

## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF INVENTORS' ASSOCIATIONS

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#### REMINDER

IFIA ExCo meeting, September 10, 2006, Budapest

## Participation of ExCo members (70%):

Bosnia Mr. Husein HUJIC His representative: Robert RENNER

Estonia Mr. Edvin NUGIS dr.

France Mr. Gerard de VILLEROCHE

Germany Mr. Joachim BADER Netherlands Mr. Wouter PYZEL

Korea Mr. BAHK Sang-Won (Represented by Mr. András VEDRES dr.)

Niger Mr. Hassane Idrissa SOULEY

## 1. Opening of the session

# 2. Adoption of the Agenda

## 3. Reports on ongoing IFIA activities:

- IFIA Finances
- IFIA Membership
- · IFIA internet and other invention shows
- IFIA President's activity

### 4. Discussion on new activities:

- Guidelines for exhibitors of inventions
- Organizing of IFIA European Inventors Network (see bellow)
- IFIA Conference and events in 2007

### 5. Reports on Selected activities by IFIA members:

- Exhibition in Kuala Lumpur Report by MIND
- 6. Next ExCo Session: Geneva, April 20, 2007, 11:00 h, PALEXPO

## 7. Other Matters

Prof. ONG, President of MINDS was elected as ExCo member

#### 8. Closing of the Session

#### IFIA EUROPEAN INVENTOR NETWORK TO FOSTER INNOVATION

Accepted by IFIA ExCo

#### **Definition**

- 1. This is a working group of IFIA. It consists of European IFIA members which declare their participation on the IFIA EUROPEAN INVENTORS' NETWORK TO FOSTER INNOVATION (as above *Network*).
- 2. The *Network* means that it is part of IFIA, under the direct authority of the President, and the control of the Executive Committee (ExCo).
- 3. The *Network* will therefore:
  - (i) implement activities decided by the General Assembly (GA) or the ExCo,
  - (ii) act under the general or specific instructions of the President,
  - (iii) suggest new activities to the President,
  - (iv)report directly to the President.

#### **Countries**

- 4. The geographic sphere of competence of the *Network* will not be limited to the member countries of the EU, it will be from the Atlantic Ocean to the Ural mountain.
- 5. However, it will have to keep an eye open on the EU policy vis-à-vis some other European countries.

#### **Functions and Activities**

- 6. The main functions of the *Network* will be to :
  - (a) Establish and maintain good and regular contacts with the European Parliament, European Commission, through the relevant Directorates, Units in Brussels and Luxembourg.
  - (b) Establish and maintain relations with the main lobbies in Brussels, in particular the 2 European NGOs representing the small and medium sized enterprises.
  - (c) Establish and maintain relations with some EP Deputies and/or their offices.
  - (d) Establish contacts with European Patent Office (EPO).

## **Finances**

- 7. No additional fees will be requested by IFIA from its members,
- 8. The expenses of the *Network* will be paid from the IFIA Budget.

## **Policy**

- 9. The *Network* must remain a neutral body, as is the IFIA of which it is part. This means that the Department will:
  - (i) not advance the cause of any specific country or group of countries,
  - (ii) implement the policies decided by IFIA GA and/or ExCo.

Mr. Pavao Havlicek (Croatia) and Mr. Lennart Nilson (Sweden) were elected as Coordinators by IFIA ExCo, on September 10, 2006, Budapest.