

# **Speech in Honour of the IPI-Award Recipient 2006**

## **Monsieur Pierre Buffet**

*By Prof.Dr.-Ing. Georg F. Schultheiss*

Dear Pierre,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I was really very happy, when I was asked by Charles Besson, the CEO of Questel.Orbit to give a short speech at this IPI-Award Ceremony 2006.

First I want to give you, Pierre, my personal congratulation to this honour of the IPI-Award, which was announced this morning!

Obviously you are running into the age, where awards are arriving as documents for a successful business career.

When I learned from your biography, that you also worked for the French Navy it is not more a wonder to me, that you have strong links going Far East to Japan!

You have excellent cofounder-capacities not only for Questel but also other institutions like PatCom. Since nearly 15 years we both meet at different places but always with the same target:

To help to get a better communication between all players in the arena!

And it always was a pleasure to have you as partner, even in competitive situations.

This morning it was also mentioned that you are an excellent teacher and you support always others. I confess, I got struck when you explained to the WIPO Forum on IPC 8 last month in Geneva the importance of classification and indexing. He said, it is like in cookbooks; the real content is not in the content list but in the index at the end of the cookbook! Think about it! And if you want to know more about food and wine especially French ones, don't hesitate to ask Pierre Buffet. He always has helpful advice.

Can you imagine, that this man has a dream? Naturally! Anyone on earth has at least one dream. The dream of Pierre Buffet is to have a large rose-garden. He knows already where! But he needs the approval of Madame Buffet.

If the audience accepts, I will send a plea to dear Madame Buffet to give her husband the OK for the start of creation of "The Rose-Garden". The letter reads as follows:

Athens, March 6, 2006

Chère Mme Buffet,  
Dear Mrs. Buffet,

We have been missing you at the ceremony for the IPI-Award 2006 in Athens. Nevertheless we, the audience of this ceremony, want to beg you to allow your husband, Pierre Buffet, the award winner 2006, to start the cultivation of a fine rose garden whenever he sees a good chance for it.

In the future, when he is talking to us about the progress in the garden, we will thank you for this permission again and again!

We hope also, that you will enjoy the nice flowers, the rich smell and your happy husband!

With our warmest regards,

On behalf of the audience of the ceremony  
Georg F. Schultheiss

Anybody against???? - Unanimously agreed!!!! - Thank you all.

May be Pierre Buffet then will remember it as "IPI Collection" or "White Roses of Athens".  
Pierre would you please be so kind and act as our "Postman" - Thank you!

Then, once more:

My congratulation, Pierre!

My congratulations to the international selection board for the right decision!

And:

Thank you all for your assistance and your attention!

**Prof.Dr.-Ing. Georg F. Schultheiss**  
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