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Governing Bodies of WIPO

WIPO Budget Committee

Fifteenth Session

WIPO Premises Committee

Sixth Session

(Geneva, September 9 to 11, 1996)

The WIPO Budget Committee held its fifteenth session and the WIPO Premises Committee its sixth session jointly in Geneva from September 9 to 11, 1996. The following 23 States, members of the WIPO Budget Committee, the WIPO Premises Committee, or both Committees, were represented at the joint session: Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Japan, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Russian Federation, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay. The following 30 States members of WIPO but not members of the WIPO Budget Committee or the WIPO Premises Committee were represented by observers: Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Cameroon, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Iraq, Italy, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, New Zealand, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka,

Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, Zimbabwe.

The Budget and Premises Committees reviewed the opinion and report of an independent expert on WIPO's needs for additional premises and a memorandum by the Director General on building on the "Steiner lot." The Budget and Premises Committees made two recommendations to the General Assembly. The first was that the International Bureau organize an international architectural competition for constructing a building on the "Steiner lot," it being understood that the competition and its results should not prejudice in any manner any decision to be taken by the two Committees of the Governing Bodies to address the premises needs of WIPO. The second was that the Director General appoint an independent consultant, to be selected by the chairperson of the two Committees, to identify, evaluate and report on rental, purchase and construction options available in Geneva to WIPO for meeting its premises and conference facility needs.

Notifications Concerning Treaties Administered by WIPO

WIPO Convention

Accessions

ERITREA

The Government of Eritrea deposited, on November 20, 1996, its instrument of accession to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, signed at Stockholm on July 14, 1967.

The said Convention will enter into force, with respect to Eritrea, on February 20, 1997.

WIPO Notification No. 189, of November 5, 1996.

NEPAL

The Government of Nepal deposited, on November 4, 1996, its instrument of accession to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, signed at Stockholm on July 14, 1967.

The said Convention will enter into force, with respect to Nepal, on February 4, 1997.

WIPO Notification No. 187, of November 5, 1996.

OMAN

The Government of Oman deposited, on November 19, 1996, its instrument of accession to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, signed at Stockholm on July 14, 1967.

The said Convention will enter into force, with respect to Oman, on February 19, 1997.

WIPO Notification No. 188, of November 19, 1996.

Berne Convention

Accession

CUBA

The Government of Cuba deposited, on November 20, 1996, its instrument of accession to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works of September 9, 1886, as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971, and amended on September 28, 1979, with the declaration that Cuba avails itself of the faculties provided for in Articles II and III of the Appendix to the said Convention.

Furthermore the said instrument of accession contains the following declaration:

“The Government of the Republic of Cuba does not consider itself bound by the provisions of Article 33(1) of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works under which the International Court of Justice may be competent to hear any dispute between two or more countries concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention.” *(Translation)*

The Berne Convention as revised will enter into force, with respect to Cuba, on February 20, 1997. On that date, Cuba will also become a member of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (“Berne Union”), founded by the Berne Convention.

Berne Notification No. 176, of November 20, 1996.

Hague Agreement

Act (1967) and will become a member of the Hague Union.

The Hague Act (1960) and the Stockholm (Complementary) Act (1967)

The Hague Notification No. 39, of November 11, 1996.

Accession

BULGARIA

The Government of Bulgaria deposited, on November 11, 1996, its instrument of accession to the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs of November 6, 1925, as revised at The Hague on November 28, 1960 ("the Hague Act (1960)"), supplemented at Stockholm on July 14, 1967 ("Stockholm (Complementary) Act (1967)") and amended on September 28, 1979.

Bulgaria has not heretofore been a member of the Union for the International Deposit of Industrial Designs ("Hague Union"), founded by the Hague Agreement.

The Hague Act (1960) will enter into force, in respect of Bulgaria, on December 11, 1996. On that same date, Bulgaria will become bound by Articles 1 to 7 of the Stockholm (Complementary)

Patent Cooperation Treaty

Ratification

YUGOSLAVIA

The Government of Yugoslavia deposited, on November 1, 1996, its instrument of ratification of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), done at Washington on June 19, 1970.

The said Treaty will enter into force, with respect to Yugoslavia, on February 1, 1997.

PCT Notification No. 115, of November 1, 1996.

Normative Activities of WIPO

Committee of Experts on Well-Known Marks

Second Session

(Geneva, October 28 to 31, 1996)¹

The following 54 States members of WIPO or of the Paris Union were represented at the session: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa

Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sin-

¹ For the note on the previous session see *Industrial Property and Copyright*, 1996, p. 57.

gapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan. The European Communities (EC) were also represented. A representative of the Benelux Trademark Office (BBM) took part in the session in an observer capacity. The representatives of 17 non-governmental organizations took part in the session in an observer capacity. The Committee of Experts examined a set of draft provisions that aimed to improve the protection of well-known marks. Whether or not these *draft provisions* will be adopted in the form of a recommendation by the General Assembly of WIPO or the Paris Union Assembly or in the form of an international instrument such as a Protocol to the Trademark Law Treaty (TLT) remains undecided. It was agreed to wait until sufficient agreement had been reached on the content of the proposed revisions before examining that question in detail.

A large majority of the delegations and of the observer representatives

(i) spoke in favor of a broad definition of the protection of well-known marks that was not limited to disputed marks but would also cover tradenames, symbols, emblems and logos used in business;

(ii) considered that use of the well-known mark in the country where protection was claimed should not be a condition for protection.

With respect to the territory on which the mark had to be well-known and the persons to whom the mark had to be well-known, it was agreed that knowledge of the mark in the relevant sector of the public and knowledge of the mark on the territory on which it was to be protected should be adequate, but without excluding other factors outside that territory.

With regard to the criteria for determining whether a mark was to be protected as a well-known mark, it was emphasized that account had to be taken not only of advertising at local level, but also of that carried out at worldwide level. It was also proposed that a criterion be added in order to measure the distinctive nature, whether

inherent or acquired, of a mark. A suggestion was also made that account be taken in determining whether a mark was well-known or not of the extent to which it had been registered worldwide and of the record of successful enforcement of that mark.

Several delegations held with respect to the content of protection that a well-known mark should be protected only as of the time it became well-known and only for the time during which it was considered well-known, and wished for that point to be expressly mentioned in the draft. However, it was also noted that each country should be free to afford protection to well-known marks on the basis of less stringent criteria.

The majority of delegations that spoke on the matter of refusal of registration noted that the task of determining whether a mark was well-known should not be placed on the offices since many of them did not have the necessary resources for assessing whether a mark was well-known or for gathering conclusive evidence. The representatives of observer organizations nevertheless held that applications for registration of marks that were obviously in conflict with well-known marks should, in any event, be systematically refused. It was further suggested that a possibility be studied of requiring offices to determine *ex officio* whether a mark was well-known only where no opposition procedure existed.

With regard to the procedure for invalidating and prohibiting use, practically all delegations and representatives of observer organizations spoke in favor of maintaining the five-year period laid down in Article 6*bis*(2) of the Paris Convention and several delegations suggested the possibility of introducing a time limit for filing a request for prohibition as provided for by the second sentence of that Article.

It is planned to convene the Committee of Experts for a third session, which is likely to be held during the second half of 1977, in order to consider a new draft of the provisions.

Registration Systems Administered by WIPO

Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Training and Promotion Meetings for PCT Users

Algeria. In September 1996, a government official had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on Algeria's possible accession to the PCT.

Brazil. In September 1996, Mr. Américo Puppín, President, National Institute of Industrial Property, had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on the PCT.

Indonesia. In September 1996, Mr. Sumarjato Kayatmo, Director General of Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks, discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva Indonesia's possible accession to the PCT.

Japan. In September 1996, three judges of the Tokyo High Court and Tokyo District Court, specializing in intellectual property matters, visited WIPO and were given a presentation on the PCT by WIPO officials.

Malaysia. In September 1996, two government officials discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva Malaysia's possible accession to the PCT.

Thailand. In September 1996, two government officials discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva Thailand's proposed accession to the PCT.

United Kingdom. In September 1996, two WIPO officials gave presentations on the PCT at a PCT seminar organized in London by a conference-planning company. There were 24 participants, who were patent administrators and patent attorneys, mainly from industry and law firms.

African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI). In September 1996, an OAPI official had

discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on certain PCT-related issues.

Afro-Asian Legal Consultative Committee. In September 1996, a senior official of the said Committee's secretariat had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on the PCT and its advantages for developing countries.

China Patent Agency (Hong Kong) Ltd. In September 1996, two representatives of that Agency visited WIPO and were given a tour of the PCT operations.

Computerization Activities

United States of America. In September 1996, a WIPO official attended a meeting of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)/Japanese Patent Office (JPO)/European Patent Office (EPO) Trilateral Working Group on Legal Aspects of Electronic Reports, organized by the USPTO in Washington, D.C., and also had discussions on the PCT with staff members of the PCT International Division of the USPTO.

European Patent Office (EPO). In September 1996, five WIPO officials participated in a meeting of the WIPO/EPO Technical Working Group organized by the EPO in The Hague. Discussions concerned, in particular, cooperation in the electronic transmission of priority documents and the development of the EASY (Electronic Application System) filing software.

Also in September 1996, a WIPO official had discussions with EPO officials in Munich on various PCT matters, including possible changes to the PCT system.

Madrid Union

Training and Promotion Meetings for Users of the Madrid System

Brazil. In September 1996, Mr. Américo Puppin, President, National Institute of Industrial Property, discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva the advantages for Brazil of adhering to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement ("the Madrid system").

Indonesia. In September 1996, Mr. Sumarjato Kayatmo, Director General of Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks, discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva the advantages for Indonesia of joining the Madrid system.

Liberia. In late September and early October 1996, Mr. George S. Dunor, Assistant Minister, Bureau of Archives, Patents, Trade Marks and Copyright, and another government official visited WIPO to receive training in the administrative procedures and data collections under the Madrid system (Liberia became party to the Madrid Agreement on December 25, 1995).

Norway. In September 1996, two WIPO officials made presentations on the Common Regula-

tions under the Madrid Agreement and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement at a seminar on the Madrid Protocol organized in Oslo by the Norwegian Patent Office and attended by about 45 trademark agents and attorneys. The WIPO officials also gave a training course on the Madrid system to some 20 staff of the Office, mainly examiners.

South Africa. In September 1996, two government officials discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva the advantages for South Africa of joining the Madrid system.

United Kingdom. In September 1996, a WIPO consultant from the United Kingdom gave a presentation on the Madrid Protocol at a conference on Community and international trademark registration, organized in London by a private conference-planning company.

Computerization Activities

Benelux Trademark Office (BBM). In September 1996, the Director of BBM, Mr. Pierre J.V. Rome, visited WIPO and had discussions with WIPO officials on electronic communications between BBM and WIPO.

WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center

Group of Experts

(Geneva, September 18, 1996)

On September 18, 1996, a Group of Experts met at WIPO's headquarters in Geneva to revise the draft WIPO Emergency Relief Rules, which are intended to make available an optional facility for obtaining emergency interim relief. The Group of Experts comprised the following four persons:

Dr. Marc Blessing, President, Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA); Mr. Gerold Herrmann, Secretary, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), Vienna; Mr. Jan Paulsson, Vice-President, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA); Professor Albert Jan van den Berg, Vice-President, Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI). The proposed new facility would be available to parties as an additional and optional feature of arbitration under the WIPO Arbitration Rules. The draft WIPO Emergency

Relief Rules will be submitted to the WIPO Arbitration Council for its advice in November 1996.

Other Activities

United Kingdom. In September 1996, a WIPO official made a presentation on WIPO mediation and the role of mediation in patent dispute resolu-

tion, at a Seminar on Patent Disputes in the 1990s, organized in Birmingham by a private firm of patent attorneys, for patent attorneys and representatives of British enterprises. He also spoke on WIPO arbitration at a meeting of the International Arbitration Club in London, attended by some 40 persons, mainly lawyers and international practitioners.

Activities of WIPO Specially Designed for Developing Countries

Africa

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO Regional Consultation Meeting for Developing Countries of Africa on Certain Copyright and Neighboring Rights Questions (Geneva). On September 20, 1996, WIPO organized that Meeting in Geneva to enable the countries concerned to exchange views in preparation for the WIPO Diplomatic Conference on Certain Copyright and Neighboring Rights Questions to be held in Geneva in December 1996. Representatives of the following countries attended the Meeting: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ghana, Jordan, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

WIPO African Introductory Course on Industrial Property (Kenya). From September 11 to 20, 1996, WIPO organized that Course in Nairobi, in cooperation with the Government of Kenya. The Course was attended by 15 government officials from Botswana, Eritrea, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, as well as 50 local participants from government, university

and research circles and the business community. Presentations were made by five WIPO consultants from Sweden, Zimbabwe, the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), the Benelux Trademark Office (BBM) and the European Patent Office (EPO), and by four WIPO officials. The program of the Course included, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement).

WIPO National Seminar on Copyright and Neighboring Rights (Madagascar). From September 18 to 20, 1996, WIPO organized that Seminar in Antananarivo, in cooperation with the Government of Madagascar. The Seminar was attended by more than 200 participants from the public and private sectors. Papers were presented by two WIPO consultants from Mauritius and Switzerland, a local expert and two WIPO officials. The program of the Seminar included, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

Assistance with Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Botswana. In September 1996, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resi-

dent Representative in Botswana met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss WIPO's development cooperation activities in that country.

Côte d'Ivoire. In September 1996, a WIPO consultant from Burkina Faso visited Abidjan to assist in the installation of a software for the automation of procedures for distribution of copyright royalties at the Copyright Office of Côte d'Ivoire.

Gambia. In September 1996, Mrs. Isatou Combeh Njai, Registrar General, discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva proposed amendments to national industrial property legislation and the modernization of the national trademark registration system.

Kenya. In September 1996, Professor Norah K. Olembo (Mrs.), Director, Kenya Industrial Property Office, met with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss matters of cooperation, in particular a WIPO-financed medium-term project to strengthen the industrial property system in the country.

Lesotho. In September 1996, Mrs. 'Nyalleng 'Mabakuena Pii, Registrar-General, met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss matters of cooperation, in particular strengthening of the industrial property system in the country through computerization and training.

Malawi. In September 1996, Mr. Mzondi H. Chirambo, Registrar General, met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss matters of mutual interest, in particular the organization of a national seminar on the enforcement of industrial property legislation to be held in the country in 1997.

Nigeria. In September 1996, Mr. Moses F. Ekpo, Director General, Nigerian Copyright Commission, had discussions with WIPO officials

in Geneva on cooperation between the newly created Nigerian Copyright Institute and WIPO.

Swaziland. In September 1996, Mrs. B.S. Shongwe, Acting Registrar General, Registrar General's Office, met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss matters of cooperation, in particular strengthening of the industrial property system in the country through computerization and training.

Togo. In September 1996, Mr. Koakou Ata Kato, Head, National Industrial Property Structure, had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on matters of cooperation, in particular the possible organization, in the country in 1997, of a sub-regional seminar for patent and trademark agents.

Zambia. In September 1996, Mr. George Kapelwa Lipimile, Acting Registrar, Registrar of Patents, Trade Marks, Companies and Business Names, met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss matters of cooperation.

African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI). In September 1996, Mr. Faouly Bangoura, Director of Intellectual Property of OAPI, discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva cooperation between OAPI and WIPO.

African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO). In September 1996, Mr. Anderson Ray Zikonda, Director General of ARIPO, met with the Director General in Geneva to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Southern African Development Community (SADC). In September 1996, a government official from Malawi had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva concerning the organization in Lilongwe, in November 1996, of a WIPO regional seminar on copyright and neighboring rights for member States of SADC.

Arab Countries

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO National Seminar on Trademarks (Egypt). On September 10 and 11, 1996, WIPO

organized that Seminar in Cairo, in cooperation with the Ministry of Commerce and Supply. The Seminar was attended by some 150 participants from the government and private sectors in Egypt.

Lectures were given by one WIPO consultant from Egypt and three WIPO officials. The program of the Seminar included, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

Assistance with Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Algeria. In September 1996, Mr. Azzedine Moncef Kateb, Director General, National Copyright Office, and a government official of the Algerian Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva plans for the revision of intellectual property legislation, the possible accession of Algeria to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, the possible development of a database for the dissemination of technological information and the possible organization of a national seminar on the TRIPS Agreement in the first quarter of 1997.

Egypt. In September 1996, a WIPO official met in Cairo with the Minister for Commerce and Supply and other government officials to discuss the possible accession of Egypt to the Trademark Law Treaty (TLT) and the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, as well as future WIPO assistance in modernizing the Administration of Commercial Registration (in charge of trademarks) and training its staff.

Also in September 1996, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Cairo preparations for the WIPO Afro-Arab Seminar on Teaching of Intellectual Property Law, to be held in Cairo in December 1996.

Jordan. In September 1996, a WIPO official and a WIPO expert from Egypt undertook a mission to Amman on the proposed revision of national industrial property legislation and the modernization of the national industrial property administration. The advice provided took into account the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

Also in September 1996, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva the possible accession of Jordan to the Berne Convention.

Still in September 1996, a government official had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on

the possible organization of a sub-regional introductory seminar on copyright and neighboring rights, in Jordan, in 1997.

Lebanon. In September 1996, a WIPO official and a WIPO expert from Syria undertook a mission to Beirut on the proposed revision of national industrial property legislation and the modernization of the national industrial property administration. The advice provided took into account the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

Qatar. In September 1996, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva future cooperation activities, in particular the implications of the TRIPS Agreement.

Saudi Arabia. In September 1996, two government officials discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva the proposed revision of Saudi Arabian intellectual property legislation and the proposed organization of a national seminar on the TRIPS Agreement. The discussions covered, *inter alia*, the implications of the TRIPS Agreement.

Sudan. In September 1996, Mrs. Amal Hassan Eltinay, Commercial Registrar General, discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva assistance in respect of the proposed revision of intellectual property legislation in compliance with the TRIPS Agreement and the modernization of the national industrial property office.

Tunisia. In September 1996, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva future cooperation in the field of industrial property.

United Arab Emirates. In September 1996, two government officials discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva the proposed amendment of national industrial property and copyright laws and provided to WIPO, for comments, a draft revision of the copyright law. The possible organization of a national seminar on the TRIPS Agreement in Dubai was also discussed.

Also in September 1996, three government officials discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva the proposed revision of national intellectual property legislation and the possible organization of a national seminar on the implications of the TRIPS Agreement.

Asia and the Pacific

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO Regional Consultation Meeting for Developing Countries of Asia and the Pacific on Certain Copyright and Neighboring Rights Questions (Geneva). On September 20, 1996, WIPO organized that Meeting in Geneva to enable the countries concerned to exchange views in preparation for the WIPO Diplomatic Conference on Certain Copyright and Neighboring Rights Questions to be held in Geneva in December 1996. Representatives of the following countries attended the Meeting: Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand.

WIPO/ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) Regional Seminar on Industrial Property Information Management (Philippines). From September 2 to 4, 1996, WIPO organized that Seminar in Manila, jointly with the EPO, under the EC (European Communities)-ASEAN Patents and Trademarks Program, and in cooperation with the Bureau of Patents, Trademarks and Technology Transfer of the Philippines. The Seminar was attended by 16 participants from Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, as well as 38 local participants from government circles, industry, the legal profession, universities and research institutions. Presentations were made by four WIPO consultants, one from Germany and three from the United Kingdom, an official from the EPO, three of the participants from Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore, and a WIPO official.

WIPO/NCAC (National Copyright Administration of China) National Seminar on the Enforcement of Copyright and Neighboring Rights (China). From September 4 to 6, 1996, WIPO organized that Seminar in Chengdu, in cooperation with NCAC. There were 110 judges and senior copyright officials from various provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions of China. Papers were presented by four WIPO consultants from Japan, the United Kingdom, the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Com

posers (CISAC) and the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI), respectively, and by three WIPO officials. The subjects covered included, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

WIPO National Seminar on the Enforcement of Copyright and Neighboring Rights (India). On September 9 and 10, 1996, WIPO organized that Seminar in Mumbai, in cooperation with the Government of India. The Seminar was attended by about 50 local participants from, principally, the film and music industries. Papers were presented by three WIPO consultants from the United Kingdom, CISAC and IFPI, a local speaker and two WIPO officials. The program of the Seminar included, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

WIPO National Seminar on the Enforcement of Copyright and Neighboring Rights (India). On September 12 and 13, 1996, WIPO organized that Seminar in Bangalore, in cooperation with the Government of India. The Seminar was attended by about 50 local participants from the public and private sectors. Papers were presented by a WIPO consultant from the United Kingdom, CISAC and IFPI, a local speaker and two WIPO officials. The program of the Seminar included, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

Fourth WIPO/ASEAN Consultation Meeting on Cooperation in the Field of Intellectual Property (Geneva). On September 16, 1996, WIPO organized that Meeting at its headquarters in Geneva. All the ASEAN countries (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam) were represented at the Meeting by their Permanent Representatives and members of the diplomatic staff of their Permanent Missions in Geneva. The Director General participated in the discussions of the Meeting together with other WIPO officials. The Meeting reviewed the activities carried out by WIPO or jointly with ASEAN member countries or the ASEAN Secretariat during the period from September 1995 to August 1996, and established a plan of activities to be carried out in the period from September 1996 to August 1997.

Assistance with Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Bangladesh. In September 1996, Mr. Akhtar Aki, Secretary, Ministry of Industries, met with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss future cooperation between the country and WIPO, particularly the implementation of a WIPO-financed medium-term project for improving the national industrial property administration.

Bhutan. In September 1996, a WIPO consultant from India visited Thimphu to advise on the setting up of a trademark registry in the country under the WIPO-financed medium-term project for modernization of the country's industrial property administration.

Brunei Darussalam. In September 1996, two government officials had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on future assistance from WIPO, particularly in strengthening the trademark administration.

Democratic People's Republic of Korea. In September 1996, seven officials of the Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea undertook a study visit to the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, in Helsinki. The visit was organized by WIPO under the UNDP-funded country project to modernize the industrial property system in the country.

India. In September 1996, three officials of the Indian Performing Rights Society (IPRS) discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva cooperation activities in the field of copyright and neighboring rights, in particular enforcement questions.

Also in September 1996, Mr. Pronab Ranjan Dasgupta, Secretary, Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, and Mr. Piyush G. Mankad, Secretary, Department of Industrial Development, Ministry of Industry, met with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss possible accession to WIPO-administered treaties and reviewed the two UNDP-financed country projects relating to patent information and trademark administration.

Also in September 1996, two WIPO consultants from France and the United Kingdom presented papers at four Seminars on the Protection of Biotechnological Inventions organized by the

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology of the Government of India which took place from September 13 to 20, 1996, in the cities of Chandigarh, Calcutta, Pune and Hyderabad.

Indonesia. In September 1996, Mr. Sumarjato Kayatmo, Director General, Directorate General of Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks, met with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss matters of mutual interest, in particular the ongoing revision of intellectual property legislation, human resource development, enforcement measures, and further automation of the said Directorate General.

Iran (Islamic Republic of). In September 1996, Mr. Syed Reza Zavareie, Deputy Head of the Judiciary and Head of the Registration Organization for Deeds and Properties, met with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss the organization of a national seminar on WIPO's treaties and the TRIPS Agreement, and the possible extension of the UNDP-funded country project aimed at modernizing the country's industrial property administration.

Also in September 1996, Mr. Nosratollah Dousti, Director General, Registration Office for Companies and Industrial Property, Registration Organization for Deeds and Properties, and other government officials discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva future WIPO activities in the country.

Malaysia. In September 1996, six officials of the Intellectual Property Division of the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs undertook a two-week study visit on trademark administration to the Australian Industrial Property Organisation, in Canberra. The visit was organized by WIPO under the UNDP-funded country project.

Also in September 1996, two government officials discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva WIPO's further assistance in the area of industrial design protection, revision of legislation, further computerization of the above-mentioned Division and accession to WIPO-administered treaties.

Mongolia. In September 1996, Mr. Chinbat Namjil, Director, Mongolian Patent Office, and another government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva possible assistance to the newly created Mongolian Intellectual Property Office.

Republic of Korea. In September 1996, Mr. Chung Hae Joo, Commissioner, Korean Industrial Property Office, and other government officials discussed with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva plans for various seminars to be organized in his country.

Singapore. In September 1996, Miss Liew Woon Yin, Registrar of Trade Marks and Patents, and other government officials discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva matters of mutual interest, in particular the organization of a regional round table on the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement to take place in January 1997 in her country.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO Regional Consultation Meeting for Developing Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Certain Copyright and Neighboring Rights Questions (Geneva). On September 20, 1996, WIPO organized that Meeting in Geneva to enable the countries concerned to exchange views in preparation for the WIPO Diplomatic Conference on Certain Copyright and Neighboring Rights Questions to be held in Geneva in December 1996. Representatives of the following countries attended the meeting: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru.

WIPO/Bolivia National Seminar on the Implications of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) (Bolivia). On September 11 and 12, 1996, WIPO organized that Seminar in La Paz, in cooperation with the Government of Bolivia. There were around 80 participants from the public and private sectors. Lectures were delivered by two WIPO consultants from Chile and Mexico, one WIPO official and one local expert.

WIPO National Seminar on Intellectual Property (Guyana). On September 12 and 13, 1996, WIPO organized that Seminar in Georgetown, in cooperation with the Government of Guyana. The Seminar was attended by some 120 participants from the public and private sectors. Lectures were delivered by two WIPO consultants from Argentina and the United States of America, two WIPO officials and one local expert. The program of the Seminar included, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

Assistance with Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Argentina. In September 1996, Mrs. Norma Susana Félix, President, Board, National Institute of Industrial Property, met with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss cooperation in the field of industrial property for 1997.

Bolivia. In September 1996, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva cooperation in the field of copyright and neighboring rights.

Brazil. In September 1996, a WIPO consultant from the EPO provided training to the staff of the National Institute of Industrial Property in Rio de Janeiro, on the examination of patent applications in the field of computer programs.

Chile. In September 1996, Mr. Rafael Lorenzini Paci, Head, Industrial Property Department, discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva cooperation in the field of industrial property.

Colombia. In September 1996, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva cooperation in the field of industrial property for 1997.

Dominican Republic. In September 1996, WIPO prepared and sent comments, at the request of the Government, on a draft new Intellectual Property Law. The comments referred to the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

Mexico. In September 1996, Mr. Jorge Amigo Castañeda, Director General, Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, met with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss

cooperation with Mexico in upgrading and further computerizing the said Institute in 1997.

Peru. In September 1996, a WIPO consultant from the EPO undertook a mission to Lima to provide training to the staff of the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (INDECOPI) on the examination of patent applications in the field of mechanics. The mission was funded by the EPO.

Trinidad and Tobago. In September 1996, a WIPO consultant from Mexico undertook a mission to Port of Spain to advise the staff of the Intellectual Property Registry on the establishment of industrial property information services. The mission was financed under the country project for the modernization and strengthening of the industrial property system.

Also in September 1996, Mrs. Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Minister of Legal Affairs of Trinidad

and Tobago, and another government official met with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss the implementation of the five new laws recently enacted by the Government on patents, industrial designs, geographical indications, integrated circuits and protection of unfair competition. The organization of a seminar on the new industrial property legislation was also discussed during that meeting.

Uruguay. In September 1996, Mrs. Rosario Lagarmilla, Technical Director, National Directorate of Industrial Property, discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva cooperation with Uruguay in the field of industrial property for 1997.

Also in September 1996, the International Bureau sent to the Government, at the latter's request, comments on the draft Law on Inventions, Utility Models and Industrial Designs. The comments referred to the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

Development Cooperation (in General)

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO/Japanese Patent Office (JPO)/EPO Meeting on Common Development Cooperation Issues (Geneva). In September 1996, WIPO, JPO and EPO officials met at WIPO's headquarters in Geneva to exchange views, coordinate planning and share information on common development cooperation issues in the field of industrial property.

WIPO Training Course on the Legal, Administrative and Economic Aspects of Industrial Property (Madrid). In September 1996, 15 government officials attended that Course organized by WIPO and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office in Madrid. The participants came from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. The travel and part of the subsistence costs were funded by Spain. Presentations were made by officials of the said Office and two WIPO offi-

cial. The program included, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

WIPO Training Course on Industrial Property (Munich). In September 1996, nine government officials attended that Course organized by WIPO and the German Patent Office in Munich. The participants came from Ethiopia, Malawi, Mongolia, Nepal, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The travel and part of the subsistence costs were funded by the Carl Duisberg Gesellschaft (CDG). Presentations were made by officials of the said Office and one WIPO official. The program included, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

WIPO Training Course on Patent Documentation, Searching and Examination Techniques (Stockholm). In September and October 1996, 10 government officials attended that Course organized by WIPO and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office in Stockholm. The participants

came from Botswana, China, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Nicaragua, the Philippines and South Africa. The subsistence costs were funded by Sweden. Presentations were made by officials of the Swedish Office and one WIPO official.

WIPO Training Course on the Legal, Administrative and Economic Aspects of Industrial Property (Strasbourg). In September 1996, 31 government officials attended that Course organized by WIPO and the Centre for International Industrial Property (CEIPI) in Strasbourg, in cooperation with the National Institute of Industrial Property of France and with the financial assistance of the Governments of France and Switzerland. The participants came from Algeria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Cuba, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Laos, Madagascar, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Peru, the Philippines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Zaire and the Organization of African Unity (OAU). The Course was followed, for the majority of participants, by practical training in the industrial property office of one of the following countries: Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Israel, Slovenia, Switzerland. The program of the Course covered, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

WIPO/Netherlands Training Course on Legal and Administrative Aspects of Trademarks (The Hague). In September 1996, 20 participants attended that Course organized by WIPO and the Benelux Trademark Office (BBM) in The Hague. The participants came from Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, the Gambia, India, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Thailand, Uruguay and Yemen. The subsistence costs of the participants were funded by BBM and UNDP (one participant). Presentations were made by officials of the BBM and one WIPO official. The program of the Course covered, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

Training Seminar on Patents, a Source of Information: Introduction to Industrial Property (The Hague and Vienna). In September 1996,

22 government officials attended that Seminar organized by the EPO in The Hague and Vienna. Participants came from Algeria, Argentina, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Congo, Cuba, Gabon, the Gambia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Madagascar, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Togo, Viet Nam, Hong Kong and OAPI. The travel and subsistence costs were funded by EPO. Presentations were made by EPO officials and two WIPO officials.

WIPO Training Course on Practical Aspects of Patent Information (The Hague). In September 1996, eight government officials attended that Course organized in The Hague by WIPO and the Netherlands Industrial Property Office with the assistance of the Government of the Netherlands. The participants came from Bangladesh, Brazil, Egypt, Ghana, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nicaragua and Pakistan. The subsistence allowances of the participants were funded by the Netherlands. Presentations were made by officials of the said Office and one WIPO official.

WIPO/Austria Training Course on Patent Documentation and Information (Vienna). In September 1996, six government officials attended that Course organized by WIPO in cooperation with the Austrian Patent Office in Vienna. The participants came from Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, the Philippines and Thailand. Half of the travel and subsistence costs were borne by the Government of Austria. Presentations were made by officials of the said Office and one WIPO official.

WIPO/World Trade Organization (WTO) Workshop on TRIPS and Border Enforcement (Geneva). On September 17, 1996, WIPO organized that Workshop in Geneva in cooperation with the WTO. The Workshop was attended by 120 participants. They came from government departments concerned with intellectual property enforcement issues in various countries and permanent missions in Geneva. The program covered, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement, development cooperation activities of WIPO related to the TRIPS Agreement, as well as the technical cooperation activities of the WTO and the World Customs Organization (WCO).

Lectures were delivered by a staff member of the WTO, a staff member of WCO, two WIPO

officials and experts from Egypt, Japan, the United States of America and Hong Kong.

WIPO Medals

In September 1996, a WIPO medal was awarded to an inventor during the National Excellent Inventions Exhibition, held in Seoul. Also in September 1996, on the recommendation of the State Patent Office of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Society of Inventors and Innovators, two WIPO medals were awarded to two Ukrainian inventors for their inven-

tions and outstanding contribution to the promotion of the intellectual property system in Ukraine. In the same month, three WIPO medals were presented to the winners of the best invention, best woman inventor and best young inventor awards, respectively, on the occasion of the '96 Beijing International Exhibition of Inventions.

Activities of WIPO Specially Designed for Countries in Transition to Market Economy

Regional Activities

Conference on Industrial Property in the European Integration (Poland). In September 1996, a WIPO official attended that Conference, organized in Krakow by the Commission of the European Communities (CEC) and the Government of Poland. It was attended by over 200 participants, including government officials from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Sweden. The Conference dealt mainly with cooperation in the field of industrial property between the CEC and the European countries in transition to market economies.

National Activities

Belarus. In September 1996, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva the intellectual property situation in Belarus,

including the drafting of laws for the protection of integrated circuits and against unfair competition. He was also briefed on WIPO's activities in the framework of the WIPO Permanent Committee on Industrial Property Information (PCIPI).

Bosnia and Herzegovina. In September 1996, a government official had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on various questions concerning, in particular, patent information and documentation, as well as possible technical assistance in the context of Bosnia and Herzegovina having recently become a member of the PCIPI.

Bulgaria. In September 1996, WIPO organized, under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-financed country project aimed at modernizing the country's industrial property system, a study visit for Mrs. Radoslavka Kazandjieva, President, Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria, to the National Institute of Industrial Property in Paris, to observe the services offered by that Institute in the field of patent information.

Estonia. In September 1996, Mr. Matti Pääs, Director General, Estonian Patent Office, and another government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva a number of questions concerning, in particular, the draft industrial design law of Estonia.

Georgia. In September 1996, Mr. David Gabunia, Chairman, Georgian Patent Office, was briefed by WIPO officials in Geneva on the advantages of his country's accession to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, and also discussed organizational details of the WIPO Regional Seminar on Trademarks and Geographical Indications to be held in Tbilisi next October.

Romania. In September 1996, WIPO sent to the Government, at the latter's request, comments on a draft law on marks and geographical indications. The comments took into account the relevant provisions of the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement.

Slovakia. In September 1996, the Director General, accompanied by another WIPO official, undertook an official visit to Slovakia, at the invitation of the Government. In Bratislava, he was received by the Prime Minister and met with the Chairman and members of Parliament, other government leaders and officials, and the President and members of the Academy of Sciences. They discussed cooperation between the country and WIPO, particularly in connection with WIPO's assistance in drafting new intellectual property legislation. In Banská Bystrica, the Director General participated in the inauguration of the new building of the Industrial Property Office. In a ceremony organized at the Mathias Bel University, he was conferred the title of *Doctor of Law, Honoris Causa*, in recognition of his contribution to the establishment of the intellectual property system in Slovakia.

Slovenia. In September 1996, Mr. Bojan Pretnar, Director, Slovenian Intellectual Property Office, had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on questions concerning the protection of geographical indications in Slovenia.

Tajikistan. In September 1996, Mr. Inom G. Takhirov, Director, National Center for Patents and Information, had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on further cooperation between Tajikistan and WIPO, in particular in the organizing, in 1997, of a seminar on the role of industrial property in countries in transition to market economy.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. In September 1996, a WIPO official conducted a training course on the use of the International Patent Classification (IPC), at the Industrial Property Protection Office in Skopje, to the patent examiners of the Office. The course provided basic theoretical and practical training in how to classify and search with the use of the IPC and the IPC:CLASS search system on CD-ROM.

Also in September 1996, Mr. Abdulmenaf Bedeti, Minister of Development, accompanied by Mr. Gorgi Filipov, Director, Industrial Property Protection Office, and another government official had discussions with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva on cooperation between The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and WIPO.

Ukraine. In September 1996, Mr. Valery L. Petrov, Chairman, State Patent Office, and another government official had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on the possible accession of the country to the Eurasian Patent Convention, as well as on organizational matters concerning the WIPO/European Patent Organization (EPO) Regional Seminar on Enforcement of Industrial Property Rights to be held in Kyiv next November.

Uzbekistan. In September 1996, Mr. Akil A. Azimov, Director, State Committee of the Republic Uzbekistan for Science and Technology, had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on the possible accession of the country to the Eurasian Patent Convention, as well as on organizational matters concerning the WIPO Regional Seminar on the Role of Industrial Property in Legal Relations in Business to be held in Tashkent next November.

Contacts of the International Bureau of WIPO with Other Countries and with International Organizations

National Contacts

Andorra. In September 1996, a government official had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on the draft copyright law, prepared for Andorra by the International Bureau of WIPO at the request of the Government.

Denmark. In September 1996, a group of Danish professors visited WIPO and were briefed by a WIPO official on WIPO's activities, in particular the December 1996 Diplomatic Conference on Certain Copyright and Neighboring Rights Questions.

Israel. In September 1996, a government official had discussions with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva on intellectual property matters, including the new copyright law which was going to be considered by the Parliament of that country.

United States of America. In September 1996, Ms. Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights and Associate Librarian for Copyright Services, Copyright Office, had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva concerning cooperation between the United States of America and WIPO in the field of copyright and neighboring rights.

United Nations

United Nations. In September 1996, a WIPO official attended part of the fifty-first session of the United Nations General Assembly, held in New York.

Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (Organizational Committee) (ACC(OC)). In late September and early October 1996, a WIPO official attended two meetings of the ACC(OC), held in New York.

Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (CCAQ). In September 1996, a WIPO

official attended the high-level meeting of the CCAQ, held in New York.

Convention on Biological Diversity. In September 1996, a WIPO official attended the Second Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the above-referred Convention, held in Montreal (Canada).

Intergovernmental Organizations

European Patent Office (EPO). In September 1996, a WIPO official spoke on WIPO and its cooperation with the EPO at a seminar organized by that Office in The Hague for its senior staff, on the subject of the EPO's cooperation with specialized agencies of the United Nations system.

International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL). In September 1996, a WIPO official participated in the second meeting of the Working Party on Product Counterfeiting and Piracy, organized by INTERPOL in Lyons (France), and made a presentation on WIPO's role and activities in relation to the above-mentioned topics.

World Customs Organization (WCO). In September 1996, a WCO official had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on the possible implications for customs administration of cross-border digital transmissions of works protected as intellectual property.

World Trade Organization (WTO). In September 1996, two WIPO officials attended as observers a meeting of the Council for TRIPS of the WTO, held in Geneva.

Other Organizations

Association of European Trademark Owners. In September 1996, a WIPO official gave a presentation on the international trademark registration

system at the annual meeting of that Association, held in Stockholm.

Global Business Forum. In September 1996, a WIPO official spoke on the role of WIPO in connection with the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement at a meeting on "WTO and the New Trade Agenda," organized in Geneva by the Global Business Forum, an association of multinational businesses based in New York.

Harvard University. In September 1996, two WIPO officials participated in a Conference entitled "Coordination and Administration of the Internet," organized by the above University in Cambridge, Massachusetts (United States of America), with the cooperation, *inter alia*, of the Internet Society. One of the WIPO officials made a presentation on the international trademark aspects of domain names.

International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property (ATRIP). In September 1996, the 15th annual meeting of ATRIP was held in Casablanca (Morocco). The meeting was attended by 75 participants from 29 countries. The travel and subsistence expenses of 12 professors from Cameroon, China, Egypt, Jordan, Lesotho, Mexico, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Zimbabwe were borne by WIPO. Two WIPO officials also attended the meeting.

International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI). In September 1996, the Director General, accompanied by another WIPO official, spoke at the first AIPPI Forum, organized in Interlaken (Switzerland) by the AIPPI Foundation for the Promotion of Intellectual Property Protection in cooperation with the Licensing Executives Society (LES) and attended by some 500 participants. The subjects covered at the Forum concerned, among other matters, different aspects and strategies of industrial property rights protection.

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). In September 1996, the Secretary General and another representative of ICC had discussions with

the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva on questions of mutual interest concerning, in particular, intellectual property protection.

International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC). In September 1996, two WIPO officials participated in the 40th Congress of CISAC, held in Paris.

Also in September 1996, a WIPO official attended a meeting of the CISAC Asian and Pacific Committee, held in Paris.

International Congress on Archives (ICA). In September 1996, a WIPO official attended the XIIIth session of the ICA, held in Beijing.

International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organizations (IFRRO). In September 1996, the Chairman of IFRRO had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva concerning, *inter alia*, cooperation activities between WIPO and IFRRO.

International League for Competition Law (LIDC). In September 1996, a WIPO official attended the 34th Congress of LIDC, held in Cambridge (United Kingdom).

Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law (MPI). In September 1996, a WIPO official presented a paper on WIPO's activities in the field of well-known marks protection at a Symposium on the New System of Trademark Law, organized by MPI in Ringberg (Germany).

Patent Documentation Group (PDG). In September 1996, a WIPO official attended the 32nd meeting of the PDG's Working Group on the Impact of Patent Laws on Documentation, held in Stockholm.

University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland). In September 1996, a WIPO official attended a conference on "Legal Problems in Respect of the Use of the Internet," organized by that University in Neuchâtel. Among others, the question of copyright and neighboring rights protection was discussed at the conference.

Miscellaneous News

National Laws

Norway. Amendments to the legislation on industrial property (relating to the Patents Act and Regulations, the Trademarks Act and Regulations, and the Designs Regulations) entered into force on January 1, 1996.

Regional Laws

European Communities. Directive 96/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 1996 on the Legal Protection of Databases, was approved by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union.

Recent WIPO Publications

The following new publications¹ were issued by WIPO in September 1996:

¹ WIPO publications may be obtained from the Publications Sales and Distribution Section, WIPO, 34, chemin des Colombettes, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland (telex: 412 912 OMPI CH; fax: (41-22) 733 5428; telephone: (41-22) 730 9111).

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Bank transfers should be made to WIPO account No. 487080-81 at the Swiss Credit Bank, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.

Cupola Brochure (in 58 languages), No. 417, 61 pages, free.

Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, and Regulations (as in force on April 1, 1996) (in Spanish), No. 204(S), 125 pages, 15 Swiss francs.

Calendar of Meetings

WIPO Meetings

(Not all WIPO meetings are listed. Dates are subject to possible change.)

1997

February 17 to 20 (Geneva)

Committee of Experts on Trademark Licensing (First Session)

The Committee will study questions concerning the formalities and other legal aspects of trademark licensing.

Invitations: As members, (i) States members of WIPO and (ii) the European Communities; as observers, certain organizations.

March 18 and 19 (Geneva)

WIPO Coordination Committee (Thirty-Seventh Session)

The Committee will meet in its extraordinary session in order to nominate a new Director General and possibly also to deal with certain staff questions.

Invitations: States members of the WIPO Coordination Committee and, as observers, States members of WIPO not members of that Committee.

March 21 (New York)

WIPO Arbitration Conference

The Conference will provide a detailed review of the arbitration of intellectual property disputes under the WIPO Arbitration and Expedited Arbitration Rules. Representatives of WIPO, legal scholars and private practitioners will make presentations and conduct discussions on all important aspects of the said Rules, under the following headings: arbitration of intellectual property disputes and arbitration in the age of high technology; the arbitration clause; constituting the panel; interim relief; the conduct of the proceedings; the award; and the costs of arbitration.

Participation: Any person, against payment of a registration fee.

April 8 to 10 (Phuket, Thailand)

Unesco/WIPO Worldwide Forum on the Protection of Folklore

The Worldwide Forum—organized by Unesco and WIPO in cooperation with the Government of Thailand—will review all the important aspects of the protection of folklore. It will also deal with the question of what legal measures may be envisaged in this field at the national and international levels.

Invitations: States members of Unesco and/or WIPO, selected intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and—against payment of a registration fee—any person.

April 14 and 15 (Geneva)

WIPO Budget Committee (Sixteenth Session) and WIPO Premises Committee (Seventh Session)

The two Committees will continue to consider, in a joint session, matters concerning WIPO's needs for new premises.

Invitations: States members of the Committees and, as observers, other States members of WIPO.

April 16 to 18 (Geneva)

WIPO Budget Committee (Seventeenth Session)

The Committee will consider the draft program and budget for the 1998-99 biennium.

Invitations: States members of the Committee and, as observers, other States members of WIPO.

April 28 to 30 (Manila)

WIPO World Symposium on Broadcasting, New Communication Technologies and Intellectual Property

The World Symposium—organized in cooperation with the Government of the Philippines—will review the present status and possible improvement of the legal regulation of

the rights and obligations of those organizations (broadcasters, cable distributors, Internet, etc.) which make available to the public programs containing protected works, broadcasts, performances and phonograms.

Invitations: States members of WIPO, selected intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and—against payment of a registration fee—any person.

September 22 to October 1 (Geneva)

Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions Administered by WIPO (Thirtieth Series of Meetings)

All the Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO will meet in ordinary session.

They will, *inter alia*, review and evaluate WIPO's activities undertaken since July 1996, decide the program and budget of WIPO for the 1998-99 biennium and appoint the new Director General.

Invitations: States members of WIPO and/or the United Nations; certain organizations.

UPOV Meetings

(Not all UPOV meetings are listed. Dates are subject to possible change.)

1997

April 29 and 30 (Geneva)

Consultative Committee (Fifty-Third Session)

Invitations: Member States of UPOV.

October 27 (Geneva)

Administrative and Legal Committee (Thirty-Seventh Session)

Invitations: Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and intergovernmental organizations.

October 28 (Geneva)

Consultative Committee (Fifty-Fourth Session)

Invitations: Member States of UPOV.

October 29 (Geneva)

Council (Thirty-First Ordinary Session)

Invitations: Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.