible.

From Japan there is no response, as Pierre Buffet reported. Pierre Buffet and Matt Toussant will try to get better information about the situation “after Wadasan”.

7. Italian National Office contact (?)

The President explained that strategic reasons are the driving force behind this proposal. He also sees the necessity to have an Italian speaking member representative in the Patcom delegation.

Pierre Buffet will look for a contact point with the Italian Office at Rome. A link via WIPO was also proposed.

8. Meetings

The contacts to the **EC** are pending.

The President reported shortly upon the last **WIPO** meeting on 18.02.2009 at Geneva (see also summary). He reminded all members to try the WIPO test offer for data delivery.

With **OEPM** the second meeting at Madrid took place on 10.03.2009. Pierre Buffet shortly reported especially about the offered inventory list from OEPM (see also summary).

The meeting with the Swedish office **PRV** will be on May 7, 2009 at Stockholm. Willem Lagemaat, Rob Willows and possibly Georg Schultheiss will represent Patcom.

At **Patinfo Ilmenau** on 18./19.06.2009 Reinhard Schramm will retire. The Patcom Board will be there and a gift will be presented to Reinhard. The Secretary will evaluate possibilities.

The next meeting with **INPI** will be at Paris on June 25, 2009, 02:00 pm.

The date for the next **DPMA** meeting is expected to be fixed at Ilmenau.

For **EPO PIC** at Biarritz on 03./05.11.2009 it was discussed if Patcom shall have a booth again. The ExCo proposal was to see if a special workshop from smaller Patcom members who may not exhibit can be organized. The President will evaluate realization paths and in about a month the Secretary will send a respective request for participation to all members.

For contacts to the **UK** Rob willows will see if this could happen in 2009.

The **AGM** will be on 01.12.2009 (see also agenda point 3).

For the next meeting with **EPO** on March 17 at Vienna (followed by the XML-IPC workshop on March 18, 2009, 09:30 am) there was only a short discussion on the agenda and the follow-up notice given by EPO, which has been approved.

9. AOB

The proposal of Curt Edfjäll has been discussed request observer status at the meetings of the EPO Working Party on Technical Information, where most of the member states are present. The President got the ExCo approval to continue the respective actions and to coordinate this with Rob Willows, the chairman of the Patcom Technical Working Group.

The next ExCo meeting shall be on June 25, 2009, 11:00 am at Paris at the Questel office. The agenda proposal will be given in due time.

The ExCo was adjourned at 08:50 pm.

Georg F. Schultheiss
Hon. Secretary of PatCom

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