This activity report aims to give an insight into the activity, as well as the functioning and management of the Hungarian National Group (NG) taking into good consideration the letter of the Bureau of 19 March 2019 on the desire for an extended activity report in order to establish a set of best practices.

1. **Group leadership renewal/rotation methodology;**
   The Leadership are elected for 4 years. No mandatory rotation methodology applies. The last elections brought one new member out of 9.

2. **Group leadership composition and selection criteria;**
   The Leadership is made up of 4 patent attorneys and 5 attorneys-at-law. We try to find knowledgeable, interested candidates who are willing to participate in the actual work.
   Current leadership are:
   - Dr Marcell KERESZTY, Patent Attorney
   - Dr. Zoltán KOVÁRI, Patent Attorney
   - Zsolt SZENTPÉTERI, Patent Attorney
   - Dr. Gusztáv BACHER, Attorney at Law
   - Dr. Gábor FALUDI, Attorney at Law
   - Dr. Daisy MACHYTKA-FRANK, Patent Attorney
   - Dr. Enikő KARSAY, Attorney at Law
   - Dr. Áron LÁSZLÓ, Attorney at Law
   - Imre MOLNÁR, Patent Attorney

3. **National or regional meetings including details on:**
   The NG holds a general meeting and a Christmas party every year. Sometimes there are additional professional programs in which the NG participates. The president of the NG was invited to speak as the representative of the NG on the occasion of the World IP Day (25 April 2018).

3.1. **In-house counsel and young member participation;**
   A reduced fee for young members applies.

3.2. **Submitted/published opinions with regard to IP issues;**
   The NG regularly submits comments to planned legislation. In 2018, the Hungarian NG filed submissions on the following topics:
   - Public consultation on the expected impact of the Unitary Patent System on Hungarian innovation
   - Public consultation on the proposed amendments of IP regulations
   - Public consultation on certain IP-related issues of the draft Agreement of the Hague Conference on Private International Law on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters
   - Public consultation on the reform of language regime of patent procedures
   - Opinion of professional IP NGOs on the amendment of R&D policies and financing
   - Online consultation concerning the planned possibility of deferments requested by applicants of European patent applications
   - Preliminary consultation on the implementation of the EU trademark reform into Hungarian law
3.3. Social events for Group members;
The NG organises a Christmas party every December along with four other national IP organisations, which a very good turnout.

3.4. Annual general meetings of the NRGs;
The annual general meeting of the Hungarian NG is always combined with a professional program. This year, two of the study committees have presented their work on the study questions.

4. Study question preparation/submission process within the National Group, including details on:
The Hungarian NG has submitted a national report to each and every study question since its reestablishment in 1963. In 2018 21 members contributed to the report on the study questions.

4.1. participation of members from different professional backgrounds;
The NG tries to encourage industry members to participate in the study committees.

4.2. encouragement of young member participation;
Members of the NG encourage their young colleagues to participate in the study committees.

5. Distribution of resolutions and any ensuing lobbying or promotion activities;
The Hungarian NG sends the resolutions of the AIPPI Annual Congress to the Hungarian IP Office and the responsible Ministries (Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Innovation) every year.

6. Collection of membership dues and payment process;
The NG’s secretary contacts members with overdue invoices. Non-payment eventually leads to exclusion.

7. Participation in AIPPI Annual Congress
The NG encourages participation at the Annual Congress. The leadership tries to appoint study committee heads who plan to participate at the Annual Congress.

8. Participation of members of the NRGs in international AIPPI Committees.
Membership in study and standing committees is widely advertised among the membership of the NG by e-mails as well as personal communication.

9. Challenges
The NG has difficulty maintaining membership.