

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES TRADE MARK ASSOCIATION

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Accounts

31 December 2003

Registered number 1520996



SAWIN & EDWARDS

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The Council presents the twenty third annual report and accounts of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2003.

Principal activities

The Association provides a means of making available the views of professional representatives in trade mark matters concerning the protection and use of trade marks in the European Community. During the year the Association continued these activities and held its twenty second conference in Austria.

Council members

The following members of council served during the year:

President	Kaj Henriksen	Denmark
First Vice – President	Max Oker – Blom	Finland
Second Vice – President	Mireia Curell Aguila	Spain
Secretary General	Keith Havelock	United Kingdom
Treasurer General	Norman MacLachlan	Ireland
Fabio Angelini		Italy
Jean Bleyer		Luxembourg
Eva Borgen		Denmark
Fabrizio de Benedetti		Italy
Luis de Larramendi		Spain
Domenico de Simone		Italy
Eugene Dufrasne	(Resigned 12 June 2003)	Belgium
Luis – Alfonso Duran		Spain
Eva Fiammenghi		Italy
Robert Freitag		Germany
Florent Gevers		Belgium
Thomas Haffner		Austria
Sylvie Harding		France
Michael Kierman		Ireland
Maria Kilimiris		Greece
Bjorn Kolster		Finland
Leo Kooy		Netherlands
Claire Lauga		France
Isabelle Leroux		France
David Minto	(Deceased 29 October 2003)	United Kingdom
Joao Paulo Mioludo		Portugal
Hans – Jurgen Muller	(Resigned 12 June 2003)	Germany
Dietrich Ohlgart		Germany
Helen Papaconstantinou		Greece
Helmut Pastor		Germany
Joao Pereira da Cruz		Portugal
Maryse Philbert		France
Simon Reeves		United Kingdom
Helmut Sonn		Austria
David Tatham		United Kingdom
Rolf Wiclander	(Resigned 12 June 2003)	Sweden
Bo Wretling		Sweden
Annick Mottet Haugaard	(Appointed 12 June 2003)	Belgium
Monika Wenz	(Appointed 12 June 2003)	Germany
Franc Enghardt	(Appointed 12 June 2003)	Netherlands
Maria Nyrell	(Appointed 12 June 2003)	Sweden

For the purposes of the United Kingdom Companies Act, the council members are the directors of the company.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

Secretariat

Sue Van Looy
Jane Montgomery

Results and Dividends

After providing for taxation the surplus for the year amounted to Euro 164,924 which has been transferred to reserves.

Euro

The financial statements have been prepared in the euro currency.

Auditors

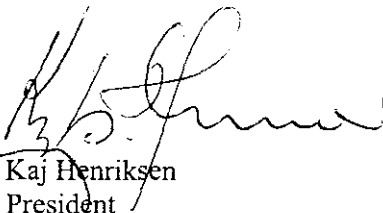
A resolution to reappoint Sawin & Edwards for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

Small company special provisions

The report of the directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the board on 2 June 2004.

By Order of the Council



Kaj Henriksen
President

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES TRADE MARK ASSOCIATION

We have audited the accounts of the European Communities Trade Mark Association for the year ended 31 December 2003 which comprise pages 6 to 10. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the accounts, if the Association has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the Association is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications of our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the accounts. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conduct our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Association's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we have also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Association affairs as at 31 December 2003 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Sawin & Edwards
Chartered Accountants
& Registered Auditors

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2 June 2004

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

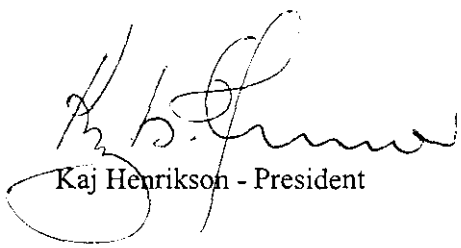
	Note	2003 Euro	2002 Euro
Income	2	381,187	372,594
Administrative expenses		(227,231)	(209,674)
Interest receivable	3	13,639	18,681
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Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation	4	167,595	181,601
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	5	(2,671)	(3,723)
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Surplus on ordinary activities after taxation	9	<u>164,924</u>	<u>177,878</u>

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES TRADE MARK ASSOCIATION**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2003**

	Note	2003 Euro	2002 Euro
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	4,190	4,458
Current assets			
Debtors	7	11,363	12,989
Cash at bank and in hand		977,047	802,124
		<u>988,410</u>	<u>815,113</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(19,781)	(11,676)
Net current assets		<u>968,629</u>	<u>803,437</u>
Net assets		<u>972,819</u>	<u>807,895</u>
Reserves			
Income and expenditure account	9	972,819	807,895
Members' funds		<u>972,819</u>	<u>807,895</u>

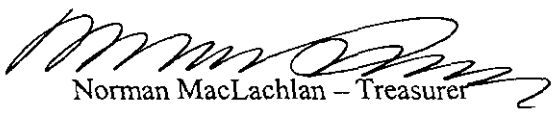
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

These accounts were approved by the Council on 2 June 2004 and are signed on its behalf by:



Kaj Henrikson - President

Director



Norman MacLachlan - Treasurer

Director

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Office equipment	20% straight line
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Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the average rate ruling for the year. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the income and expenditure account.

Operating leases

Rentals in respect of operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Pensions

The company makes a defined contribution to a personal pension scheme of one of its employees. The scheme assets are held separately from those of the Association in an independently administered fund.

2. Income

Income is comprised of subscriptions, surpluses on conferences and sundry book sales and is wholly generated within the European Community.

3. Interest receivable

	2003 Euro	2002 Euro
Bank interest receivable	13,639	18,681
	<u>13,639</u>	<u>18,681</u>

4. Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation

	2003 Euro	2002 Euro
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	2,638	3,358
Pension costs	818	818
Auditors' remuneration	6,300	6,300

No council members received any remuneration during the year.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

5. Taxation

	2003	2002
	Euro	Euro
Corporation tax based on interest received	864	2,281
Less: Relief for overseas tax	(864)	(2,281)
Overseas tax	864	2,281
Unrelieved overseas tax	1,807	1,442
	<u>2,671</u>	<u>3,723</u>

The Association is a mutual trading company and only pays corporation tax on its bank deposit interest.

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment Euro
Cost	
At 1 January 2003	45,929
Additions	2,370
At 31 December 2003	<u>48,299</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2003	41,471
Charge for the year	2,638
At 31 December 2003	<u>44,109</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2003	<u>4,190</u>
At 31 December 2002	<u>4,458</u>

7. Debtors

	2003	2002
	Euro	Euro
Subscriptions	960	1,624
Prepayments and accrued income	5,329	11,227
Other debtors	5,074	138
	<u>11,363</u>	<u>12,989</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2003	2002
	Euro	Euro
Accruals	17,741	11,676
Other creditors	2,040	-
	<u>19,781</u>	<u>11,676</u>

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9. Income and expenditure account

	2003	2002
	Euro	Euro
At 1 January	807,895	630,017
Retained surplus	164,924	177,878
At 31 December	<u>972,819</u>	<u>807,895</u>

10. Other financial commitments

At the year end the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	2003	2002
	Euro	Euro
Operating leases which expire: within one year	<u>6,132</u>	<u>6,060</u>

11. Related parties

The company is a mutual trading company and trades exclusively with its members, some of whom are also directors.

In the opinion of the directors there is no ultimate controlling party.

12. Limited liability

The Association is a company limited by guarantee, the liabilities of the members being limited to Euro 14.16 each. There is therefore no share capital.