



Standing Committee on **Information Technology and Internet**

2017



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REPORT Standing Committee on

Information Technology and Internet

Chair: Peter FINNIE

Responsible Reporter: John Osha

- 1) Report on the activities of your Standing Committee during the reporting period

Please provide a general overview of the activities of your Standing Committee over the last 12 months, including at least:

- a) Internal meetings of the Standing Committee during the reporting period (whether by telephone, video conference or in person);

Our Standing Committee has participated in numerous activities in the past year.

At the Milan Congress, it was resolved by the Standing Committee members in attendance that the Committee should hold regular teleconference/web conference meetings throughout the year, which are to amount to four meetings during the year. This goal of the Standing Committee was achieved over the past year, with such Committee meetings being held on November 15, 2016, March 21, 2017, June 20, 2017 and August 29, 2017.

- b) any external representation on behalf of AIPPI by any member of your Standing Committee;

None reported.

- c) any contribution by your Standing Committee to any external consultations; and

None reported.

- d) any studies or analyses undertaken or position papers prepared by your Standing Committee, with a brief summary of the outcome(s).

It was moreover resolved at the meeting in Milan that the Committee should aim to collaborate on producing regular content for the AIPPI e-Newsletter. For instance, the Standing Committee resolved at Milan, as one of its ongoing projects, to continue to update its report concerning the Protection of Computer Implemented Inventions that was originally published in the AIPPI e-Newsletter No. 47. In this regard, Roy S. Melzer of the Israeli group submitted a contribution summarizing the position of Israeli law and practice in the matter, and this contribution was also published in AIPPI e-Newsletter No. 51. The Committee has also been working on a comparative review of the validity of Apple's slide-to-unlock patent in various jurisdictions and it has proposed preparing a report on "Expediting Examination in Computer Implemented Technology".

2) Key issues/developments during the reporting period

Please include any significant case law, legislative or regulatory developments, or policy initiatives, including their relevance and/or any implications for the work of your Standing Committee or for AIPPI more generally.

Throughout the past year, our Standing Committee monitored the ongoing progress of the Reporter General's team on the upcoming Sydney Resolution concerning the patentability of computer-related inventions and the protection of graphical user interfaces. The Committee provided comments on the draft Study Question Guidelines for both Questions. The Standing Committee's members moreover became engaged in their respective National Groups with formulating National Group Reports in respect of the Study Questions on which these Resolutions will be based. Richard Brown and Stephan Freischem are the country representatives for their National Groups on the CII Question. The members of the Standing Committee shared the finalized Reports from their National Groups with the other members of the Committee.

In the current year, the Standing Committee analyzed and provided commentary on the Chinese Intellectual Property Office's proposed amendments to their examination guidelines for computer implemented inventions.

3) Any recommendations for AIPPI involvement/action for the next 12 months

This need not be limited to recommendations for your Standing Committee but can be recommendations for AIPPI more broadly. For example, please include:

In each case, please explain why such involvement/action is recommended, by whom it should be undertaken and any relevant time frames.

- a) any recommendations for involvement/action in relation to any upcoming or foreshadowed case law, legislative or regulatory developments, or policy initiatives;
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None.

- b) any other recommendations for AIPPI involvement/action;
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None.

- c) any recommendations for the work programme of your Study Committee.
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See above 1) d) re preparing a report on "Expediting Examination in Computer Implemented Technology".

4) Outline of the work programme of your Standing Committee for the next 12 months

Please set out specific activities and priorities having regard to the matters in 1) - 3) above, including any relevant time frames.

As in past years, Standing Committee members shall continue in the current year to monitor developments in their national jurisdictions on the patentability of computer implemented inventions and other topics falling within the subject matter mandate of the Committee. One of the areas being monitored is the consultation work of the CIFRA on the ICT patents framework.

Names and Functions of Committee Members

Chair(s)	Peter FINNIE	United Kingdom
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Secretary	Thomas KRETSCHMER	Switzerland
Members	Fernando BOUSSO	Brazil
	Richard BROWN	Australia
	Daniel BROWNSTONE	United States
	Alberto CONTINI	Italy
	Korcan DERICIOGLU	Turkey
	Stephan FREISCHEM	Germany
	Jorge GOMEZ ROBLES	Mexico
	Pavel GUERMAN	Russia
	Martin HEMMER	Netherlands
	Masahito IMAI	Japan
	JoAnna LUNA	United States
	Marco MACCALLI	Italy
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