AIPPI BULGARIA – ACTIVITY REPORT 2018

I. Statements and opinions

(1) The Bulgarian National Group filed written statements in relation with the following drafts for national legislative acts:
1.1 Draft Proposal for adoption of a Dispute Settlement Ordinance under the Industrial Designs Act, published April 18, 2018;

(2) The Group submitted reports to the following AIPPI Study Questions:
- Conflicting patent applications;
- Registrability of 3D trademarks;
- Partial designs;
- Joint liability for IP infringement.

(3) The Group took part in the preparation of the AIPPI questionnaires on the following topics:
- HCCH Judgments Project;
- Inventor Remuneration.

(4) The Group has representatives in the Standing committees on “Trademarks”, “Piracy and Counterfeiting”, “Copyright” and “Commercialization of IP”.

II. New members of the Bulgarian National Group

In 2018 the Group accepted 6 new members, 7 left, reaching a total number of 41 by the end of 2018. The majority of the leaving members pointed out that the reason for their departure from the group are the higher membership fees, adopted by AIPPI (the fee collected by the National Group remained unchanged).

The Statutes of the Bulgarian National Group has a particularity being that the members of the Group shall pay their membership fees (both to the AIPPI International
and to the National Group) by the end of the previous year. That practice represents an incentive for all the members, but especially for the new ones, to be more responsible and active in the work of the Group.

III. Activity of the Board

The Board of the Group meets on a regular basis – usually once a month. Two meetings of the Group took place in 2018 – in March, where the Group discussed IP issues in relation with the practice of the Bulgarian Patent Office and in December where the Group adopted amendments in the Statutes of Group

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