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President's Report

It would be too long to sum up here all the work accomplished by AIPPI since the Boston Congress of September 2008, but our readers are invited to follow up on some of AIPPI's work in the other articles of this e-News no.8. The essential purpose of this article is to outline AIPPI's main tasks for the near future.
(Report by Thierry Mollet-Viéville, President of AIPPI)

Central and Eastern European Seminar on IP

Five years after EU enlargement, 27-28 April 2009, Warsaw

The German, Polish and Ukrainian Groups have co-organized since 1999, joint Seminars devoted to topical issues of IP protection which are held in Spring each year in one of these countries.

In spring 2009, the 10th Seminar was planned to be hosted in Warsaw and, on this occasion, the Bureau decided to hold its annual meeting in Warsaw and to contribute, by the presentations of its members, to the development of these Seminars.

(Report by Dariusz Szleper, Deputy Reporter General of AIPPI)

AIPPI booth at INTA Annual Meeting, 16-20 May 2009, Seattle

For the second time, AIPPI could promote its event at the INTA annual meeting. Lots of participants were interested to hear about the AIPPI Forum & ExCo in Buenos Aires and to gather a pen and tour guide of Paris (Host city of the AIPPI Congress in 2010.)

(General Secretariat of AIPPI)

AIPPI Committees

Special Committee Q199 (Privilege Task Force) - Progress Report

WIPO SCP Meeting, 23-27 March 2009, Geneva

The study by the SCP of Client Attorney Privilege (CAP) continues

At the SCP meeting in March 2009, the delegates of the Member States made submissions to WIPO on reports which had been prepared by the Secretariat. Those reports included the preliminary study on CAP which is SCP13/4. Overall there was support for the continuation of the study on CAP. The Member States decided to continue this study.

(Report by Michael Dowling, Chairman of Q199)

Forthcoming Events

International Intellectual Property Seminar and Congress

22-25 August 2009, Rio de Janeiro

We are pleased to inform that the Brazilian Group of AIPPI (jointly with the Brazilian Association of Intellectual Property - ABPI) is organizing its 29th National Seminar on Intellectual Property, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, between 22 and 25 August 2009, at the Windsor Barra Hotel, located at Av. Semambetiba, 2630.

The Seminar will discuss several topics of substantial interest to IP practitioners, such as, among others:

- Cross Retaliations as a result of WTO decisions
- Corporate Trademarks as a reflex of companies' social and environmental responsibility
- Madrid Protocol: an updated evaluation
- World chronic and growing backlog of patent applications: problems and solutions
- Copyrights in film works
- Non-traditional trademarks: present situation
- Polymorphic and second use patents: is it beneficial to Brazil?
- Second life and Intellectual Property: The protection of IP in the Virtual World
- Tax Incentives to innovation: efficacy and difficulties
- Criteria for a policy on biotechnology protection
- Design protection in the auto parts industry: Comments on International and National precedents
- Geographical indications: examples of success, confusion among GIs, Collective marks and Certification Marks.
- Criteria for harmonization of patentability, precedence and descriptive sufficiency: discussion on the SPLT status
- Ambush Marketing: a threat to merchandising in the World Cup
- Open innovation and Crowd sourcing: a new form of creation requiring new forms of protection
- Agenda for development: progress and perspectives

AIPPI Forum & ExCo, 11-14 October 2009, Buenos Aires

Detailed information on the meeting as well as the preliminary programme are available at the meetings website www.aippi.net.

Moreover, we are happy to announce that new hotel rates are available - profit from the lower prices and book your hotel room now!

More information on the new rates can be found [here](#).

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

National Groups

Conference on private international law and intellectual property, 4 June 2009, Lyon

This event dedicated to international private law and intellectual property was organized by University Jean Moulin Lyon 3 in collaboration with the French Group of AIPPI.

The conference, with an attendance of approximately 140 professionals, proposed an ambitious program with highly qualified speakers, academics and practitioners.

The conference intended to give an overview of the major issues raised by private international law in relation with intellectual property, especially in the light of the new EC regulations.

The morning was dedicated to the issue of the applicable law, while the afternoon addressed more specifically the judicial issues.

(Report by Jean-Guillaume Monin, CMS Bureau Francis Lefebvre Lyon, France)

GOs & NGOs

WIPO – 13th Session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents 23-27 March 2009, Geneva

The 13th session of the SCP was opened by Francis Gurry, Director General of WIPO since the General Assemblies of September 2008, Philippe Baechtold (WIPO) acting as Secretary of that meeting, and Maximiliano Santa Cruz, elected at the 12th session of the SCP, as President of said meeting.

At the 12th session of the SCP, it was agreed among the delegations to accept the discussion on 18 issues.
(Report by Alain Gallochat, Chairman of Q170, Chairman of the Nominating Committee of AIPPI)

Articles and notes

EU-Japan – Patent protection of software simulators: practice at the European Patent Office and open questions

Case law at the EPO has recognized the increased importance of software simulators in developing modern products and technologies and that several technical effects are associated to claims directed to the simulation assisted by a computer. The present contribution aims at reviewing how such decisions may influence patent protection in this particular field of computer implemented inventions. With this respect, the Referral to the Enlarged Board of Appeal G3/08 is also briefly reviewed and its possible impact on patentability of software simulators. A short discussion as to the admissibility of the referral and its possible consequences is also presented.

(Report by Michele Baccelli, Hoffmann Eitle - Munich London & Mitsuyoshi Hiratsuka, Tokyo University of Science)

Singapore – Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trade Marks

The Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trade Marks ("the Singapore Treaty") was adopted by member states of WIPO in 2006 and stems from the Trade Mark Law Treaty of 1994 ("TLT 1994").

The Singapore Treaty introduces important changes to the TLT 1994, thereby internationally harmonizing the administrative rules and procedures for trade mark registration. Having received its 10th ratification by Australia, the Singapore Treaty enters into force on 16 March 2009.

(Report by Kevin Wong & Kiran Dharsan, Ella Cheong Spruson & Ferguson, Singapore)

Feedback

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