

AIPPI Activity Report 2019/20

Q1

What is your AIPPI group's name?

Vietnamese 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,
Social events for Group members,
In-house counsel and young member participation,
Activities for encouraging /promoting IP awareness,
Other activities not already listed,

More details on the activities indicated:

In 2019, the Vietnamese National Group of AIPPI, as a subgroup of the Vietnam Intellectual Property Association (VIPA) and operating under VIPA's umbrella, carried out a number of IP-related activities as follows:

i Organizing and participating in a number of IP-related programs/ conferences/ seminars/ workshops:

- The AIPPI Vietnamese National Group, operating under VIPA, successfully organized a number of annual programs to support its enterprise members, including "Transparent, Trustworthy and Sustainable Enterprise

– Trusted Vietnamese Goods 2019", "Vietnam Competitive Trademarks - Well-Known Trademarks 2019", "Vietnam Top Brands - Golden Products - Golden Services 2019", etc., in order to assist Vietnamese enterprises in the promotion and development of their brand names and creation of their business credibility.

- On 26 Feb 2019, the AIPPI Vietnamese National Group, operating under VIPA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI), and the International Trademark Association (INTA), successfully organized a conference for "Brand in

relation to strategies of enterprise development” in Ho Chi Minh City, with approximately 180 attendees.

- On 05 July 2019, the AIPPI Vietnamese National Group, operating under VIPA, in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Intellectual Property Office of Vietnam (IP Vietnam), VCCI, and INTA, successfully organized a conference for “Protecting Designs and Trademarks for Vietnamese Enterprises” in Hanoi, with approximately 150 attendants.
- On 11 July 2019, at the invitation of WIPO, Mr. Pham Nghiem Xuan Bac, representing VIPA (of which the AIPPI Vietnamese National Group is a subgroup), participated in the Roundtable for the Executives of National and Regional IP Associations in ASEAN, where he gave a brief introduction, the 2018-2019 activities, and the upcoming directions of VIPA.
- On 27-28 August 2019, at the invitation of the Taiwan Patent Attorneys Association (TWPA), Ms. Nguyen Nguyet Dzung, representing VIPA (of which the AIPPI Vietnamese National Group is a subgroup), gave a presentation on “Vietnam’s IP Landscape” at a seminar held by TWPA in Taiwan.
- On 19 November 2019, the AIPPI Vietnamese National Group, operating under VIPA, invited Professor Jane Ginsburg (Faculty Director of Kernochan Center for Law, Media and the Arts of Columbia University, USA) to join a discussion and share her experience in IP protection and enforcement regarding trademarks and copyrights in the US with the IP representatives.
- On 16 December 2019, the AIPPI Vietnamese National Group, operating under VIPA, in collaboration with the IP Vietnam, successfully organized a seminar on the operation of the Vietnam’s IP system in Hanoi.
- On 20 December 2019, the AIPPI Vietnamese National Group, operating under VIPA, in collaboration with the IP Vietnam, successfully organized a seminar on the activities of IP representation and assessment in Ho Chi Minh City.
- The AIPPI Vietnamese National Group, operating under VIPA, regularly sent its representatives to fully participate in activities of the relevant State authorities and organizations, such as Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations (VUSTA), VCCI, IP Vietnam, and MOST, etc.
- In addition, the AIPPI Vietnamese National Group, operating under VIPA, also attended a number of international conferences held by ASEAN IPA, INTA, APAA, AIPPI (including the 2019 AIPPI World Congress in London and the 4th AIPPI ASEAN Regional Meeting 2019 in Singapore), etc.

ii Continuing activities for encouraging/promoting IP awareness by promoting the use of VIPA website (Vietnamese and English interface) and the Intellectual Property and Creativity magazine to provide IP information to the public.

lii Submitting/publishing opinions with regard to IP issues, such as making comments on the draft of “IP Strategy by 2030” prepared by the IP Vietnam for the Vietnamese Government, and giving opinions on the IP Law Amendment Project and some other IP-related legal documents. It is worth noting that in the year 2019, the AIPPI Vietnamese National Group, operating as a subgroup of VIPA, highly focused on

business enterprises, with a hope that they will pay more attention and participate in the group. Young and/or in-house members are also encouraged to participate in the group.

Q4

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

AIPPI Switzerland re-nominated members for the SC on Designs, SC on Pharma, SC on Trade Secrets, SC on Geographical Indications, SC on Commercialisation of IP.

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.

The AIPPI Vietnamese National Group participated in the following study questions by AIPPI.

- i. Study Question – Plausibility – by Nguyen Nguyet Dzung, Nguyen Huong Giang, Ngo Thu Ha
- ii. Study Question – IP damages for acts other than sales – by Nguyen Thi Thu Ha, Nguyen Vu Quan

The above works were assigned to the most appropriate members from different professional backgrounds for their preparation and implementation. Young members are also encouraged to participate in the works. A member then gathered all the prepared information to generate complete documents which were later reviewed by the relevant leaders for submission to AIPPI.

Q6

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

None.