1. **Promotion of Group on a local/regional level (contact with government authorities)**

- Filing detailed comments regarding:
  - the draft amendment to the Austrian Trade Mark Act (16 August 2018)
  - the draft amendment to the Austrian Law against Unfair Competition (17 August 2018)
  - the draft amendment to the Patent Office Regulation (17 August 2018)

- Submitting AIPPI Resolutions to the (Austrian Patent Office (27 November 2018).

- Keeping personal contact with president and vice–presidents of Austrian Patent Office as competent government authority.

2. **Encouraging membership, e.g. organising national seminars, and what methods were used to make the Group attractive for new and old members**

- yearly (full day) seminar on the development/changes in IP laws and case law update (17 April 2018)

- Discussion round of working questions for Cancun Congress (26 April 2018)

- continued IP Lunches on special IP topics with discussion:
  - 18 January 2018: Intermediary
  - 5 April 2018: Seizure Proceedings – criminal or civil actions?
  - 19 June 2018: Update Case Law Design Rights
  - 11 September 2018: Call back from the Channels of Commerce
  - 11 December 2018: The new Certification Marks – practical significance

- Regular information newsletters and homepage

3. **Board meetings 2018**

- 4 June 2018
- decisions by way of round-emails
4. **Initiatives planned/conducted for/in 2019**

- Board meeting (6 March 2019)

- General Assembly (25 March 2019) including an expert discussion on the implementation of the Know-How directive in national law

- Discussion round of working questions for London Congress (26 April 2019)

- Full day seminar on the development/changes in IP laws and case law update (21 April 2019)

- Continuation of IP Lunches (every three months):
  - Last: 25 February 2019: Amendment to the Austrian Trade Mark Act – what’s new?
  - Next: 18 June 2019: What may Art 18 to 22 of the Copyright Directive bring?

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