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About AIPPI

**Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle
International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property**

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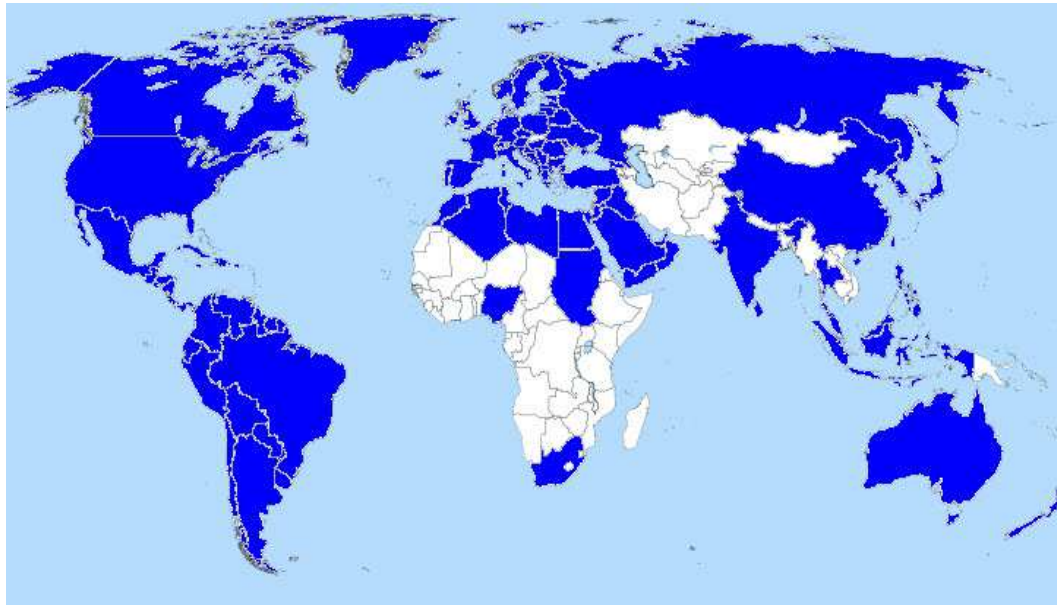
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AIPPI has a long history



1897: Foundation of AIPPI

AIPPI Presence



More than 9,000 members

64 National Groups

2 Regional Groups

190 Independent members

115 Countries represented



What is the general structure of AIPPI?

- The **Executive Committee** is the principal decision making body of the Association and is composed of delegates representing the Members
- The **Bureau** is the managing board of the Association
- The **Council of Presidents** advises the Bureau
- The study work is done in **Working Committees and Standing Committees**

In which areas of IP does AIPPI work?

AIPPI works with IP in a very broad sense, including:

- Patents, utility models, trademarks, designs, copyright, trade secrets, geographical indications, protection against unfair competition, etc

Who are members of AIPPI?

- Anyone with an interest in IP may be a member
- Members include lawyers, patent and trademark attorneys and agents, companies, in-house counsel, judges, academics, marketing people, researchers, and publishers

Is AIPPI a "rightholders' organisation"?

- No
- AIPPI balances the interests of different IP stakeholders:
 - Rightholders
 - Those affected by others' IP rights
 - Society

How does AIPPI work?

- Each year four current IP issues are selected for study, on patents, trademarks, copyright, and an IP general topic
- Standing Committees may also propose studies
- National AIPPI groups submit reports on national law and practice, and proposes possible harmonisation
- The final AIPPI views and proposals, named Resolutions, are published and distributed
- National Group Reports, Summary Reports, and the Resolutions are published on www.aippi.org

What use can you have of AIPPI?

- Find information and facts on issues in IP law and practice through the National Group Reports
- Some 40+ country reports may be submitted on a given study topic
- Available on www.aippi.org

Examples of AIPPI studies in recent years

Patents:

- Second medical use and other second indication claims (Q238, 2014)
- Grace period for patents (Q233, 2013)
- The patentability criterion inventive step (Q217, 2011)
- The person skilled in the art in the inventive step context (Q213, 2010)
- Inventorship of multinational inventions (Q244, 2015)

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Trademarks:

- Infringement of trademarks by goods in transit (Q230, 2012)
- Plain packaging (Q212, Standing Committee Trademarks 2013)

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Copyright:

- Term of copyright protection (Q235, 2013)
- Exhaustion issues in copyright law (Q240, 2014)
- The interplay between design and copyright protection for industrial products (Q231, 2012)

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General IP related:

- The relevance of traditional knowledge to IP law (Q232, 2012)
- Source disclosure in patent applications for genetic resources (Q94, Standing Committee TRIPS and Q166, Standing Committee on Genetic resources/Traditional knowledge, 2010)
- Border measures and other means of customs intervention against infringers (Q208, 2009)
- Relief in IP proceedings other than injunctions or damages (Q236, 2013)