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Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI)

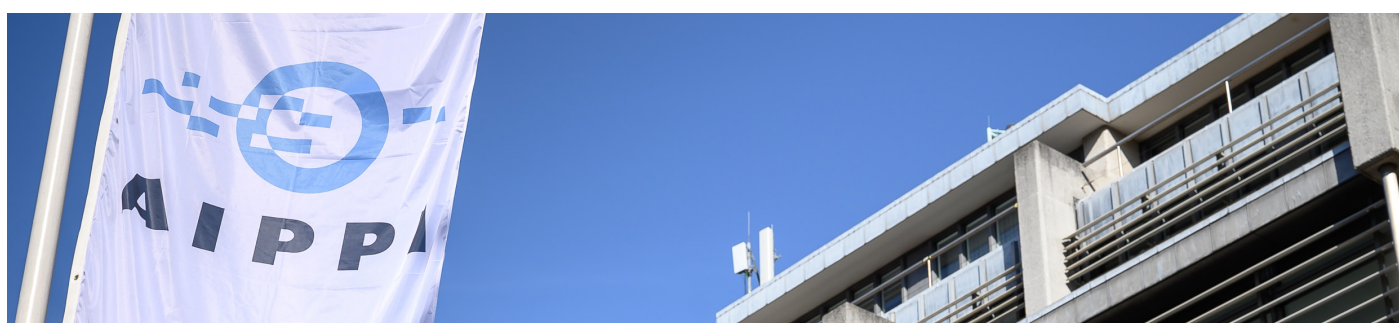
2021 ANNUAL REPORT

AIPPI is the world's leading international organization dedicated to the protection of intellectual property



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President's Address



Luiz Henrique do Amaral, President of AIPPI

Dear AIPPI Members,

I am honoured to be able to address you again in 2021 as president of AIPPI. Despite the continuing challenges presented by COVID-19, AIPPI has been able to prosper thanks to the increasing involvement of our members, by using all digital tools required to keep our Association running, and implementing the strategic initiatives to meet our targets.

I. Achievements in 2021

The 2021 AIPPI World Congress was online again. Thanks to the great work of the Bureau, of all committees and especially the General Secretariat, the participation of our members at the Congress was overwhelming and positioned it as the main IP congress worldwide. There were participants from over 60 countries, 4 studying questions, plenary sessions, 13 panel sessions and 36 AIPPI Cafés.

The Reporter General Team had a decisive role to organize the scientific content and to implement all sessions. Their leadership was vital for the approval by the Executive Committee of 4 resolutions dealing with critical topics of IP and represent a major step by AIPPI to attempt to harmonize the laws and practises concerning cuttingedge subject matters.

AIPPI continues to grow. We have reached more than 8,000 members from over 130 countries and forming 68 active national and regional groups. There are 6 Statutory Committees, 25 Standing Committees and 2 Bureau Advisory Committees. We at AIPPI are very thankful for the splendid work of all our committees.

The National and Regional Groups, which are the backbone of our organization, have devoted substantial time and efforts to support AIPPI. Their commitment and dedication led to the strengthening of our activities on a national level and thus increased AIPPI influence to foster the IP laws and treaties around the globe. We look forward to continue expanding our activities and programs together with the National and Regional Groups.

The 2021 - 2023 AIPPI Strategic Plan has been duly reviewed and approved. It contains the compass to lead our organization into the next years. The details of the plan show the main areas of activities and the targets to be fulfilled to raise the visibility, influence, relevance and spread of our organization worldwide. One specific goal achieved in 2021 was the hiring of our new Executive Director, Judith Willert, who has been warmly welcomed by our membership and will have the tremendous work of helping implement our strategic plan and managing the General Secretariat.

II. Our 125th Founding Anniversary

AIPPI was founded in 1897 in Brussels by a group of visionaries who understood the importance of intellectual property for the development of mankind and foresaw that the need of harmonization of the laws and the network of professionals were essential for innovation and evolution of society.



In 2022, AIPPI completes 125 years of existence. AIPPI has struggled during various crisis during those decades and endured, coming out stronger and more relevant. The world is again facing difficult times and we believe it is essential to remember and honor the past to ensure that AIPPI will maintain its course, endure again and hold its leadership in intellectual property.

In order to mark this special year, the Bureau of AIPPI has planned a series of events for 2022.

We will start with a celebration event in May in Brussels, where it all started, with a day of conference followed by an evening of music concert and dinner. This will be the first AIPPI in-person meeting prior to of the pandemic and there is a great excitement to see our members face-to-face again.

A series of activities, such as webinars and online projects will be designed for 2022. Our main celebration will be in September in San Francisco on the occasion of the 2022 World Congress, which will be held in-person.

Your efforts on behalf of our association are very much appreciated and we hope to see you all during our next events.

You will find in this report many details concerning our activities in 2021 and we encourage you to reach out to us with comments and contributions.

Happy reading!



AIPPI Strategy 2021-2023



Annie Siu-Ting Tsoi, Secretary General of AIPPI

The AIPPI Strategy document summarizes the objectives AIPPI has planned to achieve in 2021-2023. Now on the 2nd year of this journey, AIPPI is working on several initiatives.

The AIPPI Strategy 2021-2023 in a nutshell:

With many isolated during the pandemic, keeping members in touch and extending AIPPI's reach has never been more important. Through digital transformation, AIPPI has hosted many online events. Post-pandemic, AIPPI will continue with targeted webinars, but will also look into developing new event formats such as smaller but more frequent regional meetings. The webinar series "Scan the Globe" will give a voice to our National and Regional Groups to share current and new developments within their IP ecosystems. Further, the continuation of regular National and Regional Group calls will also serve as platforms for knowledge and best practise sharing.

To broaden the scope of discussion and to allow members to stay more closely connected between our Annual Congresses, AIPPI will be hosting online discussions on practical subject matters such as changes brought about by COVID-19 and technology, and how IP practice may adapt to these new challenges. A half-day online summit of the Young AIPPI Forum will give our next generation members good exposure and networking opportunities.

As the world is taking steps to resume in-person activities, AIPPI will be hosting 2 in-person events in 2022; the 125th Anniversary Celebration Conference and Dinner in Brussels, and the World Congress in San Francisco, to provide opportunities to its members to come together again for intellectual exchange.

Despite all the challenges faced by the world, AIPPI will continue to harmonise and improve substantive IP laws and practices to assist intellectual creation, bringing more effective solutions to issues arising from new business models and processes.

AIPPI's position has been one of the strongest in the IP sector. Substantive Resolutions have been distributed and advocated at IP offices and governments around the world. Nevertheless, there are further opportunities for a stronger voice to advocate AIPPI's positions, including through amicus curiae submissions/neutral third party interventions. AIPPI will strengthen its representation in organisations such as WIPO, EUIPO, EPO, Group B+ and others to fully advocate AIPPI Resolutions and positions.

To better engage with the IP Community, AIPPI will adopt more popular and efficient formats in disseminating information and materials. Twitter feeds, social media and other electronic formats will be utilized by AIPPI to lead with "rapid reaction" on developing topics. The members portal will include new features to create added value for our members with a refreshed look & feel. There will be a continued focus on updating and upgrading the overall image of AIPPI through a variety of initiatives covering a much broader facilitation and sponsorship of issues relating to the ever changing technological landscape, cultural development and professional services.

The full version of the Strategy is available at aippi.org/aippi-strategy-2021-23

AIPPI's 7 Strategic goals for 2021-2023



Extending reach of AIPPI during and after the pandemic



Broadening the range of discussion



Harmonisation and improvement of substantive IP laws



Additional opportunities for a stronger voice



More engagement with the IP community



A refresh of AIPPI's presentation



New format events

Facts & Figures

2021 AIPPI World Congress Online

71 Hours of IP related content

36 AIPPI Cafés




13 Panel Sessions

66 Sessions over 9 days

15 Hours of recorded content

13 Sponsored Sessions

National and Regional Groups with the most members

1		Japan
2		Germany
3		France
4		Italy
5		United Kingdom

Social Media statistics at the end of 2021

1		14,300 followers
2		11,800 followers
3		6,800 views
4		2,300 followers
5		730 followers

2021 AIPPI Resolutions

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Four Resolutions were adopted at the 2021 AIPPI World Congress Online. Below you will find a brief description of each; the link will lead you to the full text of the Resolution.

Patents:

[Inventiveness and sufficiency of disclosure in AI inventions](#)

This Resolution concerns the definitions of the person skilled in the art and common general knowledge when assessing inventive step or non-obviousness of Artificial Intelligence ("AI") inventions, having regard to the increasing use of AI in the invention process, and the standard of sufficiency of disclosure concerning AI inventions.

Trade marks:

[Registrability of trade marks against public order or morality](#)

This Resolution concerns the registrability of trade marks contrary to public order or morality. It explores the implementation and application of these grounds for refusal and invalidity.

Designs:

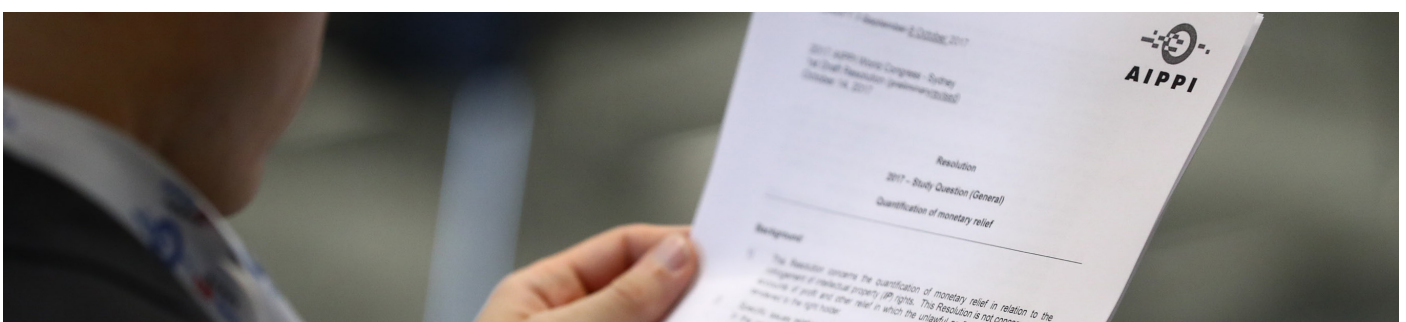
[Industrial designs and the role of prior art](#)

This Resolution addresses the role of prior art with respect to industrial designs when assessing requirements for protection of a design and, in the context of infringement, determining the scope of protection of a design right.

General:

[Reasonable awareness in compensation for infringement of IP rights](#)

This Resolution focuses on the role of awareness (i.e., knowledge) in assessing compensation for infringement of IP rights, whether registered (such as patents, registered designs, and registered trade marks) or unregistered (such as unregistered trade marks, unregistered designs, unregistered copyright, and trade secrets).



2022 Study Questions and AIPPI Standing Committees

The 2022 Study Questions, selected by AIPPI's Executive Committee are:

- **Patents:** Patentability of diagnostic methods
- **Trade marks:** Trade marks and the internet and social media
- **Designs:** Moral rights
- **General:** Protection of trade secrets during civil proceedings

AIPPI Standing Committees

In addition to the AIPPI Resolutions, as always also a lot of substantive work was conducted by AIPPI's Standing Committees throughout the year. A few examples thereof in 2021 are:

- AIPPI's position paper on the waiver for certain provisions of the TRIPS agreement for the prevention, containment and treatment of COVID-19 proposed by some countries within the WTO;
- a Submission regarding the Draft Guidelines for Examination at the EPO;
- a Reply to the public consultation of the European commission on GIs for non-agricultural products;
- a Submission regarding Comments on the Proposed Modifications to the International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

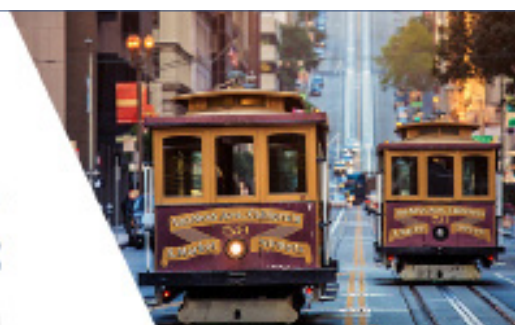
Furthermore, members of the Standing Committees and Bureau members represented AIPPI on multiple occasions, such as at virtual meetings at WIPO, EPO and EUIPO.

Educational programme

In addition to the panel sessions at the AIPPI World Congress (on a wide range of topics, such as Compulsory licensing and TRIPs waivers in relation to COVID-19, Platform liability, Trade mark evergreening and Multijurisdictional inventorship), in 2021 AIPPI webinars were continued as part of AIPPI's educational programme.



AIPPI World Congress
September 10 - 13, 2022



AIPPI Honours



Renata Righetti Pelosi



Jonathan P. Osha

AIPPI Awards

Members who have made particularly noteworthy contributions to AIPPI or to its objectives may receive one of three special awards. They can be appointed as a President of Honour, a Member of Honour or granted an AIPPI Award of Merit.

Presidents of Honour are Members of Honour who are exceptionally distinguished in the field of intellectual property and have given exceptional service to AIPPI.

Members of Honour are people who have displayed outstanding merit in promoting the objectives of the association.

The **AIPPI Award of Merit** is granted to AIPPI members who have distinguished themselves in an outstanding way:

1. in connection with the international activities of AIPPI, in particular as Officers of AIPPI Committees or as Representatives of AIPPI
2. in a long-term leadership function in a National or Regional Group of AIPPI as organizers of international events
3. other unique contributions to the fulfillment of the aims of the association

AIPPI Awards in 2021

At the Grand Finale of the 2021 AIPPI World Congress, the AIPPI President, Luiz Henrique do Amaral, announced the latest recipients of AIPPI honours:

Renata Righetti Pelosi and **Jonathan P. Osha** were named as the new Members of Honour.

Selected AIPPI National & Regional Group Events

AIPPI selected some of the best in-person and online events organized by AIPPI National and Regional Groups in 2021. Quickly adapting to the new normal, the National and Regional Groups offered their members best-in-class events to develop and improve laws to protect intellectual property worldwide.

AIPPI Mexico (AMPPI): 10th International Conference



12-15 April 2021

The Mexican Group of AIPPI (AMPPI) held their annual international event for the first time online.

Attendees enjoyed an engaging program with a panel of renowned international and national speakers who discussed the **new reality**.

2021 AIPPI China Youth IP Seminar



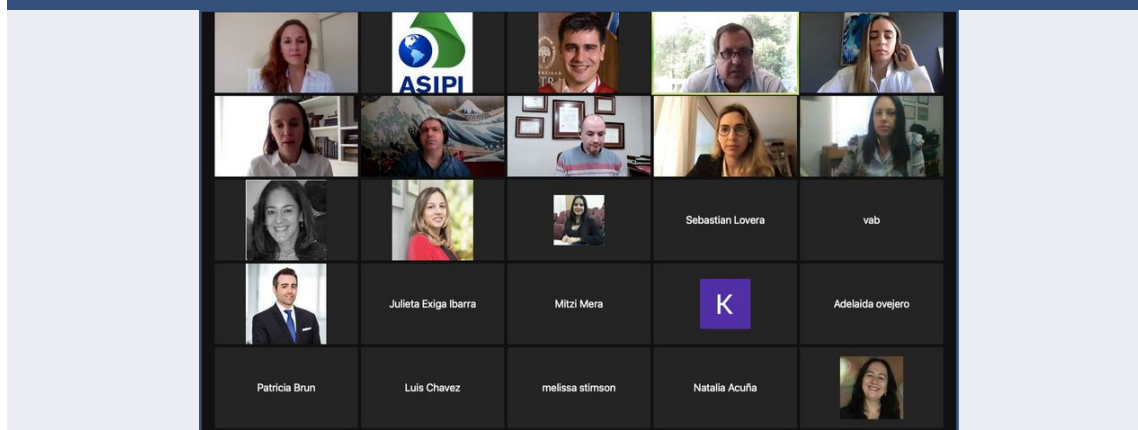
22-23 April 2021

The 2021 AIPPI China Youth IP Seminar was successfully held in Beijing, welcoming more than **110 attendees**, most of them young lawyers and patent or trade mark attorneys.

Distinguished judges from the Supreme People's Court (SPC) and officials from the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) were invited to share their perspectives on various IP-related topics.

Selected AIPPI National & Regional Group Events

AIPPI Paraguay: Co-hosted Webinar with ASIPI and APAPI



26 April 2021

The Paraguayan Group of AIPPI, together with the Inter-American Association of Intellectual Property (ASIPI) and the Paraguayan Association of Intellectual Property Agents (APAPI) organized a webinar called “IP & SMEs: Successful cases of Paraguayan SMEs” to celebrate the World Intellectual Property Day.

The participants were able to benefit from the experience of three successful SME leaders in the fields of technology, gastronomy, and textiles.

AIPPI France: Online meeting with AIPLA and other French IP associations



22 June 2021

The French Group of AIPPI, together with the ASIPI, APEB, CNCPI and AIPLA co-hosted an online meeting, presenting important topics such as COVID-19 IP waiver in Europe and the availability of preliminary injunctions in French patent cases.

The participants also enjoyed talking about IP in AI and design.

Financial Information

Balance Sheet (CHF)

Current Assets

3,324,204

Fixed Assets

3,202

Total Assets

3,327,406

Short-term Liabilities

236,769

Long-term Liabilities

162,500

Equity Capital (CHF)

Retained Surplus

2,784,182

Profit in 2021

143,955

Total Equity Capital

2,928,137

Total Liabilities

3,327,406

*Numbers have not been audited
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Profit & Loss

Revenue

Subscription

1,344,873

Other Income

10,344

Total Revenue

1,355,217

Total Expenses

1,081,506

GS Profit / Loss

273,711

Congress Revenue

403,510

Congress Expenses

533,266

Congress Profit / Loss

- 129,756

Total Profit

143,955

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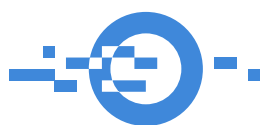
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