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REPORT

Standing Committee on

Development and IP

Chair: Reinhard OERTLI
Responsible Reporter: Ari Laakkonen

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);

Two conference calls, various bilateral calls and exchanges of emails with both vice-presidents and other members.

b)

were proposals for panel sessions and study questions submitted and/or did your Standing Committee further contribute in this respect (e.g. by providing input to the draft Study Guidelines)?

Proposal for/contribution to panel session Harvesting innovation in agriculture - patents and more. (Cancon 2018), with Eyal Bressler as panelist

c)

any external representation and participation in working groups on behalf of AIPPI by any member of your Standing Committee (e.g. at WIPO, EUIPO);

At meeting of AIPPI Israel, at AIPPI Switzerland, following the 20th Session, November 27 to December 1, 2017 (*Geneva, Switzerland*), and the 21st Session, May 14 to May 18, 2018 (*Geneva, Switzerland*), of WIPO CDIP.

Out of the results of the 20th Session, we refer to;the Summary of the Study on the Use of the Intellectual Property System in Central America and the Dominican Republic. The study

confirms our assumption that Foreigners have been the main users of patents seeking protection in the region (95%), particularly those from USA (50%). The inventors of the region have made little use of the patent system. The few times they did, they have sought protection domestically or outside the region (mainly in the USA), but very little in other countries of the region.

Out of the results of the 21st Session, we refer to Project Proposal from the Delegations of Canada, Mexico and the United States of America on Increasing the Role of Women in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Encouraging Women in Developing Countries to Use the Intellectual Property System.

The Project Proposal contains interesting proposals for increasing the number of women in DC who use IP and the relevance of the IP registered and subsequently controlled by women in DC, such as

- Developed materials for training women inventors and innovators.
- Select an institution, center or organization in each participating country and create a unit or establish a focal point dedicated to supporting women inventors and innovators
- Create a roster of volunteer lawyers and determine their role in supporting women inventors and innovators in making more effective use of the IP system

and refers to existing mechanisms, such as

- The SMEs Women's Program in Mexico, which provides micro, small and medium-sized enterprises led by women with access to preferential financing and business development, while the Victoria 147 platform offers training, incubation, acceleration, and networking features for women entrepreneurs and executives.

Another example is the Inventor Assistance Program (IAP), a WIPO initiative in cooperation with the World Economic Forum, which matches developing country inventors and small businesses with limited financial means with patent attorneys, who provide pro bono legal assistance to secure patent protection.

d)

any contribution by your Standing Committee to any external consultations; and

not responded

e)

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

not responded

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.

New initiatives of WIPO at 20th and 21st session of CDIP (see item 1 c) above).

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;

Initiative of AIPPI to set up roster of senior IP attorneys and patent attorneys to foster IP registration and management by inventors/authors/enterprises in developing countries.

Active role of AIPPI in existing specific initiatives of WIPO and other organisations regarding development and IP (see Project Proposal, item 1.c).

b)

any other recommendations for AIPPI involvement/action;

Recurring, institutionalised event dedicated to delegates from developing countries at each AIPPI congress.

c)

any recommendations for the work programme of your Standing Committee.

To make further proposals for sessions and study questions on issues of particular concern to developing countries.

To actively reach out to delegates from developing countries at AIPPI Congresses.

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.

To develop and propose session topics for upcoming AIPPI Congresses.

To develop and propose study questions for coming years.

Names and Functions of Committee Members

Chair	Reinhard OERTLI	Switzerland
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