

## **Minutes of the 25.PatCom Executive Council Meeting held at London, Britannia, November 20, 2010 – 8:00 pm**

### **Present:**

Willem-Geert Lagemaat, President  
Armin Förderer, Treasurer  
Ann Chapman  
Jane List  
Jurjen Dijkstra  
Pierre Buffet  
Matt Toussant, as guest  
Bary Dunne, as guest  
Georg Schultheiss – Hon Secretary

### **Apologies:**

Rob Willows

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

Armin Förderer as Treasurer started the meeting.  
The agenda was approved. The guests were welcome.  
The President arrived at 08:10 pm.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of 23. ExCo Meeting at Vienna, 21.03.2010**

The minutes were approved.

### **3. Organizational Issues**

The President explained once more the upcoming changes for the next term of ExCo and strengthened the necessity to have a schedule for the preparation of the elections at the AGM 2011 because as announced at the AGM 2009 some members will no longer be available than June 2012. Willem Lagemaat will not be candidate for the next ExCo. The main challenges are still the evaluation of the developments of the offices.

The ExCo has to think about its members and the possibilities to nominate a new President, the Treasurer and has to hire a new Secretary. This topic will be in the ExCo agenda for the next year.

The Secretary asked all ExCo members to look for potential new members of PatCom whenever they join conferences and exhibitions.

### **4. Financial Issues**

The Treasurer explains that the financial situation is good. PatCom has 10 full members and 2 associated members in 2011. Actual details of the account were shown. The financial report for the AGM was distributed.

## **5. Trilateral Issues**

There are no contacts to Japan. To the US there will be a new partner (CPDID) and Willem Lagemaat and Jane List will try to organize a meeting alongside the 2011PIUG Meeting in May. With respect to China, Korea and India the next EPO "East meets West" at Vienna shall be used to get valuable feedback. PatCom is interested in communication to but not in new members from those countries.

## **6. Meetings 2010/2011**

The following meetings have been discussed shortly, agenda proposals have been checked and the participant list actualized:

- 26. ExCo, 07.02.2011 at the Brasserie (next to Cornavin Station) at Geneva, 7:30 pm.
- 8. WIPO-PatCom Meeting, 08.02.2011, 10:00 am at WIPO, Geneva: The agenda proposal was approved; the number of meetings per year shall be two from 2011 on. A separate meeting shall be made with Francis Gurry. Willem Lagemaat and one more ExCo member or the Secretary shall participate to discuss WIPO's role in the information arena, Patentscope development and data supply policy. Based on the situation with EPO the unfair competition aspect and the possibility of a borderline to commercial services shall be discussed.
- 4. OEPM-PatCom Meeting, 03.03.2011 at Madrid: The date has to be confirmed by OEPM.
- The II-SDV Conference on 14./15.03.2011 at Singapore was shortly mentioned, because PatCom members are presenting there.
- 22. EPO-PatCom Meeting, 22.03.2011 at Vienna will have no ExCo directly before. There will be an informal meeting. For 23.03.2011 the next XML Day has been announced by EPO.

## **7. AOB**

- The next ExCo will be on February 7, 2011, 7:30 pm at Brasserie Cornavin, Geneva. The agenda proposal will be given soon.
- Willem Lagemaat will send a letter to Ford Korsandian. PatCom wants to see a level plain field, transparency in the pricing scheme and no unfair dealing with participants and exhibitors. IPI ConfEx so far is not seen as an open conference.

The meeting has been adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Georg F. Schultheiss  
Hon. Secretary of PatCom

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