



January 13, 2017

Dear AIPPI-US Members,

## **Re: Formation of Sydney Study Committees for the 2017 Congress**

We have received the details Study Questions for this year, which can be viewed via the links below.

We will be forming our US Study Committees, to draft reports responsive to the Study Questions, during the next weeks of January and February. For those who have already voiced interest in volunteering, we thank you. We still welcome additional help on each of the four topics:

- Patentability of computer implemented inventions
- Bad faith trademarks
- Protection of graphical user interfaces
- Quantification of monetary relief

Your involvement in a Study Committee and your work with a team on the preparation of a national group report is an excellent way to become involved in the work of AIPPI. The Study Questions will be the main focus of the [Annual AIPPI World Congress in Sydney](#), this October 13 - 17, 2017.

**The deadline for the AIPPI-US to submit its Study Committee reports to the AIPPI Reporter General team is Monday, May 8, 2017.** Our internal deadlines will be earlier, in the second half of March, to allow sufficient time for the reports to be reviewed and approved by the AIPPI-US Division Steering Committee, as well as the AIPLA substantive law committees and the AIPLA Board.

If you are interested in joining one of the AIPPI-US Sydney Study Question Committees, please let me know by **Friday, January 20**. If you would like to chair or co-chair a particular

Study Question Committee, that interest is also welcome-please let me know.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SEASON IS OPEN!**

You may have just received your renewal notice for 2017 for your AIPPI-US Membership. Please be sure to renew, or indicate your intention to renew, by March 31, 2017 when we need to submit our official roster to AIPPI. If you're new to AIPPI, you may have a dues credit, please contact us at [aippi-us@aipla.org](mailto:aippi-us@aipla.org) with questions. Click [here](#) to pay your dues online.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

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