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- Ordinance on Copyright and Neighboring Rights (Copyright Ordinance) (of April 26, 1993, as last amended on October 25, 1995) Text 3-01

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Notifications Concerning Treaties Administered by WIPO

Paris Convention

BAHRAIN

Accession

The Government of Bahrain deposited, on July 29, 1997, its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property of March 20, 1883, as revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967, and amended on September 28, 1979.

Bahrain has not heretofore been a member of the International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property ("Paris Union"), founded by the Paris Convention.

The Paris Convention as revised will enter into force, with respect to Bahrain, on October 29, 1997. On that date, Bahrain will become a member of the Paris Union.

Paris Notification No. 180, of July 29, 1997.

Berne Convention

THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Withdrawal of Declaration Concerning Article 30(2)(a) of the Paris Act (1971)

The Director General of WIPO received, on August 8, 1997, a notification from the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia withdrawing the declaration made under Article 30(2)(a) of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works of September 9, 1886, as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971, concerning the retention of the benefit of the reservation previously formulated in regard to Article 8 of the said Berne Convention as revised at Brussels on July 26, 1948 (see Berne Notifications No. 75 of June 2, 1975, and No. 149 of July 26, 1993).¹

Berne Notification No. 187, of August 8, 1997.

¹ See *Copyright*, 1975, p. 123 and 1993, p. 177, respectively.

Madrid Agreement (Marks) Madrid Protocol (1989)

FRANCE

Ratification

The Government of France deposited, on August 7, 1997, its instrument of ratification of the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, adopted at Madrid on June 27, 1989 ("Madrid Protocol (1989)").

The Madrid Protocol (1989) will enter into force, with respect to France, on November 7, 1997.

Madrid (Marks) Notification No. 94, of August 7, 1997.

LITHUANIA

Accession

The Government of Lithuania deposited, on August 15, 1997, its instrument of accession to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, adopted at Madrid on June 27, 1989 ("Madrid Protocol (1989)").

The said instrument of accession was accompanied by a declaration, in accordance with Article 5(2)(d) of the Madrid Protocol (1989), that, under Article 5(2)(b) of the said Protocol, the time limit of one year to exercise the right to notify a refusal of protection referred to in Article 5(2)(a) thereof is replaced by 18 months and that, under Article 5(2)(c) of the said Protocol, where refusal of protection may result from an opposition to the granting of protection, such refusal may be notified after the expiry of the 18-month time limit.

The Madrid Protocol (1989) will enter into force, with respect to Lithuania, on November 15, 1997.

Madrid (Marks) Notification No. 95, of August 15, 1997.

International Classification and Standardization Activities

Permanent Committee on Industrial Property Information (PCIPI)

PCIPI Working Group on Search Information (PCIPI/SI)

Nineteenth Session
(Geneva, June 2 to 13, 1997)

The following 20 members of the Working Group were represented at the session: Canada, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, European Patent Office (EPO).

The Working Group dealt with 48 IPC (International Patent Classification) revision projects on the program for the 1996-97 biennium, of which 23 belonged to the mechanical field and 25 to the electrical field. Eight revision projects were completed.

The Working Group considered revision Projects C 28, C 79 and C 80, which had been discussed by Subgroup B of the Working Group at its session in Munich in November 1996, and approved amendments to the IPC (with some changes) proposed by that Subgroup. In order to finalize revision Project C 384 for the seventh edition of the IPC, the Working Group agreed to create a subsidiary body, Subgroup C, for consideration of this Project; the Subgroup will hold its session in Washington, D.C., in October 1997.

The Working Group also considered the Guidelines for the introduction of new catchwords and catchword phrases in the official catchword indexes to the IPC, prepared by the International Bureau, and agreed to have detailed discussions of those Guidelines at its next session, in December 1997.

Finally, the Working Group approved a number of new catchwords for introduction in the official (English and French) catchword indexes and agreed to extend the exchange of documents using electronic mail to all projects pending before the Working Group.

PCIPI Ad Hoc Working Group on the Management of Industrial Property Information (PCIPI/MI)

Twenty-First Session
(Rio de Janeiro, June 30 to July 4, 1997)

The following 30 members of the Working Group were represented at the session: Brazil,

Canada, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Georgia, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, EPO.

The Working Group agreed on the text of a draft recommendation as representing the desirable long-term policy of the PCIPI, and agreed to recommend the adoption of that recommendation by the PCIPI Executive Coordination Committee (PCIPI/EXEC) in November 1997.

An extract of the principal items contained in the draft recommendation follows:

1. Goals. The PCIPI should, as a long-term policy, establish as a goal the creation and use of Industrial Property Digital Libraries (IPDLs) by industrial property offices and the International Bureau. A digital library is an organized collection of electronic information disseminated to a designated community (e.g., the community of industrial property offices) through network technologies providing easy accessibility (such as the Internet environment). Digital libraries can be implemented in open (public Internet), closed (a private Intranet) or hybrid (secure Extranet) network environments.

2. Contents of the IPDLs: Published Patent Data; Trademark Data; Industrial Design Data; Unpublished Administrative and Procedural Data; Reference.

3. Supporting Infrastructure. The infrastructure to support the IPDLs should consist of global secure high band-width networks between industrial property offices participating in the IPDL project, and a local office infrastructure supported by modern information technologies including access to the network.

4. Participation. All industrial property offices should be eligible to participate. Offices may participate in either or both of the following roles: (i) establishing and maintaining databases of information that are made accessible to other network participants; (ii) access to and use of the global IPDL data.

5. International Rules and Common Policy (Standards, Legal and Policy Issues). International standards regarding data processing such as those for

capturing, storage, communications and publication of data should be determined. Standards relating to open systems and supported by commercially available products should be preferred.

Legal issues concerning data transmission via the network system (e.g., electronic signature, authentication, security, etc.) should be addressed.

A common approach to information dissemination policy, in particular regarding data sale to commercial vendors, pricing policy, downloading and data access policy should be explored.

6. Resourcing. The resources necessary for the implementation (human, technological and financial), the institutional arrangements (international body to coordinate the project) and the provision of training and technical assistance should be provided and a program implemented by an appropriate WIPO body.

7. Information Use (for Search, Document Delivery, etc.). International efforts should aim to develop an effective and efficient method to use the IPDLs (e.g., enhanced search tools more relevant to a digital library environment).

8. Implementation Plan. The timetable for the IPDLs should allow for a progressive and step-by-step implementation.

9. Transitional Arrangements. During the transitional period, until technological developments make possible the availability of secured high band-width networks in many countries and the possible on-line storage of all data, international cooperation should be planned and undertaken to take account of the need to avoid any disruption to current inter-office exchanges.

Registration Systems Administered by WIPO

Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Proposed Amendments of the PCT Regulations

(Geneva, June 16 to 20, 1997)

That Ad Hoc Advisory Group, comprising representatives of 15 industrial property offices in their capacity as national Offices of PCT Contracting States, International Searching Authorities and/or International Preliminary Examining Authorities, and seven non-governmental organizations, met for the second time at WIPO's headquarters to advise the International Bureau on proposed amendments of the PCT Regulations related, in particular, to the following topics: electronic filing of international applications, demand for international preliminary examination, language of the international application, priority claims and priority documents, and fees paid in respect of international applications.

Training and Promotion Meetings for PCT Users

France. In June 1997, a WIPO official gave a presentation on the procedural aspects of the PCT

at a seminar on the PCT organized by the National Institute of Industrial Property in Paris. There were 24 participants who were mostly patent administrators.

Also in June 1997, the same WIPO official gave a presentation on the PCT, the latest developments and proposed changes, at a seminar on the PCT organized by a private conference organizer in Paris. There were 19 participants, mostly attorneys and engineers from pharmaceutical, electronics and telecommunication companies.

Georgia. In June 1997, a WIPO official gave training in receiving Office procedures under the PCT to about 35 staff members of the Georgian Patent Office, in Tbilisi.

Germany. In June 1997, two WIPO officials conducted a PCT seminar for patent administrators organized by a private chemical company in Frankfurt. There were 40 participants, most of them from industry.

Also in June 1997, a WIPO official had discussions on the PCT with officials of the Berlin Branch of the German Patent Office and visited technical installations of possible interest for the PCT Sector.

Also in June 1997, two government officials discussed PCT-related matters with WIPO officials in Geneva.

Still in June 1997, two WIPO officials conducted a basic PCT seminar for patent administrators organized in Berg by a private conference organizer. There were 29 participants from law firms and industry.

In late June and early July 1997, two other WIPO officials participated in a PCT colloquium for advanced PCT users, also organized in Berg by the same private organizer. The colloquium was attended by 14 participants, mainly from industry.

India. In June 1997, a government official and a representative of the Confederation of Indian Industries had discussions on the PCT with WIPO officials in Geneva and were briefed on the advantages of accession to that Treaty.

Indonesia. In June 1997, a government official had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on the PCT, in particular on possible cooperation in organizing a PCT seminar in Indonesia as a follow-up to the recent ratification of the PCT by that country.

Mauritius. In June 1997, a government official met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss matters related to the PCT and the advantages it has to offer to developing countries.

Mexico. In June 1997, a WIPO official had discussions with officials of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI) in Mexico City on PCT-related matters and gave a presentation on the PCT to 25 staff members of IMPI.

Philippines. In June 1997, a government official had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on the country's possible accession to the PCT and related issues concerning preparations for that accession.

United Kingdom. In June 1997, two WIPO officials conducted a basic PCT seminar for patent administrators organized in London by a private conference organizer. There were 32 participants from industry and law firms.

United States of America. In June 1997, a WIPO official visited the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Washington, D.C., to discuss cooperation in certain PCT procedures.

Institute of Professional Representatives Before the European Patent Office (EPI). In June 1997, a WIPO official spoke on the proposed changes to the PCT Rules at a meeting of the EPI's European Patent Practice Committee, held in Munich.

PCT Computerization Activities

Japan. In June 1997, three WIPO officials visited the Japanese Patent Office (JPO) in Tokyo for discussions concerning PCT and information matters, and also relating to the JPO/USPTO/EPO trilateral cooperation. Subsequently, they attended as observers a Trilateral Technical Meeting, with participants from the three above-mentioned Offices.

European Patent Office (EPO). In June 1997, three EPO officials participated in a Technical Meeting convened at WIPO's headquarters to work out technical issues related to the interchange of PCT information between the two organizations.

Also in June 1997, a WIPO official presented the PCT-EASY (*Electronic Application SYstem*) prototype at the annual EASY Information Meeting for National Offices, organized by the EPO in The Hague.

Madrid Union

Training and Promotion Meetings for Users of the Madrid System

Seminars on the Madrid Protocol and the Common Regulations Under the Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol. On June 16 and 17 and June 19 and 20, 1997, respectively, WIPO organized those Seminars at its headquarters. The first Seminar (in English) was attended by 33 participants from Belgium, China, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Yugoslavia.

Presentations were made by a WIPO consultant from the United Kingdom and three WIPO officials. The second Seminar (in French) was attended by 27 participants from Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Switzerland. Presentations were made by a WIPO consultant from Switzerland and five WIPO officials. For both Seminars, the participants came from industrial property offices and from the private sector. The Seminars dealt with the practical application of the international trademark registration (Madrid) system.

Informal Meeting to Adjust the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol to the Combined Use of the Madrid System and the Community Trademark System. On June 12, 1997, WIPO organized that Meeting at its headquarters. It was attended by participants from Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom, and by representatives of the Benelux Trademark Office (BBM), the Commission of the European Communities (CEC), the European Brands Association (AIM) and the European Communities Trade Mark Association (ECTA). The Meeting was convened for a preliminary exchange of views between the International Bureau, the European Commission and the Member States of the European Community on possible changes to the Common Regulations that would be required as a result of the European Community's becoming party to the Madrid Protocol. Proposals for such changes will be submitted to the Assembly of the Madrid Union at its September-October 1997 session.

Romania. In June 1997, two government officials received training at WIPO's headquarters in the administrative procedures under the Madrid Protocol, and visited the International Trademark Registry. They also discussed with WIPO officials new national industrial property laws under preparation.

Sweden. In June 1997, a WIPO official visited the Swedish Patent and Registration Office in Stockholm to give a seminar on the Madrid Protocol. The seminar was attended by about 20 officials of that Office.

United Kingdom. In June 1997, a WIPO consultant from the United Kingdom delivered a paper on recent developments in the Madrid system for the international registration of marks at a conference entitled "Trade Marks Europe '97" organized in London by a private conference organizer. There were about 40 participants, mainly from industry.

United States of America. In June 1997, a WIPO consultant from the United Kingdom spoke on the Madrid system at a Conference on International Trademark Protection and Enforcement, organized by a private law firm in Boston and attended by some 45 participants.

Computerization Activities (Madrid System)

Switzerland. In June 1997, a WIPO official visited the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property in Berne to give a training course on the use of the ROMARIN (Read-Only Memory of Madrid Actualized Registry Information) software. The course was attended by some 15 staff members of the Institute.

WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center

WIPO Workshop for Arbitrators

(Geneva, June 6 and 7, 1997)

The Workshop was attended by 41 participants from the following 22 countries: Australia, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Monaco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Spain, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Yugoslavia. The participants were mostly lawyers practicing intellectual property or general commercial law, a number of

whom possessed arbitration experience as counsel or arbitrator.

The objective of the Workshop was to familiarize the participants with the principles and practices of arbitration, through eight sessions on different topics covering all stages of the arbitral process. Each session was conducted by an experienced arbitrator and was followed by practical exercises in groups, and discussion between the participants and the instructors. The experts who conducted the sessions came from France, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Activities of WIPO Specially Designed for Developing Countries

Africa

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO Regional General Introductory Course on Industrial Property (Guinea). From June 4 to 13, 1997, WIPO organized that Course in Conakry in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Guinea. The Course was attended by 15 government officials from Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, the Niger and Senegal, 12 officials from the various regions of Guinea, more than 30 local participants from Conakry and three officials from the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI). Presentations were made by two WIPO consultants from France, an EPO official and two officials from the French National Institute of Industrial Property and OAPI, respectively, a local participant and three WIPO officials. The program of the Course included discussions on the relevant provisions of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects on Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement).

Assistance with Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Burkina Faso. In June 1997, two government officials met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss matters of cooperation, including the work plan for the WIPO country project for Burkina Faso.

Cape Verde. In June 1997, a government official met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss the high-level mission on industrial property organized by WIPO and the Portuguese National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI), which would take place in Praia in July.

Also in June 1997, Mr. José Mota Maia, President of INPI, met with WIPO officials in Geneva also to discuss the above mission.

Eritrea. In June 1997, a government official met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss matters of cooperation.

Guinea. In June 1997, three WIPO officials met with government officials in Conakry to discuss matters of cooperation.

Guinea-Bissau. In June 1997, a government official met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss matters of cooperation, including the possible accession of the country to the PCT and the Madrid Agreement.

Kenya. In June 1997, Professor Norah K. Olembo (Mrs.), Director, Kenya Industrial Property Office, had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva regarding the implementation of the WIPO country project for Kenya.

Lesotho. In June 1997, Mrs. 'Nyalleng 'Mabakuena Pii, Registrar-General, Ministry of Law and Constitutional Affairs, met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss the preparation of amendments to the industrial property legislation of the country and matters related to the PCT.

Mozambique. In June 1997, a government official met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss cooperation between Mozambique and WIPO within the framework of the WIPO country project for Mozambique.

Also in June 1997, Mr. José Mota Maia, President, INPI of Portugal, met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss, *inter alia*, the training to be undertaken at INPI in Lisbon by three Mozambique officials.

Namibia. In June 1997, Mr. Edward T. Kamboua, Registrar, Registry of Companies, Trade Marks, Patents and Designs, met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss the preparation of new industrial property legislation for the country.

Niger. In June 1997, a government official undertook a practical training in the field of collective management and neighboring rights at the Society for the Administration of the Rights of Performing Artists and Musicians (ADAMI), in Paris.

Togo. In June 1997, two government officials met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss matters of cooperation.

Organization of African Unity (OAU). In June 1997, a Deputy Director General and two other WIPO officials attended the 33rd session of the OAU Assembly of Heads of State and Government, held in Harare (Zimbabwe).

Arab Countries

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO Arab Regional Seminar on Trademarks (Morocco). From June 9 to 11, 1997, WIPO organized that Seminar in Casablanca, in cooperation with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Seminar was attended by 27 officials from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Qatar, the Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen, as well as by two officials from the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and three WIPO officials. Some 120 participants from the government and private sectors also attended the Seminar. Papers were presented by six WIPO consultants from Egypt, France, Jordan, Morocco and Switzerland and by three WIPO officials. The program of the Seminar included, *inter alia*, discussions on the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

WIPO Arab Regional Symposium on the TRIPS Agreement (Jordan). From June 17 to 19, 1997, WIPO organized that Symposium in Amman in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture of Jordan. The Symposium was attended by 25 participants from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates, and by over 120 local participants, including government officials and foreign diplomats based in Amman. The Symposium was opened by a Deputy Director General of WIPO. Papers were presented by WIPO consultants from Canada, Egypt, Jordan, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, the World Customs Organization (WCO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO), and by three WIPO officials. Three other WIPO officials also attended.

WIPO National Seminar on Intellectual Property (Lebanon). From June 24 to 26, 1997, WIPO organized that Seminar in Beirut in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Trade. The Seminar was attended by 80 local participants from the government and private sectors. Presentations were made by WIPO consultants from Canada, Egypt and Lebanon, and by four WIPO officials. The program of the Seminar included, *inter alia*, discussions on the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

Assistance with Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Algeria. In June 1997, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva cooperation in the field of copyright.

Egypt. In June 1997, two government officials met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss the possible accession of Egypt to certain WIPO-administered treaties. The discussions covered, *inter alia*, the implications of the TRIPS Agreement.

Jordan. In June 1997, two WIPO officials held discussions with government leaders in Amman on cooperation between Jordan and WIPO, in particular on strengthening and modernizing its intellectual property system.

Also in June 1997, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva cooperation in the field of intellectual property.

Kuwait. In June 1997, two government officials discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva cooperation in the field of legislative advice and specialized training, as well as matters related to various WIPO-administered treaties, including the PCT.

Lebanon. In June 1997, four WIPO officials held discussions with government leaders in Beirut on future cooperation between Lebanon and WIPO.

Also in June 1997, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva cooperation in the field of intellectual property.

Morocco. In June 1997, two government officials discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva cooperation in the field of intellectual property.

Oman. In June 1997, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva cooperation in the field of intellectual property.

Also in June 1997, two government officials undertook a study visit to the Moroccan Copyright Office in Rabat, on collective management of copyright and neighboring rights.

Sudan. In June 1997, two government officials held discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on the possible accession of Sudan to certain WIPO-administered treaties and on cooperation in the field of intellectual property.

Also in June 1997, a WIPO official undertook a mission to Khartoum to provide advice on the computerization of the Attorney General's Chambers.

Tunisia. In June 1997, a WIPO official undertook a mission to the National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property in Tunis to provide advice on the computerization of its operations and give specialized training to its staff.

Also in June 1997, two government officials undertook a visit organized by WIPO to the EPO in Munich and The Hague.

Asia and the Pacific

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO/Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Orientation and Study Program on the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights for Senior-Level Customs Officers (Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America). From June 2 to 6 and 9 to 13, 1997, WIPO organized that Program for ASEAN officials in Geneva, London and Washington, D.C. It was attended by 14 government officials from the seven ASEAN countries (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam). The participants attended a three-day orientation program in Geneva, which included a visit to the WTO. Presentations were made by a WCO official and eight WIPO officials. This was followed by a two-day visit to the UK Customs and Excise in London and a five-day visit to the USPTO and the US Copyright Office in Washington, D.C., on border measures and enforcement procedures for intellectual property rights. The program of this event included, *inter alia*, discussions on the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

WIPO Asian Sub-Regional Symposium on Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement and Border Measures (Thailand). From June 30 to July 2, 1997, WIPO organized that Symposium in Phuket in cooperation with the Department of Intellectual Property of the Government of Thailand. The Symposium was attended by 17 participants from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam and six local participants. Papers were presented by seven WIPO consultants from France, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, the Business Software Alliance (BSA), the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC), the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI) and the Motion Picture Association (MPA), and by three WIPO officials. The program of the Symposium included, *inter alia*, discussions on the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

WIPO National Seminar on Intellectual Property (Mongolia). From June 23 to 26, 1997, WIPO organized that Seminar in Ulaanbaatar in cooperation with the Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia. The Seminar was attended by some 50 participants from government circles, industry and the legal and teaching professions. Papers were presented by four WIPO consultants from Australia, India, Japan and CISAC, two local speakers and three WIPO officials. The program of the Seminar included, *inter*

alia, discussions on the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

Assistance with Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Bhutan. In June 1997, a WIPO expert from India undertook a mission to the new trademark office at the Ministry of Trade and Industry in Thimphu to provide support and expertise in the examination of trademarks and related matters.

China. On June 30 and July 1, 1997, at the invitation of the Governments of the United Kingdom and China, the Director General, a Deputy Director General and another WIPO official attended the ceremony of hand-over of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China, held in Hong Kong.

Also in June 1997, Mr. Wang Huapeng, Director General, Copyright Department, National Copyright Administration of China (NCAC), and four other government officials undertook a study visit to WIPO's headquarters, to the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva, and to the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property in Berne. At WIPO they discussed with WIPO officials draft amendment to the Copyright Law of China.

Still in June 1997, two WIPO officials made a presentation on WIPO, in Geneva, to nine government officials enrolled in a six-month European Communities (EC)-China training program.

India. In June 1997, two WIPO experts from Australia and Canada undertook a mission to the patent office in Calcutta and Mumbai to discuss the report prepared by the National Productivity Council concerning the modernization of the office.

Iran (Islamic Republic of). In June 1997, three government officials held discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva concerning the implementation of a new UNDP-funded national project for the country. The project would be executed by WIPO.

Laos. In June 1997, four government officials undertook a study visit to the Registry of Trade Marks and Patents of Singapore. The officials also visited the Singapore Productivity and Standards Board and the Law Faculty of the National University of Singapore. The visit was funded under the WIPO country project for Laos.

Malaysia. In June 1997, a WIPO expert from Australia undertook a mission to the Intellectual Property Division of the Ministry of Domestic Trade

and Consumer Affairs in Kuala Lumpur to give assistance in revising the manual of trademark law and practice. The mission was organized under the UNDP-funded national project on strengthening the industrial property system of Malaysia. The project is executed by WIPO.

Mongolia. In June 1997, three WIPO officials held discussions with government officials in Ulaanbaatar on matters of cooperation.

Nepal. In June 1997, a WIPO expert from India undertook a mission to the Industrial Property Section of the Department of Industries in Kathmandu to provide guidance on questions of trademark law and administration.

Pakistan. In June 1997, a WIPO expert from Australia undertook a mission to the Patent Office and the Trade Marks Registry in Karachi to advise on the automation of the two offices.

Philippines. In June 1997, a government official had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on matters related to the country's new intellectual property law and the drafting of regulations under that law.

Sri Lanka. In June 1997, WIPO prepared and sent to the government authorities, at their request, a draft model law on copyright and neighboring rights.

Thailand. In June 1997, two WIPO officials made a general presentation in Geneva on WIPO to 17 legal officers and judges from the Ministry of Justice of Thailand.

Japan. In June 1997, two government officials met with WIPO officials in Geneva to finalize the plan of activities in the field of industrial property to be undertaken under the Japanese funds-in-trust arrangement for the Japanese fiscal year 1997-98.

Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). In June 1997, three WIPO officials attended the EC-ASEAN Seminar on Intellectual Property in Brussels at which officials from the seven ASEAN countries (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam) outlined the industrial property system in their respective countries.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO Regional Round Table on Industrial Property for Caribbean Countries (Jamaica). On June 19 and 20, WIPO organized that Round Table in Kingston in cooperation with the Government of Jamaica. The Round Table was attended by eight participants from Barbados, Belize, Saint Lucia, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago. Over 40 local participants also attended. Papers were presented by WIPO consultants from the United Kingdom and the United States of America, nine local experts and two WIPO officials. The main topics were the international legal framework for the protection of industrial property, trademark laws and practice, enforcement of industrial property rights, patent information and industrial property administration. The program of the Round Table included, *inter alia*, discussions on the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

WIPO Regional Workshop on Industrial Property Information for Latin American Countries (Brazil). On June 26 and 27, 1997, WIPO organized that Workshop in Rio de Janeiro in cooperation with the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) and

the National Confederation of Industries of Brazil. The Workshop was attended by 13 participants from Argentina, Chile, Cuba, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, and some 70 local participants from government, scientific, industrial and commercial circles. Presentations were made by WIPO consultants from Cuba, Venezuela and the EPO and six local speakers, as well as by two WIPO officials. The Workshop offered an opportunity to exchange experiences on the organization of patent information services through the use of modern information technologies.

WIPO National Seminar on Collective Administration of Copyright and Neighboring Rights (Bolivia). From June 4 to 6, 1997, WIPO organized that Seminar in Santa Cruz, with the cooperation of the National Secretariat for Culture of Bolivia and the assistance of the Bolivian Authors and Composers Society. The Seminar was attended by 100 participants from La Paz as well as from various provinces of Bolivia. Presentations were made by three WIPO consultants from Chile, Switzerland and Uruguay, a representative of the Regional Center for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLALC), two local speakers and a WIPO offi-

cial. Discussions included the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

WIPO National Introductory Seminar on Copyright and Neighboring Rights (Argentina). On June 17, 1997, WIPO organized that Seminar in Buenos Aires in cooperation with the Directorate General of Copyright. The Seminar was attended by approximately 50 participants, mainly from the private sector, and 17 officials from Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. Presentations were made by a WIPO consultant from Venezuela, three representatives of CISAC, the International Association of Broadcasting (IAB) and the Latin American Federation of Producers of Phonograms and Videograms (FLAPF), seven local speakers and two WIPO officials. Discussions included the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

WIPO Workshop on Distinctive Signs and Appellations of Origin for Officials of the Industrial Property Offices of the Andean Countries (Venezuela). On June 17 and 18, 1997, WIPO organized that Workshop in Caracas in cooperation with the Industrial Property Registry. The Workshop was attended by eight officials from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, 20 local participants and two WIPO officials. The Workshop addressed the legal protection of well-known marks and trade names and appellations of origin within the framework of the common Andean regime on industrial property.

WIPO National Meeting of Governmental Experts on Copyright and Neighboring Rights of the Member Countries of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) (Argentina). From June 18 to 20, 1997, WIPO organized that Meeting in Buenos Aires in cooperation with the Government of Argentina. It was attended by 16 participants: four governmental experts from Argentina and four governmental experts invited by WIPO from each of the other members countries, namely, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. The Meeting was dedicated to copyright and neighboring rights within the scope of MERCOSUR, and its principal item was "The Identification of Areas for an Eventual Harmonization of Copyright and Neighboring Rights Legislation." The Meeting adopted recommendations to be submitted to the Subgroup 07 MERCOSUR and decided that a second meeting would be held in 1998.

WIPO National Seminar on Industrial Property for Entrepreneurs and Workshop on Trademark Management (Chile). On June 25 and 26, 1997, WIPO organized that Seminar and Workshop in Santiago in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Property Department of Chile. The Seminar and Workshop were attended by around 350 participants,

mainly entrepreneurs, corporate lawyers and industrial property agents. Presentations were made by a WIPO consultant from Brazil, six local experts and a WIPO official. The aim of the Seminar was to provide information on the protection of trademarks and patents, with special emphasis on enforcement. The Seminar and Workshop dealt with the TRIPS Agreement.

Argentina. In June 1997, a WIPO official participated in the First Congress on Intellectual Property, Culture, Science and Technology organized by the University of Buenos Aires in Buenos Aires.

Mexico. In June 1997, a WIPO official participated in an International Workshop on the Drafting of Patent Applications in the Field of Biotechnology organized in Mexico City by IMPI.

Assistance with Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Argentina. In June 1997, a WIPO official undertook a mission to the National Institute of Industrial Property in Buenos Aires to discuss cooperation matters in the field of industrial property.

Barbados. In June 1997, a WIPO consultant from the EPO undertook a mission to the Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office in Bridgetown to advise on possible ways to reduce the backlog of pending patent applications.

Brazil. In June 1997, two WIPO officials undertook a mission to INPI in Rio de Janeiro to discuss the work plan of the joint WIPO/Brazil project for the modernization and computerization of INPI.

Colombia. In June 1997, a WIPO official undertook a mission to the Directorate General of Industry and Commerce in Santa Fe de Bogotá to review the specifications of a computerized system for searching and displaying patent information on the basis of CD-ROMs.

Cuba. In June 1997, a WIPO consultant from the EPO undertook a mission to the Cuban Industrial Property Office in Havana to assist in the examination of patent applications in the field of biotechnology.

Also in June 1997, two government officials from the National Center of Copyright attended a one-week training in the field of copyright and neighboring rights at the National Copyright Directorate of Colombia, in Santa Fe de Bogotá. The training was organized within the framework of the WIPO country project for Cuba.

Still in June 1997, a WIPO consultant from Uruguay undertook a mission to Havana to train staff of the Cuban Broadcasting Institute in the field of copyright and neighboring rights.

Ecuador. In June 1997, a WIPO official undertook a mission to the National Directorate of Industrial Property in Quito to discuss cooperation matters in the field of industrial property.

Also in June 1997, a WIPO consultant from Venezuela undertook a mission to the same Directorate in Quito to assist in the processing of applications for trademark registration.

Haiti. In June 1997, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva cooperation activities in the field of copyright and neighboring rights, in particular the possible establishment of a collective management system and training.

Jamaica. In June 1997, a WIPO official discussed with government authorities in Kingston the possible accession of Jamaica to certain WIPO-administered treaties in the field of industrial property. This mission was organized under the WIPO country project for Jamaica.

Mexico. In June 1997, two WIPO consultants from Chile and Uruguay undertook a mission to IMPI in Mexico City to discuss the design and development

of an automated system for patent operations. The mission was organized under the technical cooperation agreement between WIPO and IMPI.

Peru. In June 1997, a WIPO consultant from the EPO undertook a mission to the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (INDECOPI) in Lima to assist in the examination of patent applications in the field of biotechnology.

Trinidad and Tobago. In June 1997, a WIPO consultant from the United Kingdom visited the Intellectual Property Registry in Port of Spain to advise on the processing of patent applications.

Also in June 1997, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva cooperation in the field of copyright and neighboring rights.

Uruguay. In June 1997, the International Bureau prepared and sent to the government authorities, at their request, comments on a draft law on patents, utility models and industrial designs. The comments made reference to the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

Also in June 1997, a WIPO consultant from Venezuela undertook a mission to Montevideo and Punta del Este to discuss with government officials the organization of several WIPO regional meetings to be held later in the year.

Development Cooperation (in General)

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO/EPO/Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (OEPM) Training Seminar on Patent Search and Examination for Latin American Countries (Madrid, Geneva, Munich). From June 2 to 27, 1997, WIPO organized that Seminar in Madrid, Geneva and Munich, in cooperation with the EPO and OEPM. It was attended by 16 participants from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, who visited WIPO after spending 10 days in Madrid at the OEPM. Lectures were given by officials of the EPO and OEPM and by WIPO officials. Presentations in Geneva focused on WIPO's activities, particularly the PCT.

WIPO/Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) Training Program on the Management of Trademark Operations and Information Services for Officials from Developing Countries (Canada). From June 9 to 20, 1997, WIPO organized that Training Program in Hull in cooperation with CIPO.

It was attended by nine participants from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Peru, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay and by four WIPO officials.

WIPO Academy for African, Arab and Caribbean Countries (Geneva). From June 2 to 13, 1997, WIPO organized in Geneva the English session of that Academy. The aim of the Academy was to inform the participants of the main elements and current issues relating to intellectual property and, as a consequence, enable them to better participate in the formulation of government policies on intellectual property after their return to their respective countries. Sixteen participants from Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Eritrea, Jordan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman, the Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) attended the session. Presentations were made by WIPO consultants from Canada, Ghana, India, Kenya, the United States of America, Zimbabwe, the African Regional Industrial Property Organization

(ARIPO), WCO and the WTO, and by 19 WIPO officials. The Academy dealt with the TRIPS Agreement.

WIPO Academy for African, Arab and Caribbean Countries (Geneva). From June 23 to July 4, 1997, WIPO organized in Geneva the French session of that Academy, which was attended by 10 participants from Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Sao Tome and Principe and Togo. The aim of the

Academy was to inform the participants of the main elements and current issues relating to intellectual property and, as a consequence, enable them to better participate in the formulation of government policies on intellectual property after their return to their respective countries. Presentations were made by WIPO consultants from Algeria, France, Germany, Switzerland and the WTO, and by 15 WIPO officials. The Academy dealt with the TRIPS Agreement.

WIPO Medals

In June 1997, WIPO medals and certificates were awarded to two inventors from South Africa and handed over to them by His Excellency Robert Gabriel Mugabe, President of Zimbabwe, in the presence of African heads of State and government who were attending the 33rd Conference of the OAU in Harare.

Also in June 1997, on the occasion of the Scientific and Practical Conference on the State System of Protection of Industrial Property Objects held in Dushanbe, a WIPO medal was awarded to a Tajik inventor in recognition of his achievements as an inventor and for his outstanding services rendered to inventors in Tajikistan.

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

Regional Activities

WIPO Seminar on the Situation of Industrial Property Offices of Countries in Transition (Germany). On June 2 and 3, 1997, WIPO organized that Seminar in Berlin in cooperation with the German Patent Office. The President of that Office and the Director General of WIPO made opening addresses. Another WIPO official acted as moderator. The industrial property offices of the following 24 countries participated: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine. The Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) also participated. They were represented by senior officials, who made presentations on the present situation and future plans of their respective offices.

Three other WIPO officials also attended. Following the Seminar, a visit was organized for the participants to a newly established microchip factory in Dresden.

Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO). In June 1997, a WIPO official discussed with EAPO officials in Moscow cooperation in the field of Eurasian Patent Regulations and the implementation of the Eurasian-PCT procedures.

National Activities

Republic of Moldova. In June 1997, a WIPO official visited the State Agency on Industrial Property Protection (AGEPI) in Kishinev and discussed with AGEPI officials cooperation matters, including administrative and financial questions of special interest to the Agency.

Tajikistan. In June 1997, the International Bureau prepared and sent to the government authorities, at their request, a note concerning the

compatibility of the draft law on copyright and neighboring rights of Tajikistan with the requirements of the Berne Convention.

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

National Contacts

Japan. In June 1997, a WIPO official visited the JPO in Tokyo to give advice on the use of the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification), and made a presentation to some 100 staff members of that Office.

Switzerland. In June 1997, a WIPO official participated in a seminar on the theme "Geneva, Capital of the Cyber World?" organized by a private Swiss bank in Geneva.

Turkey. In June 1997, a WIPO official made a presentation on WIPO and its activities at the International Conference on the Industrial Property Protection in Turkey and in the World, organized by the Turkish Patent Institute in Istanbul.

United Nations

United Nations. In June 1997, a WIPO official attended the 19th special session of the United Nations General Assembly, held in New York. The meeting was convened for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (five years after the Rio summit).

Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (CCAQ). In June 1997, a WIPO official attended a session of the Working Group of CCAQ, held in Paris.

International Telecommunication Union (ITU). In June 1997, a WIPO official attended, as an observer, an information session on the Generic Top Level Domains Memorandum of Understanding (gTLD-MoU), held in conjunction with a meeting of the Administrative Council of ITU in Geneva.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). In June 1997, a

WIPO official attended the 11th session of the Intergovernmental Copyright Committee of the Universal Copyright Convention (UCC), held in Paris.

Intergovernmental Organizations

European Patent Organization (EPO). In June 1997, two WIPO officials participated in a meeting of the Administrative Council of the EPO, held in Helsinki.

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). In June 1997, a WIPO official delivered a paper on the development of industrial property legal protection in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia at the Fifth Economic Forum of the OSCE, held in Prague. Sixty-three countries and 23 international organizations were represented.

World Bank. In June 1997, a WIPO official participated as a panelist in the World Forum "Global Knowledge '97," held in Toronto.

World Trade Organization (WTO). In June 1997, a WIPO official attended a meeting of the General Council of the WTO, held in Geneva.

Also in June 1997, three WIPO officials made presentations at a WTO Workshop on the TRIPS Agreement for officials from the least developed and other developing Sub-Saharan African countries, held in Geneva.

Also in June 1997, 25 government officials enrolled in a Special Trade Policy Course for Eastern and Central European and Central Asian Countries of the WTO visited WIPO and were briefed on WIPO's activities and intellectual property in general.

Other Organizations

Association of International Librarians and Information Specialists (AILIS). In June 1997, two WIPO

officials attended a session of the Executive Committee of AILIS, held in Geneva.

European Communities Trade Mark Association (ECTA). In June 1997, a WIPO official attended the annual meeting of ECTA, held in Stockholm.

Institute for International Research (IIR) Ltd. In June 1997, a WIPO official participated in the Telecoms @ the Internet III Conference organized by IIR in London.

International Law Association (ILA). In June 1997, a WIPO official made a presentation at a meeting of the International Trade Law Committee of the ILA, held in Geneva.

International Literary and Artistic Association (ALAI). In June 1997, a WIPO official participated in a meeting of the Bureau of ALAI, held in Paris.

Internet Society (ISOC). In June 1997, two WIPO officials participated in the annual Conference of ISOC, iNET '97, held in Kuala Lumpur. They spoke, respectively, on the Generic Top Level Domains Memorandum of Understanding (gTLD-MoU) and the administrative challenge panel procedures planned to be administered by the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, and on the results of the WIPO Diplomatic Conference on Certain Copyright and Neighboring Rights Questions, held in December 1996.

MARQUES. In June 1997, a WIPO official made a presentation explaining the proposed domain name

system under the above-mentioned gTLD-MoU, at a meeting on the theme "Protecting Your Domain" organized in Amsterdam by MARQUES, an organization representing the interests of European trademark owners.

Media and Entertainment International (MEI). In June 1997, a WIPO official made a presentation on the implications of digitization for intellectual property rights in broadcasting, at the International Broadcasting Trade Unionists' Conference organized by MEI in Geneva.

Ninth Nordic Symposium. In June 1997, a WIPO official made a presentation on international developments under the aegis of WIPO at that Symposium, held in Trondheim (Norway).

Software Publishers Association (SPA). In June 1997, a WIPO official made a presentation on the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT), at the Public Policy and Legal Seminar held on the occasion of the Annual Conference of SPA in Cannes (France).

University of Valencia (Spain). In June 1997, a WIPO official made a presentation on "The international response to the problem of protecting intellectual property rights in the information society: special implications for the new forms of communication," at the Seminar on Communication in the XXIst Century and Intellectual Property organized by that University in Valencia.

Recent WIPO Publications

The following new publications¹ were issued by WIPO in June 1997:

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) 338 9111).

Orders should indicate: (a) the number or letter code of the publication desired, the language (A for Arabic, E for English, F for French, I for Italian, J for Japanese, R for Russian), the number of copies; (b) the full address for mailing; (c) the mail mode (surface or air). Prices cover surface mail.

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

Basic Facts about the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) (1997 edition) (in English and French), No. 433(E)(F), 10 pages, free.

Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, and Common Regulations (as in force on April 1, 1996) (in Arabic), No. 204(A), 116 pages, 15 Swiss francs.

Model Provisions on Protection Against Unfair Competition (in Russian), No. 832(R), 68 pages, 15 Swiss francs.

Trademark Law Treaty and Regulations (in Italian),
No. 225(I), 69 pages, 10 Swiss francs.

WIPO General Information brochure (1997 edition)
(in Japanese), No. 400(J), 102 pages, free.

Calendar of Meetings

WIPO Meetings

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

1997

September 16 to October 1 (Geneva)¹ PCT Union Assembly

The said Assembly will discuss and decide on amendments to the PCT Regulations, reduction of fees, the renewal of the appointment of and the corresponding agreements with the present International Searching Authorities (ISAs) and International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs), and the appointment of and approval of the agreement with the Korean Industrial Property Office as an ISA and IPEA. This session (the twenty-fourth session) of the Assembly will start on September 16 and end on the same day (October 1) as the sessions of the other Governing Bodies of WIPO (see below).

Invitations: The Governments of the Member States of the PCT Union; as observers, the Governments of the Member States of the Paris Union not members of the PCT Union and certain organizations.

September 22 to October 1 (Geneva) Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions Administered by WIPO

All the Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO will meet in ordinary session. They will, *inter alia*, appoint the new Director General, review and evaluate WIPO's activities and consider various other matters concerning WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO.

Invitations: The Governments of the States members of these Governing Bodies; other States; certain organizations.

October 20 to 23 (Geneva) Committee of Experts on Well-Known Marks

This (the third) session of the Committee of Experts will continue to study questions concerning the application of Article 6*bis* of the Paris Convention (e.g., the criteria for determining whether a mark is well known) as well as the conditions and scope of protection of well-known marks.

Invitations: The Governments of the Member States of the Paris Union and/or WIPO; the European Community; as observers, certain organizations.

October 24 and 25 (Eger, Hungary) Symposium on the Protection of Geographical Indications in the Worldwide Context

The Symposium will deal with the protection of geographical indications (appellations of origin and other geographical indications) at the national, regional and global levels.

Invitations: The Governments of the Member States of the Paris Union and/or WIPO; certain intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations; any member of the public (against payment of a registration fee).

¹ The PCT Union Assembly will meet in Room 16 of the Palais des Nations from September 16 to 19, 1997, and continue its session in WIPO headquarters from September 22 to October 1, 1997.

UPOV Meetings

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

1997

October 27 (Geneva)

Administrative and Legal Committee (Thirty-Seventh Session)

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