



## Report Q132

### IT and Internet

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There have been several changes to the composition of the committee in 2014, and as Chairman I would like to thank the previous members of the committee for their work. We welcome new members from the US, Australia and China.

Intellectual property case law and practice continues to develop in this important area of technology. Members of Special Committee Q.132 maintain an active watch for new developments which warrant further analysis on behalf of the wider membership of AIPPI.

Members of the committee contributed to an *Amicus Curiae* brief submitted by our colleagues from AIPLA in January 2014, in **Alice Corp. v. CLS Bank International** before the United States Supreme Court. The decision in this case has now been issued by the Supreme Court and will be the subject of Workshop V at the forthcoming AIPPI World Congress in Toronto, on 17 September 2014.

In addition, given the recent developments in the US, Europe and elsewhere in this area, the committee are currently updating our previous paper which summarises the state of the law in several jurisdictions. We aim to have this updated paper ready for publication in September 2014.

The committee plans to study decisions in this area to evaluate the actual or emerging requirement in several jurisdictions for some form of technical character or technical contribution. The US Supreme Court decision in *Alice v. CLS* has placed renewed focus on this increasingly important issue. Patent offices and Courts around the World have generally declined to define what the term 'technical' means, creating a degree of uncertainty on patent eligibility for computer implemented inventions.

#### Peter Finnie (Chairman)