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Recent Activities

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FICPI Commissions

- CET –Work and Study >250 members
- Admissions
- Communications
- Contact
- Deontology
- Membership
- PEC
- Statutes
- Tec
- FAB

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CET Activities

- Attend meetings of external bodies/offices
- Conduct studies and prepare information papers, position papers, resolutions
- Organize and run ExCo workshops
- Contribute to the preparation of the working programme for annual fora and other FICPI events




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Examples

-  Study and when appropriate support IP law harmonization
-  Advise on the risks of a DYI approach which is a current trend
-  Support user-friendliness (ex. Restoration at OHIM)
-  Advocate for Client-Attorney Privilege and right of representation before UPC

CET goals

-  Do work that allows FICPI to advocate for better IP Laws
-  Study all sides to of a question so as to present a balanced view on IP Law/practice to authorities
-  Defend the interests of users and the interests of the profession






A summary of past 3 year term

-  22 Resolutions
-  Approx 60 submissions
-  15 ExCo Workshops
-  80 official meetings attended
-  15 CET meetings

Challenges

-  Time for preparing submissions shorter and shorter
-  Calls for submissions oriented to end-users (online surveys)
-  Issues more and more complex

Resolutions Cape Town

-  Follow On Patents in the Pharmaceutical Area-
-  Information Disclosure Requirements
-  Office Cooperation and User Input
-  Unitary Patent SPCs
-  Patent figures in colour

Official Visits

-  USPTO-Washington
-  JPO- Tokyo
-  KIPO-Seoul
-  SIPO- Beijing
-  EPO-Munich
-  EC –Brussels – DG Trade, DG Research, Cabinet Barnier,
DG Internal Markt, DG Enterprise
-  IPO-Delhi
-  WCO
-  WIPO, WTO, WHO –Geneva
-  OHIM-Alicante
-  CJEU

Official Visits







- ① USPTO (May, 2015)
- ① Undersecretary Michelle Lee and team
 - ① Recent developments incl guidelines on sub. matter
 - ① More in depth considerations expected for abusive patent litigation
 - ① Hague Agreement – procedural topics such as drawing quality avoiding 2 tier system
 - ① Consistency in examination – appeals from certain examiners with low allowance rates
 - ① Compliance with Article 42 PCT (more recognition of info on file already)
 - ① Collaborative search
 - ① TTAB initiatives
 - ① Incomplete TM examination

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Upcoming Agendas

- ① OHIM recognition of seniority rights
- ① EPO double patenting
- ① IPO Entry into national phase, examiner transfer
- ① SIPO On line shopping enforcement
- ① SIPO For export goods – tm infringement
- ① SIPO only one chance to amend goods/serv
- ① SIPO Three new IP courts
- ① SIPO right of representation for tm/pat attorneys

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UP COMING AGENDAS

- KIPO – collaborative search pilot programme
- Expanded subject matter for tms
- On line counterfeiting.

Upcoming Meetings

- FICPI China – ACPAA Symposium Chengdu November 5-7 2015
- ExCo Meeting (by invitation) Zurich April 10-14 2016
- ABC Meeting June 19-23 South Wales
- Next Open Forum St. Petersburg October 5-8 2016

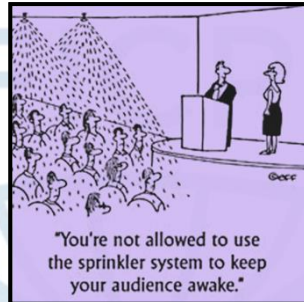
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2. Authority with authorities!
3. Promotes essential role of qualified IP practitioners
4. Professionals motivated and highly trained – you want to be part of this group!
5. FICPI promotes credibility of members/ profession
6. Applies a code of conduct
7. Helps provide tools and information needed to survive the future

CET 2015-2018

-  Collect briefing information involving issues specific to the National Offices and Official Bodies
-  Creation of new group 9 to handle Asian issues
 -  Balanced representation from 4 major Asian Countries
 -  allow for a voice from other Asian countries
 -  Chair –Lena Shen, plus four sub-chairs/coordinators from the other major Asian countries

Thank You FICPI Australia!!



"You're not allowed to use the sprinkler system to keep your audience awake."