Activity Report 2004
Swedish National Group

The Swedish Group of AIPPI is an integrated part of the Swedish Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (SFIR). AIPPI/SFIR is one association and the work of the Swedish group is consequently carried out as a joint venture within the framework of SFIR, even though all SFIR members are not members of AIPPI.

The activities of the Association have comprised: conferences, study days, seminars, and lectures on current intellectual property (IP) matters, as well as on request of the Government answering referrals regarding new IP-related legislation. The following activity report thus reflects what has been achieved by AIPPI/SFIR during 2004.

Seminars, conferences etc.

On January 29, 2004, a full day-seminar was held regarding IP developments in the Swedish courts as well as in the ECJ and the EPO Board of Appeals during 2003. Such a yearly seminar is arranged in January. Docent Bengt Domeij and Judge Catarina Holtz, EPO, spoke on patent law, Attorney-at-law Karin Cederlund and LLM Petra Hansson on copyright decisions, Professor, LLD Lars Pehrson and Patent Law Judge Per Carlson on trademark law, Attorney-at-law Henrik Bengtsson on trade secrets, Professor, LLD Marianne Levin on market law and Attorney-at-law Katarina Strömholm on design law. Approximately 80 people attended the seminar.

On 8 March 2004, the Association arranged an evening meeting on “Protection against unfair competition and the ‘civilisation’ of the Swedish market law”. Associate professor, LLD Antonina Bakadjeva Engelbrekt, Stockholm University discussed the change from consumer protection to unfair competition protection from a EU perspective. Somewhat 30 people attended the seminar.


On August 22-24 2004 the Association arranged the XXVII Nordic Industrial Property Rights (so-called NIR-) Meeting in Saltsjöbaden. The questions discussed were, among others: The future development of the patent system, the IP process and current trademark law. Around 170 people from all five Nordic countries attended the meeting.

On 8 September 2004 the Association arranged an evening with the headline “PRV’s role and future in Sweden, the Nordic countries and the world”. Gun Hellsvik, Director General of the Swedish Patent- and Registration Office spoke on Nordic co-operation and the plans for a future common patent office. At the meeting also some brief information was given about the recent discussions on the XXVII NIR-meeting in Saltsjöbaden by Head of Group IP at Electrolux, Annika Ryberg, LLM Peter Adamsson, Attorney-at-law Anders Kyllhammer and Patent Law Judge Per Carlson. Around 50 people attended.
On 18 October 2004 the Association held an afternoon seminar on “Trademarks & Geographical Marks of Origin”. Speakers were: Deputy Director General, Alexander von Mühlendahl, OHIM, Doctoral candidate, Frantzeska Papadopoulou-Zavalis, Stockholm University, Lena Göransson-Norrsjö, LL.M, lawyer at the Swedish Companies Registration Office, Professor, LL.M Marianne Levin, Stockholm University and Patent Law Judge Per Carlson. Around 60 people were present.

On 23 November 2004 the Association arranged a full day-seminar on "Intellectual Property Law across all borders", which dealt with choice of law and jurisdiction in the field of IP rights. Speakers were Professor LL.M mult. Stig Strömholm, Doctoral candidate Lydia Lundstedt, Stockholm University, former Appeal Court Head of division Bengt G. Nilsson, Attorney-at-law Ulf Dahlgren, Doctoral candidate Ulf Maunsbach, University of Lund, Associate professor, LL.M Bengt Domeij, KTH, Attorney-at-law Christian Pfeiff, Attorney-at-law Ann-Charlotte Söderlund and Professor, LL.M Annette Kur, Max-Planck-Institute in Munich.

Specific AIPPI activities have comprised discussion meetings in order to prepare group reports regarding Question 180-183 and preparations of the Gothenburg Congress 8-11 October 2006. One member of the Swedish EXCO, Ivan Hjertman, is the chair of Q 94.

The formation of interest groups

In 2003 it was decided to form specific Interest Groups, which started their activities during the year. The groups are: Patents, Trademarks, Designs and Copyright, each with an experienced chair person specialised in the field. In addition it was decided to have a special group for international questions, the so called TRIPS-Group, for international aspects of IP law. (Responsible for the groups are, Per Holmstrand, Chief Legal Adviser at the; Attorney-at-law Anders Kylhammar; LL.M Lottie-Ann Hulth; Associate professor, LL.M Per Jonas Nordell and Civil engineer Ivan Hjertman, respectively).

The groups are informal bodies within the organisation with the aim to promote knowledge and discussion on the different subject matters. Another task for the groups is to prepare answers to AIPPI questions as well as other questions that have been referred to the Association, mainly from the Government. A general objective with the formation of such groups is to attract young people to become involved in those IP-questions they are especially interested in.

The composition of the Board etc.

During the first quarter of 2004, the board has consisted of the following: Professor, LL.M Marianne Levin (president), LL.M Eva Jarnvall (vice president), LL.M Bo Davidsson (treasurer), Attorney-at-law Ulf Dahlgren, Chief Legal Adviser Per Holmstrand, Patent Law Judge Per Carlson, Civil Engineer Jan-Olof Hyltner, former Supreme Court Head of division Bengt G. Nilsson, Professor, LL.M, Lars Pehrson, LL.M Annika Ryberg, General manager Bertil Strömberg and Attorney-at-law Karin Cederlund. The honorary members LL.M h.c. Sten Tengelin, Professor, LL.M Gunnar Karnell and Professor, LL.M Ulf Bernitz, as well as the Executive Committee members of AIPPI were co-opted to the Board. The same applied to the editor of the Nordic Intellectual Property Law Review, NIR, Associate professor, LL.M Per Jonas Nordell. Master of Ceremonies for 2004 was Doctoral candidate Sanna Wolk and secretary Attorney-at-law Katarina Strömholm. From April 2004 Attorney-at-law Jonas Gulliksson replaced Bo Davidsson on the Board as treasurer.

The Association had around 660 members per December 31, 2004.
The composition of the Swedish EXCO

The Swedish Executive Committee members in 2004 were: Head of IP Group Annika Ryberg (president), Attorney-at-law Ulf Dahlgren, LIM Bo Davidsson, LIM Eva Jarnvall, Professor, LID Gunnar Karnell, Professor, LID Marianne Levin, Civil Engineer Ivan Hjertman and Attorney-at-law Håkan Borgenhäll (secretary). Economic matters pertaining to the AIPPI-group are handled by the treasurer of SFIR; during the first quarter of 2004 by LIM Bo Davidsson and during the rest of 2004 by Attorney-at-law Jonas Gulliksson.

The group had around 210 members per December 31, 2004.

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