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Closing remarks

Executive Director of WIPO

President, Vice President,
and Members of the Executive Committee of the Egyptian group

We are very grateful to everyone who cooperated in this symposium, which was not only interesting but also top quality.

This symposium shows new directions for studying and reinforcing IP rights.

The cooperation of AIPPI

Exchanges

AIPPI is unique because it provides the opportunity for practitioners from various countries to meet with professionals from others countries.

It is not just networking, it also a way for IP professionals to improve:

- their knowledge of other national systems and of the international situation
- the quality level for a better assistance of :
 - o national clients abroad
 - o foreign clients inside their country.
- their insight into the problems and a study of what can be harmonized or at least coordinated according to specific or regional and local needs.

The efforts of AIPPI

1/ How can we improve our statutes and regulations?

This is the purpose of the special committee Q200 chaired by Robert Mitchell.

This committee is already making proposals to be adopted at our Boston Congress, concerning governance by your Bureau and about our Committees:

- the existing ones: Program Committee and Nominating Committee
- the new ones: Communications (Q 197) and Membership (Q 201).

See Robert Mitchell's report on the AIPPI website and his article in the last Newsletter 25.

The efforts of AIPPI (suite)

2/ Mrs. Esme Du Plessis is chairing the Communications Committee (Q 197).

She is currently considering:

- publishing a newsletter in electronic form,
as an interactive communication tool,
to be sent more frequently
to inform AIPPI groups
- having a paper Journal,
to publish high quality articles about substantial issues.

You can read Esme Du Plessis's excellent report on the AIPPI website,
and her article in the last Newsletter 25.

The efforts of AIPPI (suite)

3/ The Membership Committee (Q 201) is chaired by Luis Alfonso Duran, our former Reporter General and Member of Honor.

In order to increase our membership up to 12,000 at the Paris Congress in 2010, AIPPI needs the help of each group and every member, who should provide their advice as to how they can attract more IP specialists in their country.

See Luis Alfonso Duran's article in the last Newsletter 25.

The efforts of AIPPI (suite)

4/ One more practical detail:

the master calendar is now available on the AIPPI website.

It is very useful to follow all the IP meetings
that might be of interest to everyone.

AIPPI relations

1/ In the past:

- a) Your Vice president went to Moscow two weeks ago, to participate in the 50th anniversary of the Russian group of AIPPI.

There again, problems and solutions were exchanged between professionals from Asian and European countries.

- b) Our Reporter General, Jochen Bühling, went to Vilnius for the Baltic IP conference last September.

You will find his report in the last Newsletter 25.

2/ In the future:

- a) Next April, in Mexico City,
AIPPI will participate in a four-day seminar with ASIPI and IPO.

This important seminar will deal
with the impact of free trade agreements on IP rights in the Americas.
Many topics will be discussed there,
even on the transfer and commercialization of technology.

You can read the preview of this seminar
in an article written by Guillermo CAREY
published in the last Newsletter 25.

- b) As you know, it is contemplated to have a treaty on the IP privilege, and specifically on the client privilege covering opinions given by IP advisers.

The client should not be required to disclose IP opinions to anyone, particularly not to a judge, even when such opinions have been communicated outside their country of origin.

On this issue, a new committee (new task force Q199) is chaired by another Member of Honor, Michael Dowling. You can read his article in our last Newsletter 25.

In May 2008, AIPPI will also join WIPO in Geneva in the task it has undertaken on the question of this privilege to be granted to IP professionals and on the contemplated treaty, which is necessary in order to achieve a uniform basic system, for foreign professionals an other country in the world.

Conclusion

Once again the issues and perspectives
that we have just heard,
show that all of us
have much to do.

As a member of the AIPPI Bureau,
I am prepared to set myself to this work.

Our association is a perfect tool and forum
to reach a reasonable international solution
taking into account the necessary equilibrium
within the general interest.

For this,
I am looking forward to working with you
and to seeing all of you at our next Congress in September 2008.

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