

AIPPI Activity Report 2019

Q1. What is your AIPPI group's name?

JAPANESE GROUP

Q2. Please list the contributors to this 2019 Group Activity Report. (Max 3).

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Q3. Please indicate your group's activities in 2019, and include more details at the end.

- Annual general meeting
- Training/continuing education
- Submitted/published opinions with regard to IP issues
- Meetings with judges and/or officials of local PTO
- Social events for Group members
- Other activities not already listed

More details on the activities indicated:

Annual General Assembly Meeting

Date: 18 June 2019 - Attendees: 61 - Letters of proxy (for voting): 396 *

Each year, we invite the Commissioner of the Japan Patent Office(JPO) as a speaker. The speaker of this year was Mr. Kunihiko SHIMANO, Deputy Commissioner, and title of the speech was "An Evolving Growth activities in JPO". After the annual meeting, we hold a reception with the participation of JPO executives, judges from the IP High Court and the Tokyo District Court.

Board of Directors Meetings

1. Meeting on Audit Date: 21 May 2019: - Attendees: 29 *

Each year, we invite a speaker from private company to hear the presentation on hot technological topic at the beginning of the meeting. The speaker of this year was Mr. Tomonori BEKKU, General Manager of IP Department, from NISSAN Motor Co., Ltd. and title of the presentation was "Development Strategy and IP Management in NISSAN Motor".

2. Meeting on Nomination Date: 18 June 2019: - Attendees: 41 (3)
3. Meeting on Budget Date: 25 March 2020: - Attendees: 24 * Each year, we invite a speaker from the JPO to hear the presentation on hot administrative topic at the beginning of the meeting. However, it was canceled in consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Senior Directors Meetings

Held monthly except in August (11 meetings in total). Attendees: President, Vice Presidents, Executive Director and Senior Directors

Training/continuing education Case Study Group

In our Case Study Group sessions, lively discussions were conducted with the participation of scholars, people engaged in the JPO's services, the Court Judges and the Academies, as well as the members of AIPPI Japanese Group. This year, we held 8 Case Study Group sessions and the number of participants in total was 596.

Foreign Intellectual Property Seminars

This year, we invited patent attorneys and lawyers from the USA, the EU and other countries and held 11 seminars. The number of participants in total was 349.

Submitted/published opinions with regard to IP issues

We submitted our comments to three public consultations from US, China and India Patent Offices.

Meetings with judges and/or officials of local PTO

We coordinated and attended the meeting of AIPPI Bureau with JAPAN Patent Office on 3 June 2019, and Intellectual Property High Court on 4 June 2019.

Social events for Group members

We had a reception party after Annual General Assembly Meeting on 18 June 2019.

Other activities not already listed Publications

- (1) "A.I.P.P.I.": Monthly Journal for Members of AIPPI Japanese Group
- (2) "A.I.P.P.I.": Bi-Monthly Journal in English for Foreigners
- (3) Publication of Japanese IP Laws in English

AIPPI NAKAMATSU Memorial Scholarship

In the 24th year (FY 2019), there were seven applicants from five universities. After the selection from application documents in the selection committee, we awarded scholarships to two students from overseas.

Software Patent Study Group

Members participated in this study group to discuss developments in the field of software-related inventions in Japan and other countries, based on the examination guidelines/handbooks for patents and utility models. They held eight study sessions last year and published part of their study results in the monthly journal "A.I.P.P.I.". They also invited lecturers from abroad to learn about the actual situations and practices in their countries.

Japan-China-Korea AIPPI Trilateral Meeting

The Trilateral Meeting of the Japanese, the Chinese and the Korean Groups of AIPPI took place in Zhuhai, China, from 31 May to 2 June 2019. In total, 138 attendees from three countries, including 17 members from the Japanese Group.

The topics discussed at the meeting were as follows:

- 1) Updates on IP systems in each country
- 2) Patent Eligibility and Patentability of AI related Inventions
- 3) Consumer Survey Evidence

Meetings with AIPLA

For the three meetings with AIPLA shown below, the Overseas Exchange Committee consisting of members of the Japanese Group (41 members in total: 2 from corporate members) selected topics and speakers:

- (a) AIPLA/JFBA/AIPPI JAPAN Joint Meeting: Held on 8 April 2019 in Tokyo.
- (b) Pre-Meeting held prior to the AIPLA Annual Meeting: Held on 22-23 October 2019 in National Harbour, Maryland.
- (c) Pre-Meeting held prior to the AIPLA Mid-Winter Institute: Held on 28-29 January 2020 in Chandler, Arizona.

Research Activities in the Fields of Intellectual Property

Contract projects from the JPO and INPIT, e.g. Comparative Studies on Foreign Industrial Property Systems.

Q4. What nomination activities for Standing and Statutory Committees happened in your NRG in 2019?

We set up a study committee for each Study Question by recruiting participants from among the members of the Japanese Group. At each committee, its members discussed the topics to form an opinion of the Group. As committee members, we included people who had deep knowledge in the related fields and asked for participation by corporate members in the related industries and young members, as necessary.

Q5. What can you tell us about the Study Question preparation/submission process within your group? Please include details on the participation of members from different professional backgrounds and encouragement of young member participation.

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Q6. How did the NRG and its members participate in international AIPPI Committees work in 2019?

Basically, each committee member participates in the international AIPPI activities on their own. However, when it is necessary to solicit comments from many people, we set up an internal committee for members to exchange their views.