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President's latest report

I am very happy to report on two of the major recent developments of importance to the Association and some additional challenges for the future. These developments were accomplished through excellent contribution by, and collaboration between, many people, too numerous to name. Please allow me to thank them all collectively.

Our ExCo has approved a correspondence vote on a series of changes in our Statutes. The correspondence vote is being conducted now with results expected in early July. Specifically, the ExCo is asked to approve the submission of certain important Statutory changes to the General Assembly for ultimate approval at Boston. More of this can be found on our [website](#).

In late May AIPPI and WIPO sponsored a conference on the topic of "Client Privilege in IP Professional Advice", in Geneva. It was an unqualified success and ventilated many of the issues on this important topic. This was a follow on to the Resolution that AIPPI passed some years ago on the same topic, arising out of Q163. We have every hope and expectation that this conference was just the beginning of a substantial effort to further develop the topic and create an appropriate international instrument to normalize the issue of privilege broadly for the benefit of clients all over the world.
(Report by Ronald E. Myrick, President of AIPPI)

AIPPI Committees

See latest reports on:

Q200 - Vote on proposals for amendments to the Statutes

On 16 May 2008 the President, the Secretary General and the Chairman of Committee Q200 sent a letter to all ExCo members inviting them to study and vote on proposed Statutes changes. The Q200 Committee reports were already presented to the ExCo in October 2007 and an e-mail address was installed for comments and suggestions from the membership. The Bureau proposes to put the five Resolutions resulting from the Q200 reports to a vote of the Executive Committee by correspondence.
(Report by Stephan Freischem, Deputy Secretary General of AIPPI)

Forthcoming Events

AIPPI:

Centennial Celebration of AIPPI Sweden, 26-27 August 2008, Stockholm

On 26-27 August 2008 the Swedish Group of AIPPI and the Swedish Association for the Protection of

Industrial Property celebrate the centennial of their foundation. The Centennial Celebration will take place in Stockholm, Sweden with a Centennial Banquet on 26 August and an International Symposium on 27 August.

As these special celebrations are held in conjunction with the traditional bi-yearly Nordic IP meeting on 24-25 August, we cordially invite you to participate in the social events at this occasion. For more information and the full programme, please visit www.sfir.org.

The Swedish Group of AIPPI and the Swedish Association for the Protection of Industrial Property look forward to seeing you in Stockholm.

(Louise Wallin, Secretary of AIPPI Sweden)

41st AIPPI World Congress, 6-11 September 2008, Boston - Early registration deadline extended!

The early registration deadline for the AIPPI Boston 2008 Congress has been extended to 15 July 2008.

Take advantage of this opportunity by registering before 15 July 2008 for \$ 1200 (US).

Beginning 16 July 2008, the pre-registration fee will be \$ 1650 (US), through 29 August 2008. After 29 August 2008 the full registration fee of \$ 2000 (US) will apply.

The preliminary programme, on-line registration form and hotel information is available on the Congress web site www.aippi.net.

The substantive programme includes many timely and interesting workshops and roundtables, and addresses by the heads of three major intellectual property offices: Alison Brimelow, President of the European Patent Office; Jon W. Dudas, Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office; and Masahiro Kozueka, Commissioner of the Japan Patent Office.

It will also include speeches or mock trial workshops featuring the chief patent judge presiding over patent infringement cases from several major jurisdictions. The judges in the programme include United States Federal Circuit Chief Judge Paul Michel; United States Federal Circuit Judge Randall Rader; United States District of Massachusetts Chief Judge Mark Wolf; Mr. Justice Christopher Floyd of the Patents Court in England; Judge Prof. Peter Meier-Beck of the Patents Chamber of the German Federal Supreme Court in Karlsruhe; Tomokatsu Tsukahara, Chief Judge of the IP High Court of Japan; and Dr. Mukundakam Sharma, Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

(Phil Swain, Chair of the Boston Organising Committee)

Launch of the AIPPI Congress News

AIPPI is pleased to announce the launch of a brand new project: **The AIPPI Congress News** — a dedicated daily newspaper for the 41st World IP Congress being held in Boston from 6 to 11 September 2008.

The AIPPI Congress News will be published in conjunction with Managing IP magazine. It will include a mix of news, photographs, in-depth interviews and features on major IP issues, plus "must have" information for delegates including the daily programme, events calendar and local information on Boston and the Congress venue.

The AIPPI Congress in Boston will be the biggest meeting of general IP attorneys in the world — bringing together well over 2,000 expected delegates. The AIPPI Congress News is the official publication — providing an unrivalled opportunity for your firm/company to communicate with this influential audience. It will be indispensable reading for delegates ensuring the highest possible exposure for advertisers.

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The full PDF of the proposal is available [here](#). Space is strictly limited so don't delay!
(Daniel Cole, Managing IP magazine)

For further information on IP Meetings please refer to the [AIPPI Master Calendar of IP Events](#).

National Groups

Finnish Symposium, 20-22 April 2008, Helsinki

AIPPI Helsinki Symposium 2008 organized by the Finnish AIPPI Group was held on 20 to 22 April 2008. The theme of the Symposium was "Inventions — is there a life after grant". The Symposium brought around a hundred participants from various countries.

The Symposium was opened by Mr. Eero Mantere, the Senior Vice President of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (NBPR). The Chair of the Symposium and the Director of the IPR University Center, Professor Niklas Bruun continued further with a brief introduction followed by the opening of a general debate on the 'life cycle of an invention'.

(Report by Amina Agovic, IPR University Center, Helsinki, Finland)

GOs & NGOs

First Session of WIPO Permanent Committee on Development and Intellectual Property, CDIP, 3-7 March 2008, Geneva

Konrad Becker attended the meeting for AIPPI on Tuesday, 4 March 2008. Ivan Hjertman attended for ICC on Wednesday, 5 March 2008 through Friday, 7 March 2008 and has agreed, as approved from ICC, to share his notes for the present report.

(Report by Ivan Hjertman, Chairman and Konrad Becker, member of Special Committee Q94)

NGO Coordination Meeting, 20 May 2008, Berlin

This year's INTA meeting in Berlin provided an excellent opportunity for our semi-annual NGO Coordination Meeting. For the first time INTA took part in this informal group of NGOs which was convoked by AIPPI for the 4th time to exchange ideas and views on topical issues. On 20 May 2008 representatives of 13 NGOs got together for a 2 hour meeting with an agenda which covered activities of the NGOs and projects for the future.

(Report by Jochen Bühling, Reporter General of AIPPI)

WIPO-AIPPI Conference on Client Privilege in IP Professional Advice, 22-23 May 2008, Geneva

Conference on Client Privilege draws attention to WIPO and AIPPI. For two days speakers from numerous jurisdictions presented and debated issues in the context of client privilege in IP professional advice. The conference ended with promising outlooks into future solutions.

(Report by Jochen Bühling, Reporter General of AIPPI)

New legislation

Bangladesh — Registration of Service Marks is now possible

Registration of Service Marks is now possible in Bangladesh. The Government of Bangladesh enacted a new Law, The Trademarks Act, 2008. Although the effective date is yet to be given, the Department of Patents, Designs and Trademarks has started receiving applications for registration of Services, International Classes 35-45. For more details please contact the Bangladesh IP Law Office at: iplaw@bangla.net.

(Delwar Hossain, Bangladesh IP Law Office, Bangladesh)

China-Taiwan — New IP Court - Effective as of 1st July 2008

Following Taiwan Intellectual Property Office centralized those intellectual property (IP) administrative matters within one governmental agency in 1999, eight years later, Taiwan's Legislative Yuan (Congress) passed the

	<p>"Intellectual Property Case Proceeding Act" and "Organic Act for Intellectual Property Court" on 9 January 2007 and March 5, 2007, respectively. These two Acts together marked the beginning of a new era for Taiwan's judicial protection of IP rights. Under the new Acts, the IP Court centralizes judicial jurisdiction over IP-related litigation; this single court has the jurisdiction over both the validity and the infringement issues without the necessity to suspend litigation proceedings and thus expedite the litigation process. The IP Court is also equipped with the provision of Technical Advising Division, allowing the Court to enhance its ability to study and understand the claims and counterclaims raised by the parties of interest, and to make proper judgment. <i>(Report by Thomas Tsai, Tsai, Lee & Chen, Taipei, China-Taiwan)</i></p>
Notes	<p>In our first e-News edition we announced that AIPPI has asked the German company Occlutech GmbH to publish a clarifying statement on an incorrect press release referring to the objective technical opinion PTO provided by the Italian Group of AIPPI. Occlutech have meanwhile published the clarifying statement.</p>
Feedback	<p>Any comments you have as members are invited and welcomed. Please let us have your input on this e-News or on anything relating to AIPPI by e-mail to enews@aippi.org</p>
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