

AIPPI Activity Report 2019/20

Q1

What is your AIPPI group's name?

India National 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,
Submitted/published opinions with regard to IP issues,
Meetings with judges and/or officials of local PTO,
Activities for encouraging /promoting IP awareness,
Other activities not already listed,

More details on the activities indicated:

The AIPPI Indian Group went through the process of election of a New Executive Committee on April 6, 2019 which has led to election of a new set of faces and talents to the Executive Committee.

Participated in a meeting with Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India on 11th September, 2019 on IP reforms in India where various suggestions were exchanged for making India IP office and its administrative mechanism better and more efficient.

T. N. Daruwalla Memorial conducted a special lecture by the AIPPI Indian Group and the Intellectual Property Law Practitioners Association on the subject of "Emerging issues and latest trends on trademark law" on 18th December, 2019 at Mumbai.

A historic order was passed by the Supreme Court of India in a petition filed by AIPPI India Group for reviving IP Tribunal (Intellectual Property Appellate Board) in India on 18th December, 2019 by extending the term of the previous Chairperson for a period of one year i.e. until 21.09.2020.

Attended the Stakeholders meeting at the Intellectual Property Office, Dwarka on 11th December, 2019 and made submissions to Mr. O.P. Gupta, The Controller General of Designs, Patents and Trademarks in respect of the processing of the trademarks applications and also the various challenges or issues being faced by the stakeholders and recommendations to rectify the same.

The Delhi High Court has passed an order dated 20/12/2019 in which AIPPI, amongst other groups, has been directed to file an Amicus brief on the issue of whether the procedure stipulated under Rule 124 of the Trade Mark Rules, 2017 would have to be followed in order to get the Trade Mark included in the list of well-known Trade Marks published by the Trade Mark Registry even after Court has determined a Trade Mark to be well-known). The submissions have been prepared by Mr. Hemant Singh.

Q4

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

There were approximately 27 nominations on different standing committees from India group. No nominations were made for any of the statutory committees.

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.

Study Committee reports prepared, finalized and submitted. There were a total of 4 questions, each examined by one team. After approval of the reports by the executive committee, the study question members have submitted reports online on the SurveyMonkey link. The four study questions for which reports were prepared by each Study Committee were:

- (i) Study Committees Question on Plausibility was led by Ms. Malathi Lakshmikumaran along with Ms. Vidisha Garg and Mr. Essenese Obhan;
- (ii) Study on IP Damages was led by Ms. Mamta Rani Jha along with Ms. Bitika Sharma, Ms. Manisha Singh and Ms. Anusuya Nigam;
- (iii) Study question on Consumer Survey Evidence was led by Mr. Neel Mason individually;
- (iv) Study question on Copyright in AI was led by Mr. Manoj Menda along with Mr. Abhai Pandey and Ms. Niti Dewan.

Q6

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

National Regional Group has participated by making online submissions, attending conference calls and attending committee meetings at the London Congress in September, 2019.