WIPO INTERREGIONAL SEMINAR ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
AND GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE
AND FOLKLORE

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in cooperation with
State Organization for Registration of Deeds and Properties
of the Islamic Republic of Iran
and
the Iranian Handicrafts Organization

Isfahan (Iran), June 16 to 18, 2003

PROGRAM

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Monday, June 16, 2003

8.00 – 8.30 Registration

8.30 – 9.15 Opening of the Seminar

Addresses by the:

Mr. Yadollah Tahernejad, Deputy Minister of Industry and President, Iranian Handicrafts Organization

Mr. Seyed Mahmud Hosseini, Governor of Isfahan, Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran

His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Reza Alizadeh, Deputy Head of the Judiciary and Head of the State Organization for Registration of Deeds and Properties of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

His Excellency Mr. Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, former President of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Head of the Iranian Expediency Council

9.15 – 9.45 Prospects for Regional Cooperation on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions (Expressions of Folklore)

Speaker: Mr. Seyed Mojtaba Arastou, Secretary General, Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), Tehran

9.45 – 10.15 Overview of WIPO and the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)

– General Information on WIPO

– Main Conceptual and Practical Issues under Discussion in the IGC

– Update on Recent Developments and Future Directions for the IGC

Speaker: Mr. Antony Taubman, Head, Traditional Knowledge Division, WIPO

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10.15 – 11.00 International, Regional and National Perspectives, Trends and Strategies

Speakers:
Mr. Henry Olsson, Special Government Adviser, Ministry of Justice, Stockholm
Mr. Sant Kumar Tripathi, Secretary, Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi

11.00 – 11.20 Discussion

11.20 – 11.40 Coffee Break

THEME I: THE PROTECTION OF TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS (EXPRESSIONS OF FOLKLORE)

11.40 – 12.10 Policy Context and Policy Options

Speaker:
Mr. Wend Wendland, Head, Traditional Creativity and Cultural Expressions Section, Traditional Knowledge, Division, WIPO

12.10 – 12.30 Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 14.30 The Economic, Social and Cultural Values of Traditional Cultural Expressions

Speakers:
Ms. Cecilia Duque, Director General, Artesanías de Colombia S.A., Bogota

14.30 – 15.00 The Experience in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Speaker:
Mr. Massoud Taromsari, Researcher, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tehran University, Tehran

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break

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THEME II: THE USE OF EXISTING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS TO PROTECT TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS (EXPRESSIONS OF FOLKLORE)

15.30 – 16.30 Practical Examples of Traditional Cultural Expressions Protected by Intellectual Property Law

Introduction: Mr. Henry Olsson

Panel: Mr. Sant Kumar Tripathi

Mr. John Asein, Head, Legal Department, Nigerian Copyright Commission, Abuja

Mr. Wend Wendland

16.30 – 17.00 Discussion

20.00 WIPO Reception

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THEME III: PROTECTION OF TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS UNDER SUI GENERIS SYSTEMS

9.00 – 10.00 Experiences with Sui Generis Systems

Introduction: Mr. Wend Wendland

Panel: Mr. John Asein

Ms. Cecilia Duque

Mr. Mohammad Nahavandian, Former Deputy Minister of Commee and Deputy Head of Social Research Institute, Tehran

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10.00 – 10.30 Needs and Interests of Indigenous People and Traditional Communities

**Speaker:** Mr. Parshuram Tamang, Vice-Chairperson, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development (DESA), New York

10.30 – 11.00 Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

**THEME IV:** PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE AND THE LINK WITH ITS PROTECTION

11.30 – 12.30 Practical Experiences with the Preservation of Cultural Heritage

**Introduction:** Mr. Wend Wendland

**Panel:** Mr. Yadollah Tahernejad, Deputy Minister of Industry and the President, Iranian Handicrafts Organization, Tehran

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

**THEME V:** CUSTOMARY AND INDIGENOUS LAWS AND THE PROTECTION OF TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

14.00 – 15.00 **Introduction:** Mr. Wend Wendland

**Panel:** Mr. John Asein

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break

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THEME VI: WORKSHOP ON THE WIPO PRACTICAL GUIDE ON THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS AND RELATED TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

15.30 – 17.00 Introduction: Mr. Wend Wendland

Panel:
Ms. Al-Hamdan

Mr. Sant Kumar Tripathi

Mr. John Asein

Dr. Syed Hassan Mir Hosseini, Deputy Head in Deeds Affairs, State Organization for Registration of Deeds and Properties, Tehran

17.00 – 17.30 Discussion

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THEME VII: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES

9.00 – 9.45 Intellectual Property Rights, Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit–sharing – An Overview

Speaker: Mr. Antony Taubman

Discussion

9.45 – 10.15 Coffee Break

10.15 – 10.45 /...
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THEME VIII: THE PROTECTION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

10.45 – 11.15  The Protection of Traditional Knowledge under Intellectual Property Rights and *Sui Generis* Systems

**Speaker:** Mr. Antony Taubman

11.15 – 12.00  Practical Experience for Protection of Cultural Heritage with Special Look on Iranian Handicrafts

**Speaker:** Mr. M. R. Bazeghi, Manager for Research and Development, Iran Handicrafts Organization, Ministry of Industries and Mines, Tehran

12.00 – 12.30  Discussion

12.30 – 14.00  Lunch

THEME IX: PANEL DISCUSSION ON:

14.00 – 16.30  – Areas of Future International Cooperation

– Policy Dialogue

– Pooling of National Experiences

– Capacity Building

– Regional and Interregional Dialogue and Standard-setting

**Panelists:** All foreign and local speakers and WIPO Officials

16.30 – 17.00  Closing Ceremony

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