



confidentiality of communications between client and patent attorney. Further work in this area is beneficial for all countries, irrespective of their level of development, since it would enhance the credibility, reliability and stability of the international IP system.

Poland is satisfied with the progress in the negotiations in the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) on the Treaty for the Protection of Broadcasting Organizations. For many years there has been an almost hopeless stalemate in this respect. We believe that agreement is at hand and the needs of broadcasting organizations will finally be addressed with a modern instrument, the one that would take into account all various ways in which TV content is being widespread in today's technological realities.

Poland continues to attach great importance to IP teaching and to raising awareness of IPRs protection and subsequent commercialization. In March 2018 the Memorandum of Understanding was signed among World Intellectual Property Organization, the Jagiellonian University in Krakow and the Polish Patent Office, under which a new Joint Master's Degree Program in Intellectual Property and New Technologies was launched in the academic year 2018/2019. 21 students from ten countries (Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Poland, Ukraine and USA) enrolled and have participated in this Program. Recruitment for the academic year 2019/2020 has begun and for the time being candidates from all over the world (China, Georgia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Poland, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam) have enrolled.

Poland continues to support WIPO in its efforts to promote a sustainable and effective international IP system and in its normative work. During the previous year the Patent Office has continued to focus on promoting industrial property by organizing a wide range of conferences, seminars, workshops and trainings addressed to various institutions and professions, including in cooperation with WIPO, including.

We are satisfied with the cooperation between our patent office and WIPO, exemplified by numerous activities implemented in 2018 and we will keep supporting WIPO as it addresses new challenges in the process of developing and sustaining a balanced global IP protection system.