
Thomson Reuters Offices , 11:00 am

Participants:

Willem-Geert Lagemaat, Lighthouse IP Group, President
Gert Frackenpohl, INCOM, Treasurer
Armin Förderer, FIZ Karlsruhe
Pierre Buffet, Questel
Ann Chapman, Minesoft
Rob Willows, Thomson Reuters
Elisabeth Piveteau, Matrixware
Matt Toussant, CAS
Christa Deinum, Scipat
Jane List, Dialog
Suzanne Bedell, Dialog
Georg Schultheiss, Hon. PatCom Secretary

1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda

The PatCom President Willem-Geert Lagemaat welcomed all participants and stated quorum. The proposed agenda was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the London AGM

There were no objections against the minutes from the London AGM 2008 and they were unanimously approved. They will be signed by the President and the Rapporteur and stored with the official PatCom documents in Katwijk.

3. Annual Report of the President

Willem-Geert Lagemaat stated that 2006 was a very interesting and effective year. The presidents written report will be added to the minutes (**see Annex 1**).

In his oral presentation he explained in more detail the developments at WIPO and EPO about changes in their services and the slow down by budget restrictions. The reduction of applications by the financial economic situation is in all offices around 8% to 10%. The renewals show no decrease.

He reported about the meetings with national offices like OEPM, INPI, UKIPO, DPMA and PRV. Detailed minutes are given in the "For Members only"-web sector of the PatCom webpage. Contacts to the Italian Office may happen next year.

WIPO is seen as the biggest threat. It shows fast development and budget restructuring to assist small offices and improve connections to developing countries. Digitization via Patentscope is offered.

The trilateral contacts develop slowly to US but there are no more links to Japan. The IP5 projects may take up to 12 years. The cooperation is not really intense, but EPO leads the two main projects and needs close look.

The PatCom contacts to Asia are rare and shall be intensified by respective actions which have to be organized by the ExCo together with all members in the coming term.

The PatCom ExCo is envisaging changes after the next term as the President and the Secretary will not more be available for those tasks after mid of 2012. This needs respective actions and effective measures by all members.

4. Report of the Treasurer and Financial Issues

The Treasurer Gert Frackepohl distributed his detailed report (**see Annex 2**) and summarized that the financial situation of PatCom is stable. He will not more candidate for the ExCo and therefore proposes Armin Förderer as successor.

The President and the assembly thanked Gert Frackepohl for his very efficient work as Treasurer.

5. Report of the Board and the Executive Board

The Secretary explained shortly the report, which was distributed (**see Annex 3**).

6. Report of the Technical Working Groups

Rob Willows as chairman of the technical working group stressed the necessity to speak with one voice at the different occasions to get high quality material from the offices. He asked for stronger participation of member experts in the technical working group. The Secretary will send out a respective mailing soon.

7. Appointment of the Executive Board (July 2008 to June 2010)

According to Article 10 of the PatCom Constitution the AGM re-elected the actually working ExCo except Gert Frackepohl unanimously as there were no other proposed candidates. The vacancy shall be filled next year as soon as possible.

The ExCo decided not to change President and proposed Armin Förderer as Treasurer and the President proposed Georg F. Schultheiss as Secretary for the next term. The AGM agreed.

8. Proposed New Members

The Secretary asked the AGM to continue to make proposals for potential members for PatCom. During the last EPO PIC several companies have been contacted and showed interest to become PatCom members during next year.

9. AOB

The secretary is asked to find out an event for 2010 most visited by PatCom members and proposed either EPOPIC in October at Lausanne or again alongside London Online end of November 2010. The AGM decided to stay at London again. Rob Willows offered to organize the venue at Thomson Reuters for November 30, 2010 at 11:00 am.

There were no more topics and the meeting was adjourned by the President at 12:30 pm.

Willem-Geert Lagemaat
President of PatCom

Georg F. Schultheiss
Hon. Secretary of PatCom

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President's report 2009 has been stolen with the Presidents Laptop.
It will be added as soon as it is again available.

Georg Schultheiss
Ho. Secretary of PatCom

Agenda 4

PatCom Financial Report AGM December 2009

Financial Year 2008.Jul - 2009.Jun

Status 25. November 2008:

16 full members, 1 associated member

Membership fees 30.250 EUR

Planned debits: 24.000 EUR

Financial Year 2007.Jul - 2008.Jun

The financial records are at the account consultant for producing the balance report for the account in 2007/2008

The internal records showed a positive balance (11.183,69 EUR).

Financial Year 2006.Jul - 2007.Jun

The financial records are at the account consultant for producing the balance report for the account in 2006/2007.

The internal records showed a positive balance (11.035,51 EUR).

Financial Year 2005.Jul - 2006.Jun

The final report of the account in 2005/2006 by the account consultant showed a positive balance of 16.894,06 EUR and was signed by the President and the Treasurer on the 8. Jun. 2007.

Financial Year 2004.Jul – 2005.Jun

The final report of the account in 2004/2005 by the account consultant showed a positive balance of 2958 EUR and was signed by the President and the Treasurer on the 9. Jun. 2006.

Bonn, 25. Nov. 2009

Gert Frackenpohl

Treasurer of PatCom

ANNEX 3

Report of the PatCom Board and the PatCom Executive Board for the PatCom AGM 2009 on December 1, at London alongside Online London 2009

(Agenda 5)

The majority of the meetings continuously are planned in a way that they take place upfront a mayor meeting, either with WIPO, EPO, DPMA, INPI, or alongside international conferences and exhibitions. The agenda of the following regular meeting with offices is always one of the topics in the respective ExCo meeting.

Since the last AGM at London three PatCom ExCo meetings and two Board meetings took place with the following main topics:

- **12. Board** on February 3, 2009 at Bonn: Organizational, strategic and financial issues, ExCo members, trilateral and PatCom future, meetings in 2009.
- **19. ExCo** on March 16, 2009 at Vienna: Trilateral development, meetings with national offices, Patinfo Ilmenau, EPO PIC 2009 at Biarritz.
- **13. Board** on June 4-5, 2009 at Katwijk: Organizational and work issues of ExCo, financial issues and balance sheet, the PatCom website, IP5 project development, meetings in 2009.
- **20. ExCo** on September 21, 2009 at Vienna: New ExCo members, financial issues, trilateral situation, EPO PIC trilateral round table Patcom delegation, AGM at London, new Director General of WIPO.
- **21. ExCo** on November 30, 2009 at London: Trilateral situation, AGM 2009, meetings in 2010.

Following the recommendation of the London AGM 2006 drafts of the minutes or summaries of all meetings have been presented to the members in the "For Members only" section of the PatCom web page. They have been actualized after approval if necessary.

Georg F. Schultheiss,
Hon. Secretary of PatCom

26.11.2009