

**Minutes of the
PatCom Annual General Meeting (AGM)
October 21, 2013, Bologna**

03.02.2014

EPO PIC Conference Center, 05:30 pm

Participants:

Armin Förderer, FIZ Karlsruhe, PatCom Treasurer
Rob Willows, Thomson Reuter
Ann Chapman, Minesoft
Jurjen Dijkstra, LexisNexis Univentio
Paul Peters, CAS
Margit Höhne, patentGate
Arne Krüger, Moving Targets Consulting
Georg Schultheiss, Hon. Secretary of PatCom

Armin Förderer as Treasurer according to the constitution acted as substitute for the President, who had a flight delay.

1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda

The Treasurer Armin Förderer welcomed all participants and stated quorum. The proposed agenda was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Paris AGM 2012

There were no objections against the minutes from the Paris AGM 2012 and they were unanimously approved. They will be signed by the President and the Rapporteur and stored with the official PatCom documents.

3. Annual Report of the President

The annual report of the President Willem-Geert Lagemaat will be given in written form together with the minutes of the AGM 2013 (**see Annex 3**).

4. Report of the Treasurer and Financial Issues

The Treasurer Armin Förderer distributed his detailed report (**see Annex 1**) which shows a surplus. He summarized that the financial situation of PatCom is stable and he sees no need to increase the annual fees. The AGF agreed to keep fees constant for the next financial year.

5. Report of the Board and the Executive Board

The Secretary explained shortly the report, which was distributed (**see Annex 2**). The situation with the WIPO MoU has been shortly discussed. The topic will be in the agenda of the next regular WIPO-PatCom Meeting in February 2014.

6. Report of the Technical Working Groups

Rob Willows, chairman of the technical working group explained that there were no special issues in 2012 which needed PatCom response. The WIPO ftp server has been discussed under agenda point 5.

In 2014 there will be no WIPO IPC workshop but the XML day of EPO.

7. Elections for the next Term 2014/2016

The Treasurer and the Secretary explained the situation.

In the last elections in 2011 the AGM agreed to have an ExCo with seven members and now those seven members are candidates also for the next term 2014/2016.

According to Article 10 of the PatCom Constitution the AGM re-elected the actually working ExCo.

The re-elected ExCo decided not to change the Treasurer and nominates Martine Massiera Della Valle as next President . She agreed already in advance in case of nomination. She also will hire a new Secretary in the coming months. The AGM agreed unanimously..

8. Proposed New Members

The Secretary asked the AGM to continue to make proposals for potential members for PatCom.

9. AOB

The next ExCo meeting will be on March 24 at Vienna. New dates for the second half of 2014 will be fixed by the new President and the ExCo in due time. For the first half of 2014 a meeting plan will be prepared by the Secretary soon.

There were no more topics and the meeting was adjourned by the Treasurer at 06:08 pm.

Armin Förderer
Treasurer of PatCom

Georg F. Schultheiss
Hon. Secretary of PatCom

Lüneburg, 02.12.2013

PatCom Financial Report AGM 2013

(Agenda 4)

Financial Year: July 2012 – June 2013

Status: 18.10.2013

PatComMembers: 11

A Revenues

•		<u>Membership fees</u>
	Total:	EUR 26.250,00

B Expenses

•		<u>Secretary Fees</u>
	(4 x 4.500 EUR)	EUR 18.000,00
•		<u>Travel Costs</u>
	Secretary	EUR 6.577,79
•		<u>Bank activity</u>
	charges	EUR 93,59
•		<u>IT Ctrl. (IT</u>
	Service)	EUR 216,21
	Total	EUR 24.887,59

C Balance

EUR 1.362,41

The financial records are at the account consultant for producing the balance report for the account in 2012/2013.

The internal records showed a positive balance (EUR 1.362,41).

For the previous financial periods July 2010 to June 2011, and July 2011 to June 2012, the reports from the external account consultant have been received and signed by the Board members. The report for 2010/11 showed a positive result of €2920.-, the report for 2011/12 a positive result of €1157.- .

Karlsruhe, 18.10.2013



Armin Förderer
Treasurer of PatCo

**Report of the PatCom Board and the PatCom Executive Board
for the PatCom AGM 2013 on October 21, at Bologna**

(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 Paris **three** PatCom ExCo meetings and **one** Board meeting took place with the following main topics:

- **32. ExCo** on February 26, 2013 at Geneva: PatCom Website, Meetings in 2013, WIPO MoU
- **33. ExCo** on March 19, 2013 at Vienna: Financial Issues, AGM at Bologna
- **18. Board** on June 28, 2013 has been held at Karlsruhe/Stutensee, mainly for the topics: Financial Issues, Future of PatCom, Next Meetings
- **34. ExCo** on October 21, 2013 at Bologna: Elections at AGM 2013, Meetings in 2013.

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

18.09.2013

Dear colleagues,

After 10 years this is the final Presidents report that I will be providing as president of PatCom. It is with mixed emotions that I look back on 2013. Another year with many changes. The EPO has refound its development route and WIPO continues to grow its Patentscope service.

It is rather frustrating to see that the playing field, particularly with WIPO is not level. Our efforts to come to a solution where patent information from emerging markets became available via WIPO have not been successful. The political climate within WIPO provides us challenges, and although we are communicating, our efforts are not bearing much fruit.

The EPO may again prove to be a challenging discussion partner. In 2013 we have seen that development continues with minimal advance warning. Since the development pace is increasing again, it will be a point of attention in future again.

With the other offices we see slow developments. The gap between EPO and WIPO on one hand and the national offices on the other hand is increasing. Illustrative for this was our meeting with the Swedish patent office, where it is still a challenge to think about the concept of delivering full text data in XML format. And as the national filings will continue to decrease slowly, the landscape will continue to develop into mondial oriented publishing authorities.

It will be very interesting to see how the initiatives of the Big 5 continue and the potential role that WIPO may have in that in future.

Our members are also playing in a challenging environment. We have seen some new members join, which is good and supports us in our efforts to be the communication platform between commercial industry and the patent offices.

The question that remains is whether PatCom should expand to the Far East, particularly as there are no communication platforms with the largest publishing authorities in the world. This question is one that will have to be answered in the coming year.

I wish all of you a successful 2014!

Sincerely yours,

Willem Geert Lagemaat