National/Regional Group Activity Report

AIPPI Philippine Group
Activity Report 2018-2019

I. Group Leadership

a. The Philippine National Group has a total of 49 members.

b. The Board of Directors of the Intellectual Property Association of the Philippines (IPAP), the AIPPI recognized Philippine National Group, is composed of fifteen (15) members.

c. The Board meets every last Wednesday of the month. There were ten (10) meetings in the period covered. During those meetings, Mr. Enrique T. Manuel, President/ Ms. Aleli Angela G. Quirino, VP for AIPPI, renders a report on communications received from AIPPI and significant developments relating to AIPPI.

d. IPAP held the Annual General Meeting on 31 January 2018 and 30 January 2019.

e. The election of the officers of IPAP for 2018-2019 was held on 22 February 2018.

f. The Group Leadership are as follows:

President : Mr. Enrique T. Manuel
Vice President for AIPPI : Ms. Aleli Angela G. Quirino
Treasurer : Ms. C. Risel G. Castillo-Taleon
Secretary for AIPPI : Ms. Maria Teresa M. Trinidad

II. National/Regional Activities

a. IPAP’s Participation in the IP Rights Month Activities (April 17, 18 and 19, 2018)

In celebration of the Intellectual Property Rights Month under the theme “Yamang-Iisp: Itaguyod Tungo sa Kaunlaran”, the Intellectual Property Association of the Philippines (IPAP) - the Philippine Recognized Group of APAA and the University of the Philippines Alumni Association (UPAA), in partnership with the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL), co-sponsored and organized various activities at the University of the Philippines Campus from April 17-19, 2018.

Since 2017, April has been celebrated as the National Intellectual Property Rights Month. It coincides with worldwide IP events, such as the World Book and Copyright Day on April 23 and the World Intellectual Property Day on April 26.

Observance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) became a month long celebration compared to the week-long IPR celebrations in October under Proclamation No. 79, series of 1992. It allowed a longer time to hold a series of programs and activities to educate various sectors of the public and raise appreciation for the relevance of IPRs.
The event featured an exhibit on Filipino indigenous, literary, and visual arts, along with an On-the-spot sketching session. Performers for music and dance include UP Singing Ambassadors, UP Kontemporaryong Gamelan Pilipino, piano, tenor and “Igal” Dance.

Several speakers discussed the importance of protection of intellectual property rights in their fields for music copyright, for books and literature. The activities showcased the creative talents and artistry of the Filipino and highlighted the creation and protection of IPRs on works of art, literature, dance and music.

IPAP Co-Sponsored with IPO & UPAA IPR Month celebration at the U.P. Diliman Campus
Theme “Yamang-Isip: Itaguyod Tungo sa Kaunlaran”
b. IPAP Induction of Newly Elected Officers/Trustees & New Members

The Induction of the newly elected directors, officers and new members was held on August 31, 2018, 4:30 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Hall of the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

During the Induction, in view of her retirement from IPO, IPAP presented a token/plaque of appreciation to Carmen Peralta, Director of Documentation, Information, and Technology Transfer Bureau for her support to IPAP activities. IPAP donated to the St. Martin de Porres Charity Hospital, Director Peralta’s chosen charity, the amount of Php10,000.00.

INDUCTION OF OFFICERS/TRUSTEES
Multi-Purpose Hall of the Intellectual Property Office (IPO), 31 August 2018
III. Communication/Representation

a. Invitation to a Lecture Forum: Measures in Curbing Counterfeiting and Piracy in Online Transactions on 1 February 2018

IPAP was invited to attend a lecture forum organized by the IPO in collaboration with the US Department State entitled “Measures in Curbing Counterfeiting and Piracy in Online Transactions” on 1 February 2018 at the IPO Multipurpose Hall.

b. Ka-IP-han Session at the IPO last 28 February 2018

The IPOPHL held last 28 February 2018 the 1st “Ka-IP-han sa IPOPHL” to discuss the latest developments in intellectual property. The upcoming celebration of the National IP Rights month in April was discussed. The IPO also gathered the comments on a wide range of issues including amendments to the IP Code, and the implementation of the National Intellectual Property Strategy (NIPS). Among those who attended include Mr. Enrique T. Manuel, President, Ms. Maria Trinidad P. Villareal, Internal Vice-President, and Mr. Bienvenido I. Somera, Jr.

c. IPO Meeting on Resource and Management Diagnostics Project on 8 March 2018

Ms. Marianne Sibulo, IPAP representative, attended the IPO Meeting on Resource and Management Diagnostics Project.

d. 2nd NIPS Public Consultation on 5 April 2018

The first draft of the National Intellectual Property Strategy (NIPS), which the IPO-NIPS Team finished last 13 December 2017, is being validated through nationwide consultations. The first round was done in October 2017 wherein the landscape of the intellectual property report in the Philippines was validated by stakeholders. The consultations in Cebu and Davao was conducted on 19 and 21 March 2018 respectively, while the consultation in Metro Manila was conducted on 5 April 2018. Mr. Manuel and Villareal attended the consultation for IPAP.

e. Invitation from LawAsia Philippines 12 April 2018

Mr. Llewellyn L. Llanillo, IPAP Adviser, invited IPAP members to attend the Joint Symposium and Fellowship organized by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), IPO and LawAsia Philippines, held at the 4th Floor, IBP National Office, Dona Julia Vargas Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. The forum is organized as part of the celebration of the IPO anniversary with the topic “Promoting Intellectual Property Rights in the Pursuit of Progress“. Mr. Llanillo is the Executive Vice President of LawAsia Philippines.

f. Second Roundtable for the Executives of National and Regional IP Associations in ASEAN, 30 July 2018, Singapore

The President of the Association received an invitation for the “Second Roundtable for the Executives of National and Regional IP Associations in ASEAN”. Ms. Villareal attended to represent IPAP.
g. Invitation for Anti-Illlicit Trade Business Summit & Capacity Building Workshop, 1 & 2 October 2018

IPAP received an invitation for the Anti-Illlicit Trade Business Summit and Capacity Building Training on October 1st & 2nd in Fairmont Hotel, Makati which was organized by Crime Stoppers International (CSI) and Crime Stoppers Australia (CSA). CSI is the global authority on anonymous reporting. Headquartered in the Hague Netherlands, CSI is an international NGO and its mission is “to mobilize the world to report information on crime anonymously”. CSI maintains a co-operation agreement with INTERPOL and has collaborative agreements with organizations such as the United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime (UNODC), the CNN Freedom Project (CNN). Two IPAP members from Sapalo Velez Bundang & Bullian attended for free.

h. Consistent with its goal to promote education, the Philippine National Group continues to support deserving scholars from the country’s top law schools - the University of the Philippines, the Law School of the Ateneo de Manila University, and the San Beda College of Law. The scholars are additionally required to submit a research paper on intellectual property law.

i. The IPAP publishes online its quarterly Newsletter. The Philippine National Group aims to be a value-added service to its members. It contains matters such as articles on current and relevant issues on IP locally and intentionally, latest relevant laws, pending bills, rules and regulations, local and international events, and policies, among others. The IPAP scholars serve as the editors of the Newsletter.

IV. Challenges

a. The operation of the Philippine Group (IPAP) is not much of an administrative challenge. IPAP maintains an office with a full-time staff who give all correspondence proper attention, dissemination to members, and ensure that timely responses are sent to AIPPI, Intellectual Property Office(IPOPHL), and all the IP-related organizations as required. Also, the Group also has its own academic committees, the local counterpart of the Standing Committees of the AIPPI, where each member is encouraged to join and actively participate.

b. Administratively, a member had a particularly bad experience in remitting her payment (via telegraphic transfer) through AIPPI's bank UBS. What generally takes 3 days, took almost a month for UBS to credit the payment to AIPPI, and for AIPPI to confirm receipt of the registration fees for the conference in Cancun. No explanation whatsoever was made by UBS regarding the delay in crediting the payment to AIPPI.

V. Communication with the AIPPI International Bodies and Committees

a. Representatives from the Philippine National Group timely submitted to AIPPI the Answers to the Cancun Questions as follows:
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b. Pursuant to the call of AIPPI Reporter General for Philippine members to be members of the AIPPI Standing committees, Ms. Maria Teresa M. Trinidad confirmed her interest. (Note: We received on 28 May 2019 the notification that the Bureau has approved the appointment of Ms. Trinidad as member of the Standing Committee on Copyright, and Ms. Trinidad will be submitting the acceptance of her appointment.)


d. The Philippine Group regularly circulates to its members the AIPPI e-News/invitations/announcements.

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