

**International Symposium on Intellectual Property Academies –
Experiences and Future Perspectives.
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Rio Declaration

Representatives of Academies, Training and Research Institutions, (IP Academies), from: Intellectual Property Research Institute (IPRIA) of Australia, National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) of Brazil, State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) of China, State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) of Croatia, Cuban Industrial Property Office (OCPI) of Cuba, Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI) of Mexico, International Intellectual Property Training Institute (IIPTI) of the Republic of Korea, together with representatives of international and regional organizations, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) African Regional Intellectual Property Office (ARIPO), European Patent Office (EPO), held their first ever Symposium on Intellectual Property Academies in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on March 21 and 22, 2007 to share their experiences and discuss future perspectives and challenges.

Representatives discussed organizational models of IP Academies, nature of target groups, the IP educational programs to be offered, the need of partnership strategies for greater impact, the teaching strategies and methodologies, including face to face and through distance learning, cooperation in carrying out IP research, exchange of IP research results, and the challenges faced by them.

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Taking note that IP Academies have been set up in different regions of the world in order to support public policies through IP education training and research.

Understanding that IP Academies are a nucleus for promoting and coordinating nation or regional wide IP education, training and research all of which need a multidisciplinary approach, involving universities, R&D institutions, business, IP professionals and judiciary amongst others.

Recognizing that the expertise and know-how of these Academies are relevant for the enhancement of IP educational programs of all countries in the world.

Have agreed to:

- 1) create a global network amongst themselves and invite other similar institutions to join this network;
- 2) cooperate in designing performance indicators to be used as benchmarks for their activities, in order to demonstrate the relevance of their work for the national and regional development processes;
- 3) strengthen international cooperation and meet on regular intervals to continue sharing experiences and perspectives and plan common goals;
- 4) establish cross links amongst the websites of the members of the network in order to ensure access to the available information;

- 5) create an electronic publication on Methods and Policies on IP Education and Research.
- 6) form a task force to coordinate the work described above and create a pro tempore secretariat composed of WIPO, INPI-Brazil, and SIPO, China, as the next host institution of the International Symposium of Intellectual Property Academies;

The first set of proposed actions are, inter alia:

- a) the creation, for the use of the members of the network, of a section on the WIPO Academy website, including in particular:
 - i. a billboard of cooperation, educational, training, and research activities;
 - ii. an international survey of key figures and facts with regard to IP education and research;
 - iii. educational materials which result from mutual cooperation.
- b) the feasibility of creation of an International Journal on Intellectual Property and Innovation;
- c) the exchange of educational materials;
- d) the examination of the compatibility of e-learning management platforms;
- e) the provision of translation services on IP educational material.

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Representatives took note with appreciation of the generous offer of SIPO, China to host the next International Symposium on Intellectual Property Academies, in 2008.

Finally, Representatives undertook to communicate the outcome of this Symposium and to invite other national and regional IP Academies and similar institutions to participate in the above-mentioned network.

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