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GNIPA – Fourth Symposium, Seoul, Korea

August 24-26, 2010

#### Seoul Action Plan

The 4th Symposium of the Global Network on Intellectual Property (IP) Academies (GNIPA) was held in Seoul, Korea, in collaboration with the International Intellectual Property Training Institute (IIPTI) of the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) from August 24 to 26, 2010.

The Participating Members of the GNIPA were:

- African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)
- Center for Industrial Property Information and Training- Japan (INPIT)
- European Patent Academy (EPA)
- European Patent Office (EPO)
- Global Intellectual Property Academy, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
- Indonesian IP Academy (IIPA)
- Intellectual Property Academy of Singapore (IPAS)
- Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan (IPO-PAK)
- International Intellectual Property Training Institute (IIPTI), Korea Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)
- Kenya Industrial Property Institute
- Korea Intellectual Property Academy (KIPA)
- National Industrial Property Institute – Brazil (INPI-Brazil)
- Nigerian Copyright Institute (NCI)
- China Intellectual Property Training Center (CIPTC), State Intellectual Property Office of China (SIPO)
- Indonesian Intellectual Property Academy (IIPA) (observer)
- World Intellectual Property Organization Academy (WIPO Academy)

#### The Meeting

At the 4<sup>th</sup> Symposium, representatives from national and regional institutions discussed eLearning, financing and long-term sustainability of IP Academies, Evaluation of Training, Exchange of Expertise and Information, and Internship in IP Academies, as projected in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium. The presentations of the 4<sup>th</sup> Symposium were distributed to the participants and the same would be made available on the GNIPA Website.

#### Actionable Items

- 1) The Secretariat is composed of WIPO and two other members of the GNIPA (comprising of the current host and the next host). The term of the secretariat is one year. The WIPO Academy shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the work of the secretariat of GNIPA that will be agreed upon by all members.

For the period 2010-2011, the secretariat will be composed of WIPO Academy, International Intellectual Property Training Institute (IIPTI-KIPO), and the host of the 2011 Symposium.

## 2) Promotion of GNIPA

Any applicant to the GNIPA for membership should be made through the secretariat. Current members of GNIPA are invited to promote GNIPA and to invite other potential IP institute to apply for membership.

## 3) GNIPA website

Linked to and administered by the WIPO Academy, the site may contain:

- i) an international survey of key figures on IP education, training and research.
- ii) educational material and documents which result from mutual cooperation.
- iii) a status of all IP Academies members of the GNIPA covering intitutional set up, mandate, aim, objective, scope of activities, quantitative and qualitative data, and perspectives.

With a view to sharing the above mentioned information among the members, commissioned case studies on IP Management (WIPO Academy) was made available on the Website for the use by the members. An international survey was conducted (INPI Brazil) on IP education, training and research and was discussed during the Symposium. In order to optimize the use of the data contained in the said survey, it will first be translated from Portuguese to English, and the data would be equipped with the relevant user-friendly format.

Members are invited to provide information to the above-listed items to ensure the completeness of the content of the Website. This information should be sent to [Marcelo.dipietro@wipo.int](mailto:Marcelo.dipietro@wipo.int)

## 4. Follow-up from Munich Action Plan

Following implementation of the Munich Action Plan in 2010, it was agreed that some of the activities would continue and members would be informed in the Fifth Symposium under the following projects:

- Financing and long-term sustainability of IP Academies (IP Academy-Singapore),
- Evaluation of Training (USPTO),
- Internships in IP Academies (EPO)

## 5. Recommended Future Projects:

### 5.1 Project: Distance Learning (eLearning)

- Create inventory of distance learning courses offered by members of GNIPA and make information available on GNIPA's website.
- EPO to facilitate the use and further customization of the existing modules on patents, free of charge.
- WIPO to facilitate the use, translation and customization by Universities and Academies.

- Make available an overview of the various technical learning platforms currently in the market.
- Explore the expressed interests of the GNIPA members to contribute content to and to translate existing on-line courses and share evaluation methodologies.

Project Coordinator: WIPO and EPO

#### 5.2 New techniques or approaches to build IP awareness

- Participatory approach
- Establish IP corners in modest industrial sites
- Recognition to the local IPR holders

Project Coordinator: Indonesian Intellectual Property Academy (IIPA)  
Global Intellectual Property Academy, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)  
Intellectual Property Academy of Singapore (IPAS)

#### 5.3 Project: Facilitate Publication of and the Research on IP Related Matters/Materials

- Needs Assessment Study to identify IP related matters that are of particular interest, for further research, for developing countries
- Support to researchers coming from developing countries in the field of IP

Project Coordinator: (Nigerian Copyright Office) and WIPO

#### 5.4 Project: Interdisciplinary IP Teaching

- Collect pertinent information on the current status of training courses in universities and member IP offices and WIPO
- Details on training: Objective, Aim, Target Audience, What to teach, How to teach (online/off line)

Project Coordinator: INPIT-Japan

#### 5.5 Project: Developing methodology for sector based studies on IP

Project Coordinator: INPI- Brazil

6) In response to the expressed need for mid-term reporting and minor adjustments to the format of the program, the WIPO Academy would facilitate the progress of the specific projects through a follow-up mechanism and inform members of the format of the Fifth Symposium.

The delegates expressed their appreciation to the IIPTI and WIPO for the excellent organization of the Symposium and hospitality extended to the participants

The Secretariat of GNIPA undertook to communicate the outcome of this Symposium to the press and will continue to invite other national and regional IP Academies and similar institutions to join the network.

### **Next Meeting**

The participants expressed interest in participating in the preparation of the draft programme of the Fifth Symposium. The Secretariat invited all members to submit proposals of topics and papers before March 2011.

Representatives took note with appreciation the proposal of the Global Intellectual Property Academy, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to host the Fifth Symposium for Heads of Intellectual Property Academies in 2011.