

**Minutes of the PatCom Executive Council Meeting Held at Geneva
June 20, 2005 – 07:00 pm**

Present:

Willem Lagemaat – President
Pierre Buffet – EC Member
Gert Frackenpohl – Hon Treasurer
Rob Willows – EC Member
Prof.Dr.-Ing. Georg Schultheiss – Hon Secretary

Apologies:

Ann Chapman – EC Member

1. Agreement of the Agenda

The President opened the meeting.

RW shortly reported that the IPC 8 Reform Meeting at the afternoon was pretty good but still showed cooperation and information deficiencies. He hopes, that the introduction process of IPC 8 can be run as planned.

The agenda of the ExCo was approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes of ExCo Meeting Munich

The Minutes were approved unanimously from the participants of that meeting.

3. Strategic Results and Future Activities

The president reported on the PatCom internal opinion on legal actions against EPO, trilateral letter effect and the meeting series with offices. He sees PatCom used by EPO and DPMA and feels that PatCom reached very little so far in the political arena. The technical WG organized good meetings on XML SP 36 and IPC 8. But serious problems may come with “Empolis” and “Whisper”.

For future actions including legal ones Willem Lagemaat sees three options:

- No one joins
- One member acts alone
- A part of PatCom members form a group

Nevertheless the EPO Administrative Council members shall be contacted and informed about the trilateral letter exchange in detail. The contacts may be distributed to the PatCom members.

Pierre Buffet sees as important to find out, if Jouve Empolis get data before Patcom members see them.

The ExCo decides to have this agenda point on every future meeting agenda.

4. Financial Issues

GL presented the financial situation for the end of the first financial year 2004 and the plan for 2005. The invoices will be send out in the next days.

a) New Members

For the envisaged new members Istrad, Prous and Wisdomain as well as 3 candidates from the Ilmenau meeting WL and GS will organize follow-up steps soon.

5. Proposal on Multi-Membership

WL presented a memo, which he will distribute to the ExCo soon. It will be discussed with the large members and finally prepared by the next ExCo together with a proposal for an amendment to the PatCom Constitution for the AGM in Budapest.

6. Trilateral Issues

The summary of the trilateral meeting in Arlington had been distributed to the ExCo members. The main points have been shortly discussed. The secretary will contact the new president of PDG for a more comprehensive contact between both organizations on the issue "Value of Commercial Services for IPR-Professionals".

7. DPMA

a) Next Steps

The president will write a letter to DPMA responding to Dr. Strößner's letter, which was not an answer on our request to follow the agreed minutes from the 2004 meeting with respect to push services.

b) Agenda Proposal for the Autumn Meeting

The following PatCom Agenda-Proposal for a meeting with DPMA in autumn has been agreed:

1. Alerting-Dienst und automatisierte Lieferungen
2. Weiterentwicklungen
 - DEPATISnet, Nutzerstatistik
 - DPMApublikationen incl. individualisierter Dienste
3. Weitere Ergebnisse der Nutzerumfrage
4. Erfahrungen mit DEPATISconnect
5. Sonstige Planungen
6. Zusammenarbeit DPMA, EPO und kommerzielle Anbieter
7. Verschiedenes

8. EPO: Proposal for the Agenda for The Hague Meeting on Sept. 8, 2005

The following PatCom Agenda-Proposal has been agreed:

1. Trilateral Letter Exchange
2. Automation Plan
 - Standardisation of Platforms
3. Register Plus Development
4. New EPO Developments in Patent Information
 - Whisper
5. Mimosa Development
6. Development of Espacenet
7. Handling of Technical Issues
8. Development of OPS
9. Experiences with Publication Server
10. Cooperation for SME Training
11. Cooperation with the Munich Academy
12. AOB: a) Date of the next Meeting

9. WIPO Meeting on June 21, 2005

The agenda of the meeting as proposed by WIPO has been shortly reviewed and accepted.

10. AGM at Epidos Meeting in November 2005 in Budapest

a) Elections, Candidates

The acting members of the ExCo shall be asked if they candidate for the next period, and the members shall nominate their candidates in due time. The elections following article 10 of the PatCom constitution will be in Budapest at the 2005 AGM. The new ExCo will get active on July 1st, 2006 until June 30th, 2008.

According to the constitution the ExCo will elect the new president and the treasurer as well as decide on the Hon. Secretary.

b) Proposal for the Agenda

The following proposal for the agenda was agreed:

1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda (President)
2. Approval of the Minutes of the London AGM
3. Annual Report of the President
4. Report of the Treasurer and Financial Issues
5. Report of the Board and Executive Committee
6. Report of the Working Groups
 - a) Technical WG (Rob Willows)
 - b) SME-Training WG (Georg F. Schultheiss)
7. Appointment of the Executive Board (Article 10 of the Constitution)
8. Trilateral Cooperation (President)
9. Proposed New Members
10. AOB
 - a) Next AGM

11. AOB

a) Next ExCo Meeting

The next ExCo meeting will be held at Scheveningen Kurhaus on Sept. 7, 2005, 07:30 pm before the meeting with EPO. Details will be distributed in due time.

b) Next Meetings

Before the AGM in Budapest there shall be an ExCo Meeting organized to actualise the constitutional agenda topics for the AGM.

c) Others

The President and the Treasurer have approved the travel plans of the Hon. Secretary to The Hague, Munich and Budapest.

There were no additional requests.

The President adjourned the meeting at 09:15 pm.