Group Leadership

- Did your national/regional Group (NRG) hold a General Assembly/Annual General Meeting in 2018? Yes, on February 8th, 2018.
- How often does your NRG carry out election for the members of your Executive Board? Every 2 years.
- Did your NRG experience any difficulty regarding collection of membership dues in 2018? No. If so, what might be the main reasons for this situation?
- 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.)

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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.)**
  - XXXIII Seminar of the Spanish AIPPI: Following the Ordinary General Assembly, the XXXIII Seminar on Industrial and Intellectual Property of the Spanish AIPPI Group was held in Madrid on February, 8th and 9th, 2018.
  - Meeting on 2nd March, 2018 with the new Director of the Spanish Patent and Trade Mark Office (SPTO), Mr. José Antonio Gil Celedonio.
  - Workshop organized by ANDEMA (non-profit-making Spanish association representing companies from a range of sectors) on June 14th, 2018.
  - 40th anniversary of the Spanish Constitution Act celebrated by the SPTO on 20th and 21st, December, 2018.
  - The Spanish Group kept regularly contacts along 2018 with other national AIPPI Groups in order to establish a mutual co-operation in different subjects. On the other hand, the Spanish Group is always in contact with official bodies such as the SPTO, EUIPO,EPO, WIPO and the Spanish Administration of Justice of several Autonomous Communities.

- **Please share any remarkable results of the abovementioned activities in view of membership growth, recognition, impact on IP environment in your country**
  As a consequence of the XXXIII Seminar hold on February, 8th and 9th, 2018 in Madrid, the Spanish Group achieved 11 new members.
• 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? 40 members

• 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, the Spanish Group circulated the AIPPI Resolutions regarding the Study Questions to the authorities of the SPTO and to the authorities of the most relevant Spanish Ministries and Government, i.e. Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, Subdirection General of Intellectual Property (dependent from the Direction General of Policy and Cultural Industries and Book), General Council of the Judicial Power, Prosecutor General’s Office, ANDEMA (non-profit-making Spanish association representing companies from a range of sectors), ASIPI (Inter-American Association of IP), COAPI (Official Association of Industrial Property Agents)

• 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. Yes, when we organize the Seminar on Industrial and Intellectual Property of the Spanish AIPPI Group, we
inform to young members, in house IP counsels, academicians, judiciary members, etc that attended the previous years, as no members, and we encourage them to become members informing them of all the advantages.

- Please state how your NRG approached nominating candidates in 2018 for Statutory or Standing Committees of AIPPI, and give brief details of any nominations. We approached the nominating candidates by e-mail. The nominated candidates were the following:

  1.- Stanting Committee on Client Attorney Privilege: Mr. Luis-Alfonso Durán.
  2.- Standing Committee on Designs: Ms. Ruth Almaraz.
  3.- Standing Committee on Information Technology and Internet: Mr. Pedro Merino.
  4.- Standing Committee on Patents: Mr. Santiago Jordà.
  5.- Standing Committee on PCT - Patent Cooperation Treaty: Mr. Aurelio Hernández.
  6.- Standing Committee on Pharma: Mr. Nicolas Ruiz and Alfredo Fernández.
  7.- Standing Committee on Biothecnology: Mr. Juan Arias.
  8.- Standing Committee on Standards and Patents: Mr. Jesús Arribas.
  9.- Standing Committee on Trademarks: Mr. Jorge Llevat.
  10.- Standing Committee on Unitary Patent / Unified Patent Court: Mr. Luis-Alfonso Durán

- 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.)

  The biggest challenge for our NRG in 2018 was to increase the number of members.

**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?

  In 2018 we had some difficulties for submitting the Study Reports on line because the platform gave some problems. Therefore, we needed support of the General Secretariat.
• 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?