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opment Programme (UNDP): B. Stedman; C. G. de Merode. African and Malagasy Industrial Property Office (OAMPI): D. Ekani.

III. Non-governmental Organizations

International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers: R. N. Simpson. International Publishers Association (IPA): R. G. Houghton. Union of National Radio and Television Organizations of Africa: S. Adagala; F. A. Njenga.

IV. WIPO

G. H. C. Bodenhausen (*Director General*); A. Bogsch (*First Deputy Director General*); I. Thiam (*Chief, WIPO Conference Affairs Section*).

V. Officers of the Seminar

Chairman: C. Njonjo (Kenya); *First Vice-Chairman*: B. W. Prah (Ghana); *Second Vice-Chairman*: S. Kandji (Senegal); *Secretary*: I. Thiam (WIPO).

BERNE UNION

MAURITANIA

Accession to the Stockholm Act of the Berne Convention

The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has notified the Governments of member countries of the Berne Union that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania deposited on October 16, 1972, its instrument of accession dated October 10, 1972, to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works of September 9, 1886, as revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967, availing itself, for a period of ten years in the first instance, of the reservations provided in Article 1 of the Protocol Regarding Developing Countries.

The Islamic Republic of Mauritania indicated that, for the purposes of Article 25(4)(b) of the Convention, it wished to belong to Class VII.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 29 of the Stockholm Act, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania will, three months after the date of this notification, that is, on February 6, 1973, be bound by:

- (a) Articles 1 to 20 of the Brussels Act of the Berne Convention pending the entry into force of Articles 1 to 21 of the Stockholm Act of the same Convention;
- (b) Articles 22 to 38 of the Stockholm Act of the Berne Convention.

A separate notification will be made on the entry into force of Articles 1 to 21 of the Stockholm Act when the required number of ratifications or accessions is reached.

Berne Notification No. 39, of November 6, 1972.



GENERAL STUDIES



**The Paris Revisions (July 1971) of the Universal Copyright Convention
and the Berne Convention**

By Valerio De SANCTIS *

In his book, Limperg depicts the present situation against the background of the development of international cooperation in the field of design protection and discusses the Hague Agreement of 1925 and its subsequent revisions at London (1934), The Hague (1960), Monaco (1961) and Stockholm (1967), the Berne Convention and the Universal Copyright Convention, the last-mentioned of which the Netherlands acceded to only in June 1967.

In a separate chapter, the author discusses the Benelux Convention and Uniform Law on Designs and Models, of October 25, 1966, ratified by Belgium, but not yet by Luxembourg or the Netherlands, though in the

latter country discussions in Parliament can be expected to take place shortly.

Altogether, Limperg's book, which also served as the basis for his doctoral thesis, can be considered an important contribution to the understanding of the complicated subject of design protection. His comprehensive study gives, so to speak, a close-up of the situation in the Netherlands as at present and as a basis for the future development of design law under a more specific and, at the same time, supranational Benelux law system.

C. W.

CALENDAR

WIPO Meetings

February 12 to 16, 1973 (London) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group V of the Joint ad hoc Committee

March 20 to 30, 1973 (Stockholm) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Bureau of the Joint ad hoc Committee

April 2 to 6, 1973 (Stockholm) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Joint ad hoc Committee

April 9 to 13, 1973 (Geneva) — Committee of Experts on a Model Law for Developing Countries on Appellations of Origin

Object: To study a Draft Model Law — *Invitations:* Developing countries members of the United Nations — *Observers:* Intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations concerned

April 9 to 13, 1973 (Geneva) — ICIREPAT — Technical Committee for Computerization

April 25 to 30, 1973 (Geneva) — Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) — Standing Subcommittee of the Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation

April 30 to May 4, 1973 (Geneva) — ICIREPAT — Technical Committee for Standardization

May 7 to 11, 1973 (Geneva) — ICIREPAT — Technical Committee for Shared Systems

May 17 to June 12, 1973 (Vienna) — Diplomatic Conference on: (a) the International Registration of Marks, (b) the International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks, (c) the Protection of Type Faces

June 4 to 8, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group I of the Joint ad hoc Committee

June 18 to 22, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group II of the Joint ad hoc Committee

June 27 to 29, 1973 (Geneva) — ICIREPAT — Technical Coordination Committee

July 2 to 6, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group III of the Joint ad hoc Committee

July 2 to 11, 1973 (Nairobi) — Committee of Governmental Experts on Problems in the Field of Copyright and of the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations Raised by Transmission Via Space Satellites

Note: Meeting convened jointly with Unesco.

July 9 to 13, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group IV of the Joint ad hoc Committee

September 10 to 14, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group V of the Joint ad hoc Committee

October 22 to 26, 1973 (Tokyo) — Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) — Interim Committees

October 29 to November 2, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Bureau of the Joint ad hoc Committee

November 5 to 9, 1973 (*) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Joint ad hoc Committee

November 14 to 16, 1973 (Geneva) — ICIREPAT — Plenary Committee

November 19 to 27, 1973 (Geneva) — Administrative Bodies of WIPO (General Assembly, Conference, Coordination Committee) and of the Paris, Berne, Madrid, Nice, Lisbon and Locarno Unions (Assemblies, Conferences of Representatives, Executive Committees)

November 28 to 30, 1973 (Geneva) — Working Group on Scientific Discoveries

December 3 to 11, 1973 (Paris) — Sessions of the Executive Committee of the Berne Union and of the Intergovernmental Committees established by the Rome Convention (Neighboring Rights) and the Universal Copyright Convention

* Place to be notified later.

UPOV Meetings

March 13 and 14, 1973 (Geneva) — Technical Steering Committee

July 2 to 6, 1973 (London/Cambridge) — Symposium on Plant Breeders' Rights

Meetings of Other International Organizations concerned with Intellectual Property

February 13 to 23, 1973 (Brussels) — European Economic Community — "Community Patent" Working Party

May 20 to 26, 1973 (Rio de Janeiro) — International Chamber of Commerce — Congress

September 10 to October 6, 1973 (Munich) — Diplomatic Conference on a European Patent Convention

September 24 to 28, 1973 (Budapest) — International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property — Symposium

October 28 to November 3, 1973 (Jerusalem) — International Writers Guild — Congress

VACANCY IN WIPO

Competition No. 198

Counsellor

(or "Legal Assistant"*)

Legislation and Regional Agreements Section (Industrial Property Division)

Category and grade: P.4/P.3, according to qualifications and experience of the selected candidate.

Principal duties:

The incumbent will assist the Head of the Legislation and Regional Agreements Section in carrying out the duties which fall under the competence of the above-mentioned Section. In particular, he will have the following duties:

- (a) preparing drafts of industrial property model laws and regulations for developing countries and commentaries thereon (including all preparatory documents for meetings of expert committees); acting as assistant secretary in WIPO meetings dealing with these matters;
- (b) undertaking studies on questions relating to regional industrial property agreements;
- (c) undertaking studies on particular aspects of industrial property protection, such as license agreements, know-how and trade secrets, as well as studies concerning the role of industrial property in developing countries;
- (d) representing WIPO in meetings of other international organizations dealing with the questions referred to under (a) through (c).

*Qualifications required**:*

- (a) University degree in law or qualifications equivalent to such a degree;

- (b) wide experience in industrial property law (including its international aspects); thorough knowledge of at least one national law in this field;
- (c) ability to undertake legal studies involving critical analysis and to draft legislative texts (i. e. model laws);
- (d) ability to act as a representative of WIPO in specialized meetings related to the above-mentioned duties;
- (e) excellent knowledge of English; at least a good knowledge of French; knowledge of other major languages would be an advantage.

Nationality:

Candidates must be nationals of one of the Member States of WIPO or of the Paris or Berne Unions. Qualifications being equal, preference will be given to candidates who are nationals of States of which no national is on the staff of WIPO.

Type of appointment:

Probationary period of two years, after satisfactory completion of which a permanent appointment will be offered.

Age limit:

Candidates must be under fifty at date of appointment.

Date of entry on duty:

To be agreed.

Applications:

Application forms and full information regarding the *conditions of employment* may be obtained from the Head of the Administrative Division, WIPO, 32, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland. Please refer to the number of the competition.

Closing date: January 31, 1973.

* Title applicable if appointment at P.3 level.

** The full range of these qualifications corresponds to an appointment at the P. 4 level.