Group Leadership
The Portuguese national group holds a general assembly every year. Elections for the Board are held every two years. The present members of the Board are:

President: Gonçalo de Sampaio
Vice-president: António Trigueiros de Aragão
Secretary: Maria Cruz Garcia
Treasurer: César bessa Monteiro
Member: Gonçalo Paiva e Sousa

National Activities:
The main focus of AIPPI Portugal attention during 2018 was the revision of our IP Law. AIPPI Portugal was invited by the Government to be part of the working group that proposed the changes to the law. These changes were approved by the Parliament and the new law will came into effect on July 1, 2019.

During the annual General Assembly, there is an invited speaker to talk about IP related matters.

In 2018 The Portuguese group was involved in assisting AIPPI in organizing the “Trademarks, designs and more – AIPPI at the EUIPO”, held in Alicante on April 26.

Also the Association is present in different events related with IP, for which is invited.
Communication / Representation

12 members of the Association were actively involved in the 2018 questions.

AIPPI is periodically contacted by the Portuguese PTO to provide inputs and assistance in several issues.

Also AIPPI Board held meeting with Political Parties in Parliament to provide awareness to IP matters.

During 2018 several media interventions were made, namely presence in TV shows for the IP World Day, newspapers articles on IP issues written by members of the Board. This presence allows to provide more knowledge on IP issues, but also to focus on the existence and relevance of AIPPI.

CHALLENGES

The Group finds a demanding task to motivate members to actively participate in AIPPI activities, namely the Study Questions, regular meetings or the annual Congress.