



Date: 31st August 2018

REPORT

Standing Committee on

IP and GRTK

Chair: Maria Carmen DE SOUZA BRITO
Responsible Reporter: Yusuke Inui

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);

We usually do not have meetings over the year. As for many years, we usually have one meeting in person during the AIPPI conferences

Meeting during AIPPI Congress in Sydney (2017) - In addition to other topics we reviewed and discussed the answers to the Questionnaire sent to National Groups regarding updated information about requirements in their legislation related to indication of source and/or country of origin of GR and TK in patent applications;

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)?

- Working together with TRIPS SC and Mr. Yusuki, we reviewed additional information regarding updates in legislation of some countries to be used to complement the above mentioned Questionnaire
 - Also working together with TRIPS SC we proposed topic related to Disclosure of Biological Material for a Working Sessions of WTO Public Forum. The session would discuss "*disclosures in patent applications. Sufficiency of disclosure, sufficient description of the invention, protection of biotechnological inventions, patentability of sequence tags, entire genomes, the relevance of traditional knowledge to intellectual property law; any*
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requirement to indicate in patent applications the source or country of origin of genetic resources and traditional knowledge involved in the making of the claimed invention."

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);

We monitored the discussions and conclusions of WIPO IGC on IP and GRTKF - 35th and 36th Sessions . The 37th Session is being held from August 27 to 31, 2018 and the results thereof will also be checked and delivered for the Members

In the last 12 months unfortunately it was not possible to have members of the GRTK SC representing AIPPI in IP events. We usually attend the meetings of WIPO IGC on IP/ GRTKF. However, in 2017 no member resident in Europe was able to be in Geneva at the time of the respective meetings and in view of the cost/benefit relationship, considering the specific topics to be discussed particularly during the 37th Session of that committee, it was decided not incur in considerable costs for having Member outside Europe going to Geneva.

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

Not from the SC

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

Not this year

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.

not responded

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;

not responded

b)

any other recommendations for AIPPI involvement/action;

not responded

c)

any recommendations for the work programme of your Standing Committee.

not responded

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.

One of the goals for next year is to try to have Members attending at least one or two WIPO IGC IP/GRTKF Sessions since those meetings are an important source of information about official and governmental positions and/or tendencies in each country, apart from the importance of having AIPPI always physically represented before WIPO and not to miss any opportunity to present its position (if at all necessary) on relevant discussions that may be raised during the Meeting.

Additionally I intend to encourage Members to be responsible for providing periodic reports on any change in legislation of countries of their regions with comments on whether it would be interesting to have a more detailed study on that.

Names and Functions of Committee Members

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