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IFIA Executive Committee meting Minutes

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Venue: Budapest Fair Center Hal 16, GENIUS-EUROPE International Invention Fair, Office

Calling of ExCo members

The IFIA President called the ExCo members. The above mentioned IFIA ExCo members were present on the meeting:

- 1. Mr. Dr. Adam Rylski, Poland
- 2. Mr. Alireza Rastegar, Iran
- 3. Mr. Dr. Fan Mingvi, China
- 4. Mr. Hussein Hujic, BIH
- 5. Mr. Dr. Idrissa Hassane Souley, Niger, AIN
- 6. Mr. Lennart Nilsson, Sweden
- 7. Mr. Dr. Octavian Plesa, Romania
- 8. Mr. Pavao Havlicek, Croatia, EIN

8 persons of IFIA ExCo members were present.

Absent:

- 1. Mr. Dr. Augustine S. H. **Ong**, Malaysia
- 2. Mr. Gerard de Villeroche, France
- 3. Mr. Joel Shaka Momodu, Nigeria
- 4. Mr. Mohammed Al-Fawzan, Saudi Arabia
- 5. Mr. Virgilio Malang, Philipines
- 6. Mr. Vladimir Petriasov, Russia
- 7. Mr. Wouter Pijzel, Holland

7 persons of IFIA ExCo members were absent.

The IFIA President declared: This ExCo meeting is quorum. The Agenda of ExCo meeting was proposed by the President:

- 1. IFIA anti crisis declaration
- 2. Cooperation with WIPO
- 3. Report of IFIA work in the first period of 2009
- 4. Preparation of the next IFIA official events
- 5. Proposal to further IFIA activity
- 6. Financial report 2008
- 7. Organization of the IFIA Technology Transfer Center

This agenda was adapted by 9 "yes" votes.

Discussion

1. IFIA anti crisis declaration

The President expounded the text of IFIA anti crisis declaration which was prepared and that was discussed by e-mails before. (This text was checked by English language lector)

Inventors' anti-crisis declaration – prepared by IFIA

The opposite of crisis is prosperity.

One of the most important prosperity makers is innovation.

Innovation is based on new inventions.

New inventions are created by the inventors of the present.

The most efficient anti-crisis activity is international and governmental financial support.

Financial support for the banking sector is not a long term anti-crisis measure. Financial support for a few companies is not a long term anti-crisis solution either.

The best long term anti-crisis method is international and governmental financial assistance of innovation.

Sponsoring innovation directly by itself is unsuitable, since it is a top-secret activity of a company in general. But inventions, that innovation is based upon, are public. The inventors who created them are well-known persons, thanks to the databases of patent authorities and activities in marketing inventions. Therefore the proposed subject of international and governmental financial assistances for innovation is required.

Invention is a broad creative activity from the detection of a problem to be solved, through to patenting and realization. Knowledge, experience and practice are the helping factors to the invention. The direction of invention sponsoring is needed to be determined, so that a prompt and efficient influence can be exerted against the crisis.

International patent protection for inventions is a key requirement in our age, the age of globalization. The cost of international patent protection is too high for the "smalls", for independent inventors, universities, small and medium size enterprises. Therefore, the majority of their inventions are excluded from innovation. Even though the majority of epoch-defining solutions were invented by these "smalls" in previous, currently, innovation practically means the innovation of global companies. This leads led to the impoverishment and limitation of innovation, and then to the devaluation of the real economy.

The cost of marketing inventions fits best with "deep pockets". Independent inventors, universities, small and medium size enterprises can not pay the high costs of the inventions' presentation and publicity. For them it is increasingly more difficultly to find innovation partners. This situation leads to the limitation of innovation.

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) strongly believes that creating equal chances for independent inventors, universities, small and medium size enterprises with respect to innovation is the best anti-crisis tool.

Consequently the foundation of Governmental financial support to international patenting and invention marketing is recomended warmly by the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA).

We call on states, and regional and international authorities to adopt these strong and effective measures, and IFIA-supported initiatives for independent inventors to eliminate roadblocks to innovation. The inventions are the key to overcome the world financial crisis, and they will bring prosperity.

This declaration was unanimously adapted by ExCo.

2. Cooperation with WIPO

The President informed the members about his first meeting with Mr. Francis Garry on occasion of Al-Bassel Fait in Damascus. This meeting was very short; it was the first personal contact without any results only.

The IFIA is prepared Bogsch film in English and Chinese version. Then the copyright of this film was given to WIPO free of charge. The IFIA can give PCT publicity. We are waiting for some financial support from WIPO.

Mr. Husein Hujic proposed to organize a visit to WIPO DG to present the IFIA anti crisis declaration.

The ExCo adapted this proposal asking the President to prepare this visit by economical way.

3. Report of IFIA work in the first period of 2009

2nd International Inventors' Day Convention (exhibition and conference) in Bangkok was very good organized event and a great publicity for IFIA and inventors.

The Al-Basel Fair in Damascus was a nice manifestation of creativity and innovation int he middle east. The activity of Arabic IFIA member was increased (the establishing of the IFIA Arabic Network).

The ITEX in Kuala Lumpur was wrong example. The organizer did not use IFIA logo on official materials. A very small booth for IFIA collective presentation (25 persons from 8 countries) was given by the organizers. They were loss its credit due to the renege on their promise.

The proposal of the President was: to reduced the number of IFIA official events in the future.

This was adapted by 9 "yes" votes.

4. Preparation of the next IFIA official events

The proposal of the President was: to reduced the number of IFIA official events in the future. The most important IFIA official exhibition will be IENA Nuremberg where a collective IFIA booth will be rent for CAI and other members. The new activity will be to participate on design exhibition connected IENA with IFIA rented collective booth title "Cloths of Inventions".

5. Proposal to further IFIA activity

The President proposed to delete US road show in this year because we have no financial background for this project in this year.

This was adapted by 9 "yes" votes.

James Su proposed to organize the second World Cup of Computer Implemented Invention in the year 2011 in Taiwan.

This CII proposal was adapted by 8 "yes" votes with one abstention.

6. Financial report 2008

The financial situation of the IFIA in first of January 2009 was better then any year before. The president presented the Balance sheet:

IFIA Balance sheet - year 2008						
Balance sheet	2007.	2007.	2007.	2008	2008	2008
	USD	EUR	HUF	USD	EUR	HUF
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	19 149	6 783	43 285	31 102	16 621	6 343 834
Accounts receivable (Debtors)	0	0	0			
Inventories	0	0	0			
Prepaid expenses	0	0	0			
Other current assets	0	0	0			
Total assets	19 149	6 783	43 285	31 102	16 621	6 343 834
Liabilities						
Balance	19 149	6 783	43 285	31 102	16 621	6 343 834
Accounts payable (Creditors)	0	0	0			
Shortterm provisions	0	0	0			
Other current liabilities	0	0	0			
Total liabilities	19 149	6 783	43 285	31 102	16 621	6 343 834
Account						
Initial	9 594	6 335	-	19 149	6 782	43 285
Income	21 796	1 200	25 000 000	26 168	10 497	19 650 000
Expenses	12 241	752	24 956 715	14 215	659	13 349 451
Balance	19 149	6 783	43 285	31 102	16 621	6 343 834

This document was adapted by 9 "yes" votes.

7. Organization of the IFIA Technology Transfer Center

This point of agenda was discussed next day (12 September 11:00 h).

Mr. Fan Mingyi (coordinator of IFIA TTC) submitted the method of TTC work. The starting of activity will be the selection of "popular" projects which will provide prompt successes. The proposed fields are: electric bicycle and ecological technologies.

The President reported that IFIA TTC will be given USD10000 sum until the next IFIA GA.

The ExCo members acknowledged this metter.

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Dr. András VEDRES President

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