Group Leadership

- Did your national/regional Group (NRG) hold a General Assembly/Annual General Meeting in 2018?
  *Yes we did.*
- How often does your NRG carry out election for the members of your Executive Board?
  *Every two to three years.*
- Did your NRG experience any difficulty regarding collection of membership dues in 2018? If so, what might be the main reasons for this situation?
  *No.*
- Who are your current leadership? (For those whose leadership members do not appear as up-to-date we kindly ask you to visit the AIPPI related web page and help us to update the names and contact details of your Group's leadership.)
  *Richard O'Connor, President; Gerard Kelly, Secretary/Treasurer; Niamh Hall, Shane Smyth and Denis McCarthy.*

National/Regional Activities

- What were the annual activities of your NRG carried out in 2018 (seminars, theme based meetings, workshops, regular meetings with IP officials, social gatherings, etc.)
  *N/A*
- Please share any remarkable results of the abovementioned activities in view of membership growth, recognition, impact on IP environment in your country
  *N/A*
- Could you please add a picture from one of your activities in 2018 which you believe to represent best your NRG
Communication / Representation

- How many members of your NRG were active in preparation of the Study Questions of 2018? 
  *Four.*
- Has your NRG published/circulated any statements, opinions or attended any official meeting or been represented before any IP related body or any IP platform to provide its consultation for an IP subject matter in 2018. If so please name them and the outcomes - if available.
  *Yes to Department of Enterprise and the Irish Patents Office.*
- Has your NRG used media to publicly promote its activities and to appeal to IP stakeholders within 2018? If so, please give brief details.
  *No.*
- Did your NRG use any methods to approach possible young members, in house IP counsels, academicians, judiciary members, industry people and private sector? If so, please give brief details.
  *Our membership remains open to all.*
- Please state how your NRG approached nominating candidates in 2018 for Statutory or Standing Committees of AIPPI, and give brief details of any nominations.
  *All members were asked (by post) if they wished to join.*
- Please explain any steps your NRG takes in relation to diversity.

Challenges

- What was the biggest challenge to achieve or the biggest hurdle to operate for your NRG in 2018 (administrative, organizational, diversity, budget-wise, communication, the status of IP ecosystem, implementation of new rules and regulations etc.)
  *Growing membership*

Communication with the AIPPI International Bodies and Committees

- What were the main issues which your NRG needed support or guidance from the AIPPI Bureau and/or the General Secretariat and/or the related committees in 2018?
  *N/A*
- Do you have any proposals for improving communication with or operation of the Bureau and/or the General Secretariat and/or the related committees for the future?
  *No.*