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New Year's letter from the President

May this new year 2010 be even better than 2009 for all AIPPI Members.
(Article by *Thierry Mollet-Viéville, President of AIPPI*)

Obituary for Dr. Rudolf E. Blum

Dr. Rudolf E. Blum, President of Honour of AIPPI, passed away on December 12, 2009, a few months after his ninetieth birthday.
(Article by *Martin J. Lutz, President of Honour of AIPPI*)

AIPPI Belgium Centenary

On 10 December 2009, together with the Belgian Group of AIPPI, the Belgian National Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (ANBPPI) celebrated in Brussels the centenary of its creation in 1909.
(Article by *Thierry Mollet-Viéville, President of AIPPI*)

AIPPI Women in IP Lunch during the AIPPI Forum and ExCo in Buenos Aires

Several IP associations have the tradition of meetings of women only but this has not been within the tradition of AIPPI yet.

Following a Women Breakfast arranged last year on the occasion of the Boston Congress, it was decided to organize a further event to ask Ladies, members of the Association, whether they wished to have women-only meeting opportunities as a regular practice during AIPPI Congresses, ExCos and Forums.
(Report by *Renata Righetti, Assistant Secretary General*)

AIPPI World Congress 2010 – Paris, 3-6 October 2010

Don't miss the opportunity to be one of our sponsors or exhibitors at the next AIPPI World Congress to be held in Paris, France.
(AIPPI General Secretariat)

AIPPI Committees

AIPPI Special Committee Q94 WTO/TRIPS

The AIPPI Special Committee Q94 on WTO/TRIPS (initially established as the Committee on GATT prior to the conclusion of the WTO/TRIPS agreements in 1994) has a representative membership, with members representing 11 different countries and 6 different continents, as well as developing and developed countries.

The underlying reason is to bring balance to the work of the Committee, in identifying and reporting on TRIPS-related issues of relevance to AIPPI.

The broad mandate of Q94 includes –

- to monitor and advise the Bureau and AIPPI members on developments relating to the WTO/TRIPS Agreement and its implementation
- to study and advise the Bureau and AIPPI members on proposed amendments of or additions to the TRIPS Agreement
- to formulate and, with the approval of the Bureau, to submit and represent the standpoint of AIPPI vis-à-vis WTO/TRIPS
- to monitor international developments which impact on the WTO position/negotiations on TRIPS
- to monitor activities of other international and regional bodies (GOs and NGOs) in relation to WTO/TRIPS

The Committee also has the task to advise the Bureau on

- developments in the IP field rendering intervention of AIPPI desirable
- specific TRIPS-related issues meriting further study
- information and instruction to AIPPI representatives at GO meetings on TRIPS-related issues

Forthcoming Events

- possibilities of cooperation with other NGOs and GOs in the IP field

The Committee has, in addition, the special instructions

- to coordinate its activities in regard to WTO/TRIPS-related aspects of Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Folklore with Special Committee Q166, and
- to inform, in addition to the Bureau, the Chair and the members of the Programme Committee and the Committee Officers and members of other AIPPI Committees of relevant Q94 activities and seek, if necessary, their advice and cooperation in formulating the views and reports of the Committee Q94.

In carrying out its mandate the Committee meets annually during AIPPI ExCo meetings and congresses, and also meets annually in Geneva with the TRIPS Council Secretariat.

Read more about Committee Q94, its work, and the recent developments in the WTO deliberations and other international bodies in the full report for 2009.

(Report by Ivan Hjertman, President of AIPPI Sweden)

“Save the date for your next AIPPI Intellectual Property” rendez-vous

42 World Intellectual Property Congress, 3–6 October, 2010 Paris

(AIPPI General Secretariat)

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By letting us have the **date, topic** and a **short description** of the seminar, we will make sure that about 9'000 members will get the information regularly and have your event marked in their calendar.

(AIPPI General Secretariat)

Resolution of Intellectual Property Disputes, 8 February, 2010, Geneva, Switzerland

AIPPI Switzerland will organise together with the university of Geneva and WIPO a seminar on “resolution of intellectual property disputes”.

(AIPPI Switzerland)

XXV Seminar on Industrial and Intellectual Property of the Spanish Group of the AIPPI, 4 – 5, 2010, in Barcelona

XXV Seminar on Industrial and Intellectual Property of the Spanish Group of the AIPPI (International Association for the Protection of Industrial and Intellectual Property) will take place on February 4 and 5, 2010, in Barcelona

(AIPPI Spain)

AIPPI Academic Prize 2010

In the context of its 42nd Congress, which will take place in Paris from 3 to 6 October 2010, AIPPI has entrusted its French National Group with the organisation of a prize to recognise authors contributing written papers on a subject related to the development and promotion of Intellectual Property.

(Article by Denis Monégier du Sorbier and Béatrice Thomas, Members of the Organising Committee Paris 2010)

GOs & NGOs

WIPO/ AEPPI/ APPIMAF Regional Symposium

“Promoting Innovations through IPRs for Achieving Economic Growth in the Arab Region ”

On December 13 and 14, 2009. The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), The Egyptian Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AEPPI) and The Association for the Protection of Industrial Property in the Middle East and North Africa (APPIMAF) jointly organized a regional symposium in Cairo on IP issues focussing on problems and opportunities arising out of IP in the Arab region. It was the fourth IP Symposium in Cairo organized by AEPPI during the past ten years with AIPPI involvement in three of them and for the first time AIPPI's Regional Group for the Arab Countries APPIMAF participated in the organisation. The Bureau of AIPPI supported this initiative by sending the Deputy Secretary General, Stephan Freischem. The group of approximately 120 attendees was not only composed of private practitioners and academic experts but included a considerable number of scientists and other users of the IP system with first hand experience of the challenges of international IP systems for stake holders in emerging countries. WIPO's head of Innovation and Technology Transfer Section, Dr. Ai Jaizairi, as well as the head of WIPO's Bureau for Arab countries outlined strategic support for shaping an efficient IP infrastructure in the region. Samir M. Hamza, Vice-President of the Egyptian Group of AIPPI produced a detailed [report on the seminar](#).

(Article by Samir Hamza, AEPPI Vice President)

Meeting AIPPI Bureau with WIPO Director General

On January 15, 2010 a delegation of AIPPI Bureau members met with the Director General of WIPO and several members of the Secretariat's senior management for an exchange of views on the latest developments in IP. As part of the relationship between AIPPI and WIPO it has become a good tradition that both organisations meet at least once a year on a very high level to discuss their work and plans as well as prospects for future developments of IP in general. These meetings focus less on technical issues and specific details but rather fulfil the purpose of debating policy issues and informing the other side of prospects for the upcoming year.

(Report by Jochen Bühling, Reporter General of AIPPI)

Articles and notes

Selection inventions in Romania

Selection inventions constitute probably one of the most complicated subjects in the field of inventions from the point of view of interpretation of novelty. This interpretation may have different effects. On the one hand, there are selection inventions which reward technological innovation, new substances, or, chemical compounds; and, on the other hand, the grant of an artificial extension of exclusive rights.

(Article by Doina F. Tuluca, European Patent Attorney, Nestor Nestor Diculescu Kingston Petersen IP)

Feedback

Deadline for Group Reports relating to the Paris Working Questions Q204P, Q213, Q214, Q215 and 216

Please note that the deadline for handing in the respective Group Reports expires on **31 March 2010**. We are looking forward to receiving your Group's Reports and wish you the best of success for your research and studies. Thank you for your commitment and your much appreciated cooperation.

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.

Your contribution please!

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