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GENERAL INFORMATION

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1. INTRODUCTION

The increasing globalization of trade is making it increasingly necessary to acquire an international application for the protection of industrial designs in a timely and cost-effective manner. The Hague system of international registration of industrial designs was created to meet this need, and is presently governed by the 1934 Act, the 1960 Act and the 1999 Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs. The most recent Act of the Hague Agreement, the Geneva Act, adopted in July 1999, became operational on April 1, 2004.

The Hague system, which is simple, inexpensive and efficient, enables its users to obtain protection for their industrial designs in several countries by means of a single application made with the International Bureau of WIPO. Currently 56 States are members of the Hague Union. Thus a good knowledge of the system is important for those working in the field of industrial designs, whether in industry or in the business sector.

The seminar will be conducted by staff of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and an invited speaker. It aims at increasing awareness and practical knowledge of the system among actual and potential users, whether in industry or in private practice and focuses on the needs of independent and in-house industrial property agents (paralegals as well as attorneys) who file applications for international industrial design registrations and who administer such registrations. It will cover all aspects of the Hague system including legal and practical matters (main features and advantages of the system, different procedures, etc.) as well as the latest trends in the field of international industrial design registration.

2. OPENING

It will commence on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 9.30 a.m. (registration from 9 a.m.), and will end at 5.30 p.m.

3. VENUE

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
Room B
34, chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

4. REGISTRATION

The registration desk is situated in the main entrance lobby of WIPO in Room B. This desk will function for information and registration on Thursday, November 12, 2009, from 9 a.m.

Online registration: <http://www.wipo.int/hague/en/index.html>.

Registration fee: 250 Swiss francs covering participation in the seminar, documentation, luncheon, as well as coffee breaks. Registration will only become effective upon receipt, by WIPO, of the registration fee.

The competent authorities of the member States of the Hague Union will be exempt from payment of this fee.

Deadline for registration: November 4, 2009. Please note that registration fees will not be reimbursed for any cancellation received after this date.

Number of participants: The number of participants is limited to 55.

Further information on the Seminar may be obtained from:

Information and Promotion Section
International Designs Registry
Sector of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications
Telephone: (+41 22) 338 90 24
Facsimile: (+41 22) 338 81 80

5. INTERPRETATION

The seminar will be conducted in English and French with simultaneous interpretation from and into the two languages.

6. ADMISSION BADGES

Admission badges are issued to participants at the registration desk. Participants are requested to wear their badges visibly at all times when they are in the Conference Center and in the WIPO buildings.

7. TELEPHONE AND COMMUNICATION

Calls can be made from telephones which could be found at WIPO's lobby. All incoming communications should be made to the following numbers:
WIPO reception desk: (+41 22) 791 91 11.

8. INTERNET CAFÉ

Several PCs are available at the mezzanine floor and in the Information Center at the lobby for use by participants. For those with laptops and WI-FI access cards, WI-FI is available in the lobby of the building.

9. DOCUMENTS COUNTER

The WIPO documents counter is located before the entrance of Room B and will be open on Thursday, November 12, 2009, from 9. a.m.

10. TRAVEL/HOTELS

Participants are kindly requested to take note of the following:

(a) Visa

Please ensure you make the preparations necessary to obtain a visa for entry to Switzerland if your nationality requires it.

(b) Hotel accommodation

Information on Geneva may be obtained at the Geneva Tourist Office

Telephone: (+41 22) 909 7000; hotel reservations desk:
(+41 22) 909 7020; facsimile: (+41 22) 909 7021

Website: www.geneve-tourisme.ch

(c) Travel

The American Express Travel agency is available at the WIPO Headquarters if assistance is required with travel arrangements□

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Telephone: (+41 22) 791 40 63; fax: (+41 22) 791 41 82.
Local calls dial only 022 791 41 82

e-mail: ax.unbtc@aexp.com

11. TAXIS

The nearest taxi rank is situated on chemin Louis-Dunant. Taxis may be called by dialing (+41 22) 320 22 02 or (+41 22) 320 20 20.

12. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Buses to and from Geneva city center (and the railway station) stop at avenue Giuseppe Motta outside the ITU tower (bus lines 8, 11 and 14 stop at “UIT”) and Place des Nations (bus lines 5, 28, F, V, Z and tram lines 13 and 15 stop at “Nations”). For more information see <http://www.tpg.ch>.

13. OTHER FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT OR NEAR WIPO

(a) Postal service: There is a Post Office on the ground floor of the International Conference Center Geneva (CICG) located across the street at 17, rue de Varembeé. Hours: 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Postage stamps could also be bought from the Information Center located at the lobby.

(b) Bank: An office of the Union de Banques Suisses (UBS) is situated across the street at 17 chemin Louis-Dunant. Hours: 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (Monday to Friday). An Automated Teller Machine (ATM) is also located at the right side of WIPO’s main lobby.

(c) Cloak stand: Self-service cloak stands, situated in front of Room A, is available for the use of the participants. This area is unattended, and WIPO can take no responsibility for loss or theft.

(d) Cafeteria: A self-service cafeteria is located at the ground floor of the OMPI/PCT Building Annex and could be accessed by elevator near the ATM on the right side of WIPO's main lobby. It is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

14. RESTAURANTS

Participants may also use the cafeteria located in the nearby WIPO buildings. In addition, there are a number of restaurants in the vicinity offering a wide range of cuisine.

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