AIPPI ITALY
Activity Report 2018

A. Development of membership numbers

As of 31 December 2018, the Italian Group included 574 members.

B. Group officers and leadership

Gualtiero Luca DRAGOTTI – President
Paolina TESTA – Vice-president
Fabrizio SANNA – Secretary
Stefano COLOMBO – Treasurer
Simona LAVAGNINI – Vice-Secretary

Further members of the executive committee
Raffaella Arista
Cesare Galli
Enrico Gatti
Bianca Emanuela Gutierrez
Lamberto Liuzzo
Alessandro Masetti de Concina
Gianni Pancot
Davide Petraz
Giulio Sironi

Auditors
Jacopo De Benedetti
Michela Maggi
Andrea Vestita

The president and the executive committee have been elected on 8 February 2017.

C. Meetings of AIPPI Council

In 2018, the AIPPI Italy executive committee has held 7 meetings.

D. Interaction with local/regional IP authorities (government authorities, courts and IP offices)

The Italian group has disseminated AIPPI resolutions to local authorities (officers in charge of the Italian Patent and Trademark office, MPs of relevant IP committees, officers in charge of business associations).

E. Group Activities: AGMs

The Italian group has its 2018 Annual General Meeting in Milan on 7 March 2018. President Gualtiero Dragotti provided a report on behalf of executive committee while Fabrizio Sanna and Stefano Colombo provided a secretary’s and treasurer’s
reports and presented the financial statements. Votes were taken approving the financial statements. The Annual Meeting was followed by the general election of the Italian group, a lunch and a congress.

F. Group Activities: study groups
The permanent study groups carried out their tasks of study, organising or sponsoring conferences and seminars and preparing the Italian group’s replies to the Questions of AIPPI International. In particular, the study groups established by the Italian Group, which operated during 2018 has been (a) the Patents group, coordinated by Lamberto Liuzzo; (b) the Trademarks group, coordinated by Cesare Galli; (c) the Copyright group, coordinated by Giorgio Mondini; (d) the Advertising and Commercial Practices group, coordinated by Paolina Testa; (e) the Design group, coordinated by Fabrizio Sanna; (f) the IP and criminal law group coordinated by Francesco Mucciarelli; and (g) The Big data, IP and AI coordinated by Andrea Ottolia. The groups have the purpose of promoting exchanges of opinions and professional updating, carrying out in-depth studies on issues of interest and serving as the institutional reference for the preliminary drafting of Italian replies to the various Questions submitted by Aippi Int and by other institutions. Notably, the study groups drew up the Italian group’s replies to the Questions of AIPPI Int for the Cancun Congress.

Furthermore, the following local groups have operated in 2018: (a) Nord-Ovest coordinated by Odra Papaleo; (b) Nord-East coordinated by Davide Petraz; and (c) Centre-Sud coordinated by Raffaella Arista. In 2018, the following local seats where established: Bologna, Genoa, Florence Naples, Turin, Udine,

Finally, a group coordinated by Simona Lavagnini supervised the continuous education activities offered by the Italian Group to its members and a group coordinated by Elena Marietti elaborated the association’s strategy toward companies.

G. Group Activities: seminars/congress
During 2018, the following study meetings were organized by the Italian Group, with free entry:
• the seminar “Il concorso nella violazione dei diritti IP” held on 7 March 2018 in Milan;
• the seminar “Alcune eccezioni alla brevettabilità in Europa e negli U.S.A.” held on 21 March 2018 in Milan;
• the seminar “Beni culturali e proprietà industriale” held on 17 March 2018 in Florence;
• the event “Incontro con AIPLA” organised with AICIPPI, Collegio dei consulenti/FICPI and LES on 12 June 2018 in Milan;
• the seminar “Il regime delle prove nei procedimenti giudiziari e amministrativi” held on 16 November 2018 in Rome;
• the seminar “La tutela amministrativa del diritto d’autore online” organised with the Italian Communication Authority AGCOM on 19 November 2018 in Naples;
• the seminar “Professionisti dell’IP e segreto” held on 11 December 2018 in Milan, and on 12 December 2018 in Bologna;
• the second edition of the event “Dialoghi sulla proprietà intellettuale” held on 14 December 2018 in Turin.
The Italian Group also co-organised with third parties the following events:

– With the University of Pavia and the review AIDA, the congress "Intelligenza artificiale e proprietà intellettuale " held 21 September 2018 in Milan;
– With the Italian parliament (Camera dei Deputati - Tavoli dell'Intergruppo Innovazione per il Mercato Unico Digitale), the meeting " Il Digital Single Market e il cloud: nuovi diritti per nuovi servizi " held on 17 October 2018 in Rome;
– With the University of Parma, the congress “Social networks, proprietà intellettuale e concorrenza”, held on 26 October 2018 in Parma.

H. Group Activities: other meetings
During 2018, members had various opportunities to meet. A lunch was organised for the 2018 annual meeting. The Group’s summer dinner was held on 11 July 2018. The Christmas dinner of 11 December was attended by almost 100 members.

I. Group Activities: communications
Updates on the association’s activities (and those of other parties operating within the field of industrial and intellectual property) were notified to members through the website http://www.aippi.it, administered by Gualtiero Dragotti and Carlo Faggioni, through e-mails from the secretary and through the association’s periodic publication (AIPPINews), circulated to members by the Secretary via e-mail (and consultable online at the Association’s website).
Among other things, the website also presents the minutes of the Executive Committee.

L. Group Activities: other services to members
During the whole of 2018, the activities of the PTO (a service of evaluation of patent validity and infringement) was carried out extensively.

Furthermore, Aippi’s list of Expert Witnesses continued to be operational, based on requests for registration via the Web of individual agents who wish to join and who satisfy the established requirements.

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Fabrizio Sanna