

# AIPPI-US Division of AIPLA



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To our AIPPI-US Members:

This letter provides an update on our Division's activities.

## AIPPI 2015 Rio de Janeiro World IP Congress October 11 - 14

So far at least 1244 participants from 79 countries, including 84 from the U.S., have registered to attend the Rio Congress. The Brazil group is planning an excellent program of substantive meetings and social events. We hope to see you there. If you have not already registered, the next deadline (for regular registration fees) is Wednesday, September 2. The Brazil hosts have reminded us that the Brazil real is currently low compared to the US dollar, so perhaps now is a good time to plan a trip to Brazil.

The link to the registration on on-line program is here: [www.aippi.net](http://www.aippi.net)

For all AIPPI-US Division members who will be attending, we will be having a US delegation reception (cash bar), at a location to be determined, on Sunday evening, October 11, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., immediately preceding the Opening Ceremony.

And for anyone who will be attending, you should know that Brazil requires a visa for US citizens. You can apply through the Brazilian embassy or your nearest Brazilian consulate. Visas cannot be obtained at the airport, and immigration authorities will refuse entry into Brazil to anyone not possessing a valid visa.

A tourist visa should be sufficient for this trip. But to obtain a tourist visa, you will still need a letter of invitation. AIPPI-US Division attendees can contact the Brazil Group's meeting planner, Claudia Antonaccio ([claudiaantonaccio@regencyeventos.com.br](mailto:claudiaantonaccio@regencyeventos.com.br)), to receive a letter of invitation that can be used with the Brazilian embassy or consulate to obtain a visa.

Your membership must be current in order to register and attend the Congress. If you're not sure whether you've renewed this year, please contact us at [aippi-us@aipla.org](mailto:aippi-us@aipla.org) and we will check your member status.

## Growth of the United States Group

Our membership has been growing steadily over the last three years, since we have become a part of AIPLA. We now have over 560 active members (well on our way toward our ambitious

goal of 600 by the Rio meeting), which makes us one of the larger national groups among all of the AIPPI national groups. As a result of this growth, we will have 12 official delegate seats at the Rio Congress, plus our presidential delegate seat, the largest number we have had in several years. As we continue to publicize the benefits of AIPPI membership, and coordinate our work with the global outreach activities of the larger AIPLA, we expect our membership will continue to grow.

Please do everything you can to spread the word among your colleagues, and remind them of the motto/tagline of the AIPPI-US Division of AIPLA- "Become an International IP Lawyer."

#### Changes to AIPPI-US Division Operating Procedures concerning Nominations and Elections

Our Steering Committee has recommended some changes to our Operating Procedures governing elections of Officers and Steering Committee members. The text of the proposed changes has been posted on our web site [www-aippi-us.org](http://www-aippi-us.org), and will be emailed to all members soon. The changes are intended to make the AIPPI-US Division nominating procedures more consistent with the AIPLA nominating and election procedures. **We plan to vote on these proposed changes at our annual meeting on October 23, 2015.** If you have any questions or comments about these proposed changes, please let me know.

#### AIPPI San Francisco 2021 World IP Congress Planning Committee

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, the US Group was honored to be selected to host the AIPPI World Congress in 2021 in San Francisco. So we have begun putting together a Planning Committee to begin planning the event, which is a little more than six years away! Several people have already stepped forward, but we still need many more volunteers, including people from outside California. If you are interested in being part of the Planning Committee, or have any other thoughts or suggestions about the 2021 AIPPI World IP Congress, please let me know as soon as possible.

#### Study Questions for the AIPPI Milan 2016 Congress

The AIPPI Reporter General Team conducted a survey among delegates to select the four working question topics for the 2016 Milan Congress. The topics will be introduced in detail during a session at the Rio Congress. The titles for the four 2016 study questions will be:

- Patents: Added matter: the standard for determining adequate support for amendments
- Trademarks / Designs: Requirements for protection for industrial designs
- Copyrights: Linking and making available on the Internet
- General: Security interests over intellectual property rights

#### New AIPPI-US Division Corporate Sub-Committee

One of the interesting things about the growth in our membership is the fact that many of our newest members are corporate attorneys. To address the interests and goals of our corporate members, and to give corporate attorneys a "home" within the AIPPI-US Division, we have decided to form an informal (for now) Corporate Sub-Committee. The co-chairs of that Sub-Committee (who are still being solicited) will be contacting all of the 60+ corporate members to solicit their thoughts and ideas about projects and goals for this new committee. If you are a corporate attorney and a member of AIPPI-US Division, be on the lookout for an email soon about this.

For those corporate attorneys attending the Rio Congress, there will be a meeting for corporate/in-house attorneys only, on Tuesday, October 13, 5:45 - 7 p.m., at a location to be announced in Rio.

If you have any questions, comments, or ideas about this, please let feel free to let me know.

**AIPPI-US Division Annual Meeting and International Reception, Friday, October 23, 2015**

We will have our Annual Meeting in Washington during the AIPLA Annual Meeting on Friday afternoon, October 23, 2015. Among other things, the meeting will include elections and a brief update on our past year's activities. The complete agenda and nominations will be circulated some time in September or early October.

In addition to the meeting, we will continue with an expanded version of what is now becoming a tradition - a reception following our meeting. This reception, which we are calling the "International Reception," will be open to all persons attending the AIPLA who are interested in the AIPLA's international activities, with a special emphasis and invitation to international attendees at the AIPLA meeting. We are seeking sponsors for the reception, and hope to make this an annual tradition.

**Conclusion**

The AIPPI-US Division could always use your help and active support. Please take advantage of some of the many opportunities to get more involved in the work of our Division. We are looking forward to the AIPPI Rio Congress this October, continued growth in our numbers, and further expansion in our activities. Please let me know if you have any ideas or thoughts in this regard.

"AIPPI-US Division - become an international IP lawyer."

With best regards,

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Chair, AIPPI-US Division

