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Closing speech

Messrs. Presidents of the Polish,
Ukrainian and German Groups of AIPPI

We are very grateful to everyone
not only to the speakers but also to the participants
who cooperated in this Seminar
which was not only interesting but also top quality.

I personally want to thank:

- Mr. Andrezj PONIKIEWSKI and his team for their warm welcome
- Mrs. Dariusz SZLEPER and Stephan FREISCHEM
for having organized this Meeting
with our three Polish, Ukrainian and German Groups of AIPPI

Indeed this Seminar shows new directions
for studying and reinforcing IP rights
in this area of Europe.

Such meeting is most useful,
because it provides an opportunity for legal practitioners from many countries to meet
with professionals from other countries.

It is not only networking
it is 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
- insight into the problems
and a study of what can be harmonized or at least coordinated
according to specific and local needs.

As you know, since our Boston Congress,
we have a new Statutory Committee: the Membership Committee
which is chaired by our Member of Honour Luis Alfonso DURAN.

This Committee needs the help of every group and every member,
who should provide their advice
as to how they can attract more IP specialists in their country.

Let me add a few words about practical details:

a. We now have on our AIPPI website, a master calendar that is available to all so that everyone can be informed of all the IP meetings that may be of interest.

b. In order for information to circulate widely, and as you know, AIPPI is now issuing an e-news almost every two months:

- it is prepared by our new Statutory Committee on Communications,
- chaired by Mrs. Du Plessis;

I would like here to thank this Committee very deeply.

- Please note that we actually need contributions from all parts of the world on any IP subject, whether national or international. So do not hesitate, especially young professionals, to send one or more of your articles to be published in our AIPPI e-news.

I am quite sure that we will meet very soon:

1. not far from now, in Vilnius, this June,
I will represent AIPPI at the ECTA Meeting.

Next September I will with Stephan Freischem attend the Baltic Conference in Tallinn.

2. Not so far away from Europe, we will have in Buenos Aires (Argentina)
our next Executive Committee and Forum
in October.

- a. As is our tradition we will pass four resolutions on:
 - co-ownership and exploitation of IP rights (Q 194)
 - custom measures against infringers (Q 208)
 - patenting the selection inventions (Q 209)
 - protection for sports events and IP rights (Q 210).

- b. We will also have 14 forum sessions,
including one on women in IP
and another on IP and the global recession.

We will have discussions about the protection of traditional knowledge,
and genetic resources in Latin America,
biotech and environmental issues in patent rights.

We will have discussions on the obviousness issue,
on contributory patent infringement and the PCT system in Latina America.

Like we had yesterday,
there will be conferences about Internet and IP rights,
design protection and fair use in copyrights.

You will have discussions about recycling and trademark rights,
and other issues such as Regional agreements.

Meanwhile, we will have to go on studying the IP privilege:

- Who are the IP advisers?
- Should the client be required to disclose an IP opinion to a Judge, particularly when such an opinion has been communicated /
 - . outside of his country of origin
 - . outside any legal dispute.

This study is currently in progress with the Secretariat of WIPO.

Conclusion

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

“Let us do our best”
as Willy BRANDT's epitaph says.

The Bureau of your Association is prepared to get down to work.

AIPPI is a good tool and a good forum
to come to reasonable international solutions
taking into account the necessary equilibrium
within the public interest.

This is why every group of AIPPI,
especially in this part of the world,
must express its opinion, its strong conviction
on how one can accept compromise
in order to achieve a reasonable and international solution.

For this, AIPPI looks forward to working with you
and to seeing all of you
at our next EXCO in Buenos Aires
next October.

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President AIPPI