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Minutes of the 20.PatCom Executive Council Meeting Held at Vienna September 21, 2009 – 7:00 pm

Present:

Willem Lagemaat – President
Rob Willows – EC Member
Pierre Buffet – EC Member
Armin Förderer – EC Member
Christa Deinum – as Guest
Paul Gibbs – as Guest
Georg Schultheiss – Hon Secretary

Apologies:

Ann Chapman – EC Member
Gert Frackenpohl – Treasurer

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 19. ExCo Meeting at Vienna, 16.03.2009

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

3. Organizational Issues

All acting ExCo members confirmed that they will add another term and candidate at the next AGM. The Secretary will inform all members and ask them for further candidates.

4. Financial Issues

The President reports that the financial situation is balanced and the books for 2007-2008 are concluded. A detailed report will be given at the next AGM at London.

5. Future of Patcom

The President declared his concern about the fact that some of the actual candidates and ExCo members will not be available after mid of 2012. This is especially valid for the President and the Secretary. He sees the necessity to have a parallel run at least for some months if not a year. The members of the actual ExCo are asked to think about next steps until the AGM 2009. Pierre Buffet proposed a two step approach. Willem Lagemaat will send an e-mail to all members because the transition phase has to start in 2011.

A proposal for the future of the treasurer should be considered as well. Meanwhile before the Munich meeting with DPMA Gert Frackenpohl and Georg Schultheiss spoke with Armin Förderer about this issue. He is willing to take over the function if Gert Frackenpohl is leaving the ExCo next year.

6. Trilateral Issues

The President met Jim Burdett in June and had a very good information exchange. The co-operation shall be longer lasting and for the moment there shall be no bilateral or trilateral letter.

From Japan there is still no response. Armin will try to find out about the STN partner at Tokyo if they can see more about the future of the Japanese Council.

7. Italian National Office contact (?)

Pierre Buffet arranged a contact point with the Italian Office at Rome. The President will send an official letter soon to ask for a first meeting. It was also considered to use the EPO PIC at Biarritz as a first contact point if possible.

8. Meetings

The President reported shortly upon the first meeting with **PRV** on 09.06.2009 at Stockholm (see also summary).

At **Patinfo Ilmenau** on 18./19.06.2009 we expected the retirement of Reinhard Schramm. The Patcom Board presented a gift to Reinhard and his wife. The contract of Reinhard with the University and especially for PATON has been extended for at least six months.

Pierre Buffet gave a short report about the meeting with **INPI** at Paris on June 25, 2009 (see also summary).

The first meeting with **UKIPO** at Newport was on September 9, 2009. The President gave a short report. An internal summary has been mailed to all member representatives.

The next **DPMA** meeting will be on September 24.

For **EPO PIC** at Biarritz on 03./05.11.2009 Patcom will have no booth but stickers for the member booths will be prepared by Gert Frackepohl and distributed at Biarritz. They say: Member of PatCom and give the website.

The **AGM** will be on 01.12.2009, the venue will be at Thomson Reuters, as last year.

9. AOB

The next ExCo meeting shall be on November 30, 2009, 07:00 pm at London. The agenda proposal and venue will be given in due time.

Georg F. Schultheiss
Hon. Secretary of PatCom

September 26, 2009