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Dear AIPPI-US Members,

Here's the latest information from the US Division of AIPPI

Study Committee Reports for Milan Congress

Our Study Committees have recently completed draft reports on this year's four Study Questions for the AIPPI Milan 2016 Congress:

- Patents: Added matter: the standard for determining adequate support for amendment (Co-chairs Sabing Lee and Denise Kettelberger)
- Trademarks/Designs: Requirements for protection for industrial designs (Co-chairs Chris Carani and John Bird)
- Copyrights: linking and making available on Internet (Chair Kevin Tottis)
- General/miscellaneous: Security interests over intellectual property rights (Co-chairs Marc Richards and Kelly Hyndman)

The draft reports have been approved by our Division's Steering Committee. The next step is to for these reports to be reviewed by the respective AIPLA substantive committees, then approved by the AIPLA Board of Directors at the AIPLA Spring meeting in May. They will then be submitted to the AIPPI international Reporter General team, to be combined with the reports from the other national groups, and draft resolutions will be prepared for discussion at the Milan congress in September.

Opportunities for US members to speak in Panel Sessions at Milan Congress

The AIPPI international Bureau and the Milan Congress Organizing Committee has announced the list of Panel Sessions (workshops) that will take place at the Milan Congress. The topics are listed below, and more information about the sessions can be found at the following link: <http://aippi.org/panel-sessions2016/>

- Pharma Session 1 - "In(gene)ious but not patentable? Patentable subject matter"
- Pharma Session 2 - Biosimilars - similar but different?
- Pharma Session 3 - Skinny Labels - Wide Impact
- Pharma Session 4 - Antitrust and Pharma - Seeking a Balance
- Panel Session I - General IP - Buon appetito! IP & Food
- Panel Session II - Patent - Infringers without borders - current issues in contributory infringement
- Panel Session III - Copyright/Trademark - An indication of developments in GIs (Geographical Indications)

- Panel Session IV - General IP -Top IP tips: the TPP and the TTIP (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership)
- Panel Session V - General IP - IP & Fashion
- Panel Session VI - High Technology - Computer implemented technologies: patentable?
- Panel Session VII - High Technology -No frontiers: the European Digital Single Market
- Panel Session VIII - Patents - Prioritising priority rights
- Panel Session IX - Patent - UPC Mock Trial
- Panel Session X - Copyright/Trademark - Unwrapping the European Trademark Reform Package
- Panel Session XI - Copyright/Trademark - Speaking freely about parody
- Lunch Session 1 - Judge's Panel - Expert Evidence and the Role of Experts

They are currently filling the slots for speakers and moderators in the next month. While the opportunities are limited, those US members who have expertise in these areas should let me or the AIPPI reporter general team know if you are interested in speaking, or if you have any suggestions for speakers.

Opportunities to join AIPLA International Practice Committee Trips

AIPLA International Practice Committees typically make trips overseas to meet with various groups, including patent office officials, intellectual property law association groups, corporate attorneys and business people, and for the last several years, the national group of AIPPI in the countries they have visited. The delegations of AIPLA IP Practice Committee members who make these trips have made some limited space available for AIPPI US Division members who are interested in joining the trips. The upcoming trips that may have room for AIPPI US members are:

- April 24 - 29: IP Practice in the Far East trip to Korea (April 25 - 26) and Indonesia (April 27 - 28)
- June 6-10: IP Practice in Latin America trip to Peru (June 6 - 7) and Colombia (June 9 - 10)
- June 12 -17: IP Practice in China trip to Beijing (June 13 - 15) Shanghai (June 16 -17)
- June 12 - 17: IP Practice in Europe trip to London (June 12 - 13), Paris (June 14), Munich (June 15 1- 16), and Milan (June 17)

If you are interested in joining the delegations on any of these trips, please let me know.

Growth of the US Group

Our Division now has more than 600 members, which makes us one of the three or four largest national groups in AIPPI. If you haven't renewed or indicated your plan to renew (and many of you have, please do so as soon as possible. Here's the link to renew <http://aippi-us.org/Membership%20Dues.html> or email aippi-us@aipla.org and let us know.

Corporate Sub-Committee

Our recently formed Corporate Sub-Committee is up and running. Our Division has more than 75 corporate members. The Sub-Committee is responsible for addressing issues of interest to corporate IP practitioners. It is co-chaired by Andrea Kamage (akamag13@its.jnj.com) and Naomi Voegtli (naomi.voegtli@vantiv.com). The mission of the Sub-Committee is to provide a platform to network, share best practices, deepen knowledge, influence AIPPI-

US, and represent issues that are of particular concern to corporate IP practitioners in the global AIPPI organization.

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

With best regards,

Philip C. Swain
Chair, AIPPI-US Division

Upcoming Activities of AIPPI . . .

- AIPPI-US Division/IP Practice in Europe (Joint Meeting), Thursday, May 19, 3:30 -5:30 PM (during AIPLA Spring meeting, Minneapolis, MN)
- AIPPI World Congress, [September 16-20, 2016, Milan, Italy](#)
- See the complete list of upcoming AIPPI programs at the following: <http://aippi.org/events/>



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