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Re: Your e-mail dated 5 February 2007

Dear Mr. Bernstein,

Referring to your above-mentioned e-mail, I would like to stress again that staff members of the European Patent Office (EPO) are not professional representatives before the EPO. They are only bound by the provisions of the European Patent Convention and the Service Regulations.

Regarding your request to launch disciplinary proceedings against Prof. Pompidou and Ms. Dybdahl, I must inform you that I am not the competent person to deal with this request, as I am not the appointing authority for the above-mentioned individuals.

Furthermore, I must inform you that disciplinary procedures are not instigated at the request of third parties. It is entirely up to the appointing authorities to evaluate whether there is a reason to start such procedures. It is also worth mentioning that such procedures, if initiated, are of a confidential nature, and third parties will neither be informed nor consulted.

As you have distributed your allegations already on a very wide scale and more than once, I suggest you leave it to the responsible authorities to evaluate these allegations and take the action they see fit.

With regard to your European patent applications, I would again recommend you to appoint a professional representative.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Wim van der Eijk
Principal Director