

## **Draft 1.0**

### **Minutes of the 21.PatCom Executive Council Meeting Held at London December 30, 2009 – 7:30 pm**

#### **Present:**

Willem Lagemaat – President  
Ann Chapman – EC Member  
Rob Willows – EC Member  
Gert Frackenpohl – Treasurer  
Pierre Buffet – EC Member  
Armin Förderer – 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.

#### **2. Approval of the Minutes of 20. ExCo Meeting at Vienna, 21.09.2009**

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

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

The President reconfirmed that the acting ExCo members may be re-elected for another term at the next AGM except the Treasurer. Gert Frackenpohl will leave the ExCo at June 30, 2010. Armin Förderer is willing to take this task in case of re-election. The ExCo agreed that Willem-Gert Lagemaat shall be the President again. The President will propose Georg Schultheiss as Secretary to the AGM and mention the vacancy in the ExCo. The ExCo agreed.

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

The Treasurer reports that the financial situation is balanced and certain flexibility is given for 2010. He proposes to keep the annual fee as it is. Because of the member situation changes may be necessary in the first year of the next term. A more detailed report will be given at the AGM.

#### **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. Input and commitment will be necessary from all members. He sees training possibilities only by a parallel run at least for some months if not a year.

The liaison role of PatCom is not of an aggressive type between the commercial side and the offices. His biggest concern is the WIPO development.

In the PatCom connections Asia is missing. Pierre Buffet sees EPO “East meets West” as a next starting opportunity.

Rob Willows sees a decline of PatCom activities by changes in the PatCom management as a certain threat because the rebuilding of the reached quality level is difficult.

## **6. Trilateral Issues**

Rob Willows will find out if there exists a chance to have meeting alongside the PIUG meeting 2010. From Japan there is still no response.

## **7. Italian National Office contact**

The secretary reported that after the EPO PIC at Biarritz it was possible to renew the contact to the Italian Office, but so far we got no answer. The material shall be send to Questel to find out what happened.

## **8. AGM 2009 01.12.2009**

There were no additional points for discussion.

## **9. Meetings 2010 (January-June): Dates and Participants**

The Secretary will ask ExCo and members in due time for their representatives in the upcoming meetings.

The next **Board Meeting** will be in February 2010. Details will be organized between the President, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

The **WIPO IPC Workshop** will be on February 8/9, 2010. There will be the next **ExCo** on February 9, 2010, 7:00 pm at Hotel Eden, Geneva. The regular annual meeting **WIPO-PatCom** at Geneva will be on February 10, 2010, 10:00 am.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> OEPM-PatCom Meeting** shall be planned for March 12, 2010 at Madrid, just following IFI-ConfEx at Lisbon.

The **EPO XML Day** will be on March 22. Also a PatCom **ExCo** will be on March 22, 2010, 7:00 pm at Vienna, Fasanlwirt, Rennweg 24. The regular **EPO-PatCom Meeting** at Vienna will be on March 23, 2010, 10:00 am.

The meeting with **PRV** may be beginning of May. Details will be organized in due time.

The meeting with **INPI** at Paris will be on June 24, 2010.

For the second half of 2010 we will have meetings with **DPMA** at Munich and **UKIPO** at Newport. The next **EPOPIC** will be in October 2010 at Lausanne. The next **AGM** alongside London Online will be on 30.11.2010, 11:00 am. The venue will be again at Thomson Reuters.

## **9. AOB**

The next ExCo meeting shall be February 9, 2010, 07:00 pm at Hotel Eden, Geneva. The agenda proposal and venue will be given in due time. The President adjourned the ExCo at 08:30 pm.

Georg F. Schultheiss  
Hon. Secretary of PatCom

December 05, 2009