

Busan, April 28, 2010

Dear Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Korean, Chinese and Japanese Groups of AIPPI,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Friends,

As President of AIPPI, I am honoured to be today in Korea, here in this nice city of Busan.

I am honoured to attend this Trilateral Meeting in this part of the World which is of great importance on this earth.

AIPPI is indeed the largest IP forum in the World, with more than 9.000 Members coming for more than 100 countries, gathering IP professionals: from businessmen, from lawyers and academics, from patent, trademark and design attorneys.

AIPPI is also unique because of its working methods. For each selected Question, each National Group gives the report:

- on its own national situation, which makes a remarkable comparative law database
- and their wishes for a solution that could be Internationally accepted.

After a summary of these national reports, a resolution is proposed and adopted by our Executive Committee.

Because AIPPI resolutions are based on such a large consensus and from so many professionals around the World, our resolutions are taken in deep consideration by International bodies such as WIPO and WTO.

Thus, each year AIPPI passes at least three resolutions, to inform all interested circles, as to its opinion on a given problem and its potential international solution.

Needless to say, AIPPI is a non-profit and a non political organization.

This largest forum in the World offers:

- ideas for debate in a quite objective way
- common solutions to be devised that are acceptable to professionals on an international level
- concepts and principals that may be useful in the future.

AIPPI must therefore focus on the protection of IP, as provided for in its statutes.

When one speaks of protection of IP, this implies efficient protection. It seems then obvious that the only way to insure such efficiency is to get a clear picture of what IP must protect, as opposed to those matters that come outside the field of IP.

This is why AIPPI must also seek to maintain the fair balance between the rights and the obligations of the IP right owners.

We have to state quite clearly:

- what can benefit from an exclusive right that must be protected
- and on the other side what is in the public domain available to everyone and open to free competition.

AIPPI has to offer a complete transparency on this fair balance, inside and outside IP circles.

Tomorrow and after tomorrow, we will have several presentations...

As you know, during our next Congress and Workshops, in Paris next October, we will also consider...

With some others issues like ...

I sincerely hope that all of you will be able to attend our Congress next October.

Indeed, AIPPI needs cooperation from all its National Groups. We should keep in mind that during such AIPPI Congress, this is for each national group the only opportunity to express his outlook on a question, and to give his opinion and to be heard on the manner in which a reasonably acceptable compromise could be found to come to an international solution, that might meet with a wide consensus.

Such AIPPI meetings give also the opportunity to professionals – especially young professionals – not only to get a better understanding of IP issues on national and international levels, but also to show their knowledge and expertise to other International professionals.

It is also today of great importance for the World to improve our knowledge about the situation in this Asian region.

To conclude, I would like to confirm the great interest that AIPPI has for these regional meetings. The Bureau of AIPPI has already participated in such regional meetings in Americas, in Europe and last year in China. Today the Bureau is quite happy to be able to contribute to your Trilateral Asian Meeting here in Busan.

AIPPI is emphasizing the importance of this region in the IP field, as you know an AIPPI Congress will take place in 2012 in the Capital of Korea.

Coming back to this current Regional meeting, once again, as President of AIPPI and personally, I am very pleased to be with you today. The program of this meeting looks very promising.

AIPPI is very keen to take part in your work.

I would like to express my best wishes for a great success of this Trilateral Meeting. I am grateful for your welcome and I thank you for your attention.

Thierry Mollet-Viéville
President AIPPI