



## AIPPI Membership Brochure and Application

### AIPPI – Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle

The initials AIPPI are taken from the French name of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property. This is an international organization composed of business firms, executives, lawyers, educators, patent agents, inventors and other persons interested in the worldwide protection of patents, designs, trademarks, trade names, know-how, goodwill, copyright and other intellectual property rights, and in the elimination of unfair trade practices.

**AIPPI-United States** – The AIPPI-Division of AIPLA, was originally founded as a non-profit organization in 1930 and has approximately 800 members, including both individuals and corporations. In October 2012, AIPLA acquired the AIPPI-US Group. Membership in AIPPI UNITED STATES automatically includes membership in AIPPI. The United States has one of the largest representations on the International Executive Committee of AIPPI.

### About AIPPI-International

AIPPI has over 8,000 members. It operates mainly through national groups such as the US Group, which now exist in over 50 countries. In addition, AIPPI has two regional (multi-national) groups as well as individual members in countries where no National Groups have yet been formed. The members of AIPPI represent more than 100 countries.

Since its formation in 1897, the primary function of AIPPI has been to act as the principal voice for the private sector on all international developments in the field of intellectual property. AIPPI regularly attends diplomatic conferences and meetings of international committees of experts convened by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and other similar organizations. At these meetings, AIPPI is recognized as an official observer with speaking rights. Conferences in which AIPPI has participated include those which adopted the texts of successive revisions of the Paris Convention of 1883, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Trademark Law Treaty, the Madrid Protocol and others. The voice of the private sector has been heard through AIPPI on patent harmonization, revisions to the Madrid Convention and the Berne Convention.

Pioneering work has been done in recent years on such topics as the protection of computer software, domain names and patent protection for biotechnology (members of the US Group were in the forefront of these activities). It is also very active in trademark and copyright issues. All existing AIPPI Resolutions and pending Working Questions are listed in detail on the AIPPI website at [www.aippi.org](http://www.aippi.org).

### About the US Division of AIPPI

The US Group holds an annual meeting for all its members each fall. This is typically a one-day meeting for which CLE credit is requested. Members also receive all AIPPI publications which give a worldwide view of intellectual property law.

### Policy-Making

The US Group works within the framework of AIPPI to advance the interests of US practitioners and IP owners in the international intellectual property field. The group works through working committees drawn from the membership which address and report on the various Working Questions formulated by AIPPI. The US positions on these Questions are then advocated by delegates to the AIPPI World Congress or Executive Committee Meeting where the Questions are agenda items. **A strong US Group membership is important in enabling the United States to express its normative views on the positions that AIPPI adopts and urges upon governments and inter-governmental organizations.**

### AIPPI Congresses and Executive Committee Meetings

AIPPI organizes a Congress every two years which members throughout the world may attend. Over 2,000 members plus accompanying persons normally attend a Congress. Pending Questions are discussed and debated and resolutions are adopted. Congresses also serve as a forum for workshops of a continuing legal education nature on contemporary issues. In the years between Congresses, the Association makes decisions through meetings of its Executive Committee and its Council of Presidents.

