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ELECTRONIC COMMERCE AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE**

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under the auspices of  
His Excellency Mr. Petar Stoyanov, President of the Republic of Bulgaria

by  
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)  
in cooperation with  
the National Intellectual Property Association of Bulgaria

**Boyana Government Residence  
Sofia, May 29 to 31, 2001**

PROGRAM

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Tuesday, May 29, 2001

8.30 -9.30 Registration

9.30 -10.15 Opening Ceremony

Moderator: Prof. Borislav Borissov, Chairman, National Intellectual Property Association of Bulgaria, Sofia

Addresses by:

His Excellency Mr. Petar Stoyanov, President of the Republic of Bulgaria and Honorable Chairman of the Conference

Dr. Kamil Idris, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

10.30 Messages by:

Mr. Juiz -Francisco Rebello, Chairman, Portuguese Society of Authors, Lisbon

Mr. Xavier Michel, Permanent Observer, Ambassador of the International Organization of Francophonie (OIF) to the United Nations in Geneva, Geneva

Mr. George Randelov, General Manager, IBM Bulgaria, Sofia

Mr. Konstantin Petrov, Executive Director, Orbitel Inc., Sofia

Intellectual Property, the Internet and Electronic Commerce

Speaker: Mr. Ashok Soota, Chairman and CEO, MindTree Consulting Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore  
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Recent Developments and Challenges in the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Joseph Straus, Professor of Law and Head of Department, Max -Planck -Institute for Foreign and International Law, Copyright and Competition Law, Munich  
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Intellectual Property, Traditional Knowledge and Genetic Resources

Speaker: Dr. Alexandru -Cristian Ştrenc, Deputy Director General,  
State Office for Inventions and Trademarks, Bucharest  
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12.30 -14.00

Lunch Break

14.00 -17.30

Intellectual Property, the Internet and Electronic Commerce  
Virtual Identifiers; The Domain Name System; Trademarks and  
Branding on the Internet; The Digital Divide; Content, Music and  
Software on the Internet; Service Provider Liability and Dispute  
Resolution

Moderator: Mr. Ashok Soota, Bangalore

Speakers: Ms. Cynthia Cannady, Director, Electronic Commerce  
Division, Office of Legal and Constitutional Affairs, WIPO  
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Mr. George Dimitrov, Legal Consultant, Orbitel Inc., Sofia  
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Mrs. Vanda Scartezini, National Secretary, Information  
Technology Policy, Ministry of Science and Technology,  
Brasilia  
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Dr. Lalith B. Gamage, Managing Director and CEO,  
Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology,  
Executive Director, Tradenet SL, Sri Lanka Export  
Development Board, Colombo  
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Dr. Emil Losev, Head, Copyright Division, Ministry of  
Culture, Sofia  
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Mr. Andy Gibbs, President and CEO, PatentCafe.com, Inc.,  
Yuba City, California  
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Miss Nicole Foga, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Commerce  
and Technology, Kingston

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Discussion

18.00 Reception offered by the President of the Republic of Bulgaria, Boyana  
Government Residence

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9.30 -12.30 Recent Developments and Challenges in the Protection of Intellectual  
Property Rights  
New Developments in the Protection of Pharmaceuticals and  
Biotechnological Inventions; Business Methods and Software Patents ;  
Electronic Filing of Patent Applications; the Future of the Intellectual  
Property System

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Joseph Straus, Munich

Speakers: Mr. Robert Stoll, Administrator for External Affairs, Office  
of Legislative and International Affairs, Department of  
Commerce, United States Patent and Trademark Office  
(USPTO), Washington, D.C.  
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Mr. Mihály Ficsor (Jr.), Vice -President, Hungarian Patent  
Office (HPO), Budapest  
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Mr. Petar Terziev, Managing Director, Balkan Pharma, Sofia  
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Mr. Bertil Hjelm, Principal Director DG2, European Patent  
Office (EPO), Munich  
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Mr. Borislav Borissov, Executive Director, Bulgarian Drug  
Agency, Sofia  
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Dr. Galal Wafaa Mohamedien, Legal Advisor, The  
Industrial Bank of Kuwait K.S.C., Safat  
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Ms. Caroline T. Owoseni, Assistant Chief Analyst, National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP), Abuja  
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Mr. McDonald Netshitenzhe, Registrar of Trade Marks and Copyright, South African Patents and Trade Marks Office (SAPTO), Pretoria  
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Discussion

14.30 -17.30

Intellectual Property, Traditional Knowledge and Genetic Resources Concepts and Terms; Relationships between Intellectual Property, Access to and Benefit - Sharing of Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge, Folklore and the Internet, Aspects of Documentation; WIPO's Work to Date - Recent International, Regional and National Developments

Moderator: Dr. Alexandru -Cristian Ştenc, Bucharest

Speakers: Dr. John Mugabe, Executive Director, African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS), Nairobi  
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Dr. Zengpei Xuan, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation, Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE), Beijing  
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Mrs. Mila Santova, Director, Institute of Folklore, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS), Sofia  
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Mr. Homero A. Larrea Monard, Assistant to the Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Quito  
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Mr. Wend Wendland, Senior Legal Officer, Division of Global Intellectual Property Issues, WIPO  
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Mr. Sem T. Shikongo, Programme Officer, Forest Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge, Namibia National Biodiversity Programme, Directorate of Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Windhoek  
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Culture, Sofia

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Dr. Jaber bin Marhoun Fleyfel Al - Wahaiy, Director  
General, International Organizations Department,  
Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Muscat

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Discussion

18.00 Reception offered by WIPO

Thursday, May 31, 2001

9.00 - 12.00 Closing Plenary Session

Moderator: Prof. Borislav Borissov, Sofia

Round Table Discussion

12.00 - 12.30 Closing Ceremony

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the representative of the President of the Republic of Bulgaria

the President of the National Intellectual Property Association

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