

WIPO/GEO/SFO/03/INF/1**ORIGINAL:** English**DATE:** April 1, 2003WORLD INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY ORGANIZATION**WORLDWIDE SYMPOSIUM ON GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS**

organized by
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
and
the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

San Francisco, California, July 9 to 11, 2003

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Introduction

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in cooperation with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), is organizing a three-day Worldwide Symposium on Geographical Indications, to take place from July 9 to 11, 2003, in San Francisco, California. This Symposium will provide a forum for the exchange of information on geographical indications at the national, regional and international levels and on future trends in that area. Participation is open to government representatives as well as to any interested party. Presentations will be made by experts in the field of protection of geographical indications from WIPO Member States around the world. Each presentation will be followed by a discussion during which the speakers will answer questions from the audience. Simultaneous interpretation from and into English, French and Spanish will be provided.

Guest Program

Guests will be invited to join participants in a one-day excursion to California wine country, a welcome reception on July 9, 2003, and a farewell reception on July 11, 2003. Optional tours may be booked directly at the hotel.

Conference Hotel and Accommodation

The Symposium will take place at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, California. The address of the Palace Hotel is as follows:

Palace Hotel
2, New Montgomery Street
San Francisco, California 94105
United States of America

Reservations by telephone: +1 415-512-1111

Reservations by facsimile: +1 415-243-4120

For information about the hotel: <http://www.starwood.com/luxury> (select North America, then select Palace Hotel).

The Palace Hotel will apply the following special rate to participants in the Symposium: US\$159 (regular room rate US\$400).

In order to secure booking at the above-mentioned price, hotel reservations should be made, with express reference to participation in the Symposium, before June 25, 2003, directly with the hotel at the above-mentioned address.

Registration

The registration fee for participants is US\$300 for registrations received before June 1, 2003, and US\$400 for registrations received after June 1, 2003. The registration fee covers the complete conference documentation, tea and coffee during breaks, participation in a one-day excursion to the California wine country, a welcome reception on July 9, 2003, and a farewell reception on July 11, 2003.

The registration fee for guests is US\$150. Registration for guests covers participation in a one-day excursion to the Californian wine country, a welcome reception on July 9, 2003, and a farewell reception on July 11, 2003. Optional tours may be booked directly at the hotel.

Registration can be made online (<http://www.wipo.int/meetings/2003/geo-ind/en/registration/index.htm>), or by completing the registration form.

[Registration form follows]

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REGISTRATION FORM

To be returned via mail or fax by June 9, 2003 to:

WIPO, 34, chemin des Colombettes - 1211 Geneva 20 (Switzerland)

Tel: +41(22) 338 9440 - (Mrs. Phoeun)

Fax: +41(22) 338 8745

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Title:
Organization/Company/Functions:
Address:
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Telephone: Facsimile:
E-mail:
Guest:

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The registration fee for guests is US\$150. Registration for guests covers participation in a one-day excursion to the California Wine Wountry, a welcome reception on July 9 and the farewell reception on July 11.

The payment of registration fees amounting to US\$_____ will be made

- by bank transfer to: Swiss Credit Bank, 1211 Geneva 70 (Switzerland)
IBAN/Account ref.: CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 / SWIFT Code : CRESCHZZ12A
- by deducting the Swiss francs countervalue from our current account at
WIPO N° _____
- by the enclosed check drawn on the _____ Bank
- by credit card: Please debit the registration fee
 - American Express
 - Visa
 - Eurocard/MasterCardMy credit Card N° _____ Expiry Date: _____
Date: _____ Authorized Signature: _____

Cancellation: Please note that the registration fees will be refunded only for cancellations received before June 25, 2003.