



## AIPPI Dutch National Group Activity Report 2019

### **Development of membership numbers**

The number of members of the Dutch group was stable in 2019: 445 members (2018: 440 members) of which 114 members are young members, 6 company members and 2 honorary members.

### **Group officers and leadership (board members)**

In 2019 the board of the Dutch Group consisted of: Gwen ten Berge (president); Mr. Bas Pinckaers (secretary); Lillian Hesselink (treasurer); Tanja Tanja-van den Broek; Marieke Westgeest; Jako Eleveld; Derk-Jan de Groot; Stef van Gompel, Peter de Lange and Tobias Cohen Jehoram.

In 2019 the board has met in person and by telephone conference. In November a first brainstorm session was held to investigate new ways to put the objectives and aims of the association in practice. These sessions will have a follow-up in 2020.

### **Representation**

The Dutch group has representatives in the Standing Committee on Trademarks and the Standing Committee on Patents of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs as well as on the Standing Committee on Copyright. The group is represented at the board of the Foundation for the Education of Patent Attorneys.

The association was represented at the annual meeting of the Netherlands Institute of Patent Attorneys in April 2019 by its president, Gwen ten Berge

Board member Derk-Jan de Groot, Director of the Netherlands Patent Office, is representative at the Administrative Council of the EPO.

### **Membership activities**

#### ***a. Educational meetings***

In 2019 the Dutch Group organized several educational meetings

On January 28, a meeting on Second Medical Use Patents was organized, where Mari Korsten and Klaas Bisschop gave a presentation for an audience of 35 members.

On March 13, the Annual IE Symposium was held in Zeist with over 400 participants, members as well as non-members. The VIE-award, awarded to a young contributor for an article in the field of IE was given to Mr. Jeroen Boelens for his article "Parijse perikelen: over de overdracht van voorrangrechten" on the transfer of priority rights.

On May 7, the Annual General Meeting was held together with the discussion of the draft reports on the Questions 2019 and a demonstration hosted by Philips IP&S. During the AGM, the Annual Financial Report was approved. After the AGM, representatives of the four study groups discussed the draft reports that were prepared.

On December 12 a member meeting was organized on priority rights and licenses in bankruptcy with two presentations by Mr. Jeroen Boelens and Prof. mr. Dick van Engelen. The meeting was well attended by almost 60 people. This meeting was combined with a short AGM to discuss the financial plan for 2020,

including an increase of the annual contribution fee per 2020. The members approved the 2020 financial plan. .

### ***b. Young members***

The Young Members Committee organized a well received company visit at the FrieslandCampina factory on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November in Amersfoort.

### ***c. World Congress London***

50 members of the Dutch Group were present at the World Congress in September in London. Dutch members and speakers were well represented among the speakers and panelist at the Congress. The Dutch Group organized a well attended network drink for all Dutch representatives.

The resolutions taken in London have been sent for notification to the Netherlands Patent Office and the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property.

## **Reports by the Dutch Group on AIPPI Study questions**

The Dutch group formed four working groups to prepare the reports that were submitted to the international bureau in May.

Contributors within the working groups were:

#### ***1. Study Group on Plausibility***

Jaap Bremer (Chairman), Bas Berghuis van Woortman, Jeroen Boelens, Tjibbe Douma , Andras Kupecz, Oscar Lamme, Addick Land, Wouter Pors, René Raggars, Paul Reeskamp, Otto Swens, Fleur Tuinzing

#### ***2. Study Group on Consumer Survey Evidence***

Thijs van Aerde (chairman); Liselotte Bekke; Huib Berenschot; Nina Dorenbosch; Jos Klaus; Rutger Stoop; Berend Westerveld

#### ***3. Study Group on Copyright in Artificially Generated Works***

Arnout Groen (chairman), Nine Bennink, Fabienne Dohmen, Martin Hemmer, Robin van Kleeff, Josje Koehof, Bas Pinckaers, Sascha Schalkwijk, Eliëtte Vaal.

#### ***4. Study Group on IP Damages for acts other than sales***

Hidde Koenraad; Carja Mastenbroek, Arie Tol; Moïra Truijens; Nils Winthagen, Francis Van Velsen (Chairman)

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