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GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AUTHORITIES

Geneva, September 17 and 18, 2009

GENERAL INFORMATION

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1. INTRODUCTION

A Global Symposium of Intellectual Property Authorities is being organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), which will be held at the International Conference Center Geneva (CICG) on September 17 and 18, 2009.

The Symposium will:

- provide heads of IP authorities, industry leaders and other stakeholders with an international forum in which to discuss how the present intellectual property infrastructure, could be developed in a coherent way to support increasingly borderless activities for innovation within science and technology communities and industries;
- present WIPO's new vision and strategy for reinforcing and integrating different technical components for developing the global IP infrastructure;
- involve users of the IP system in the process and create stronger networks between IP authorities and industry/IP practitioners.

2. OPENING

The conference will open on Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 9.30 a.m. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish for the Plenary. This event is open to the general public.

3. VENUE

International Conference Center Geneva (CICG) - Rooms I - IV
17, rue de Varembé, 1211 Geneva
Telephone: (41 22) 791 91 11. Local calls dial only 022 791 91 11

For more information please consult: www.cicg.ch/en

4. REGISTRATION

The WIPO registration desk is situated in the main entrance lobby of the Conference Center. The desk will open for registration on Thursday, September 17, 2009, from 8.30 a.m. Telephone: (41 22) 791 91 11.

Registration fee: Sfr. 200 per participant

Exceptions:

(a) Representatives of the Member States of WIPO, Paris Union and Berne Convention, as well as Member States of the United Nations and its specialized agencies who are not members of WIPO, Paris and Berne Convention;

(b) Up to two (2) representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations with observer status in WIPO; and

(c) Full-time students.

Deadline for registration: August 30, 2009.

5. ADMISSION BADGES

Admission badges are issued to participants at the registration desk. Participants are requested to wear their badges visibly at all times when they are in the Conference Center and in the WIPO buildings.

6. TELEPHONE AND COMMUNICATION

Local and international calls can be made from public telephones located at the Post Office and in the Conference Center. Tax cards for this purpose can be purchased at the Post Office. All incoming communications should be made to the WIPO Reception Desk at the Conference Center: Telephone: (41 22) 791 91 11. Local calls dial only 022 791 11 11.

INTERNET CAFÉ

A limited number of Internet access points will be available for participants' use. Wi-Fi is available throughout the Conference Center for delegates who have their own laptops.

7. DOCUMENTS COUNTER

The WIPO documents counter is located in the main lobby of the Conference Center and will open on Thursday, September 17, 2009, from 9 a.m.

8. TRAVEL/HOTELS

Participants are kindly requested to take note of the following:

(a) Visa

All necessary arrangements for a visa for entry to Switzerland must be made before departure.

(b) Hotel accommodation

Information on hotels is available at the Geneva Tourist Office's site:
www.geneve-tourism.ch.

(c) Travel

The American Express Travel agency is available at the WIPO Headquarters if assistance is required with travel arrangements.

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Telephone: (41 22) 791 40 63; Fax: (41 22) 791 41 82.

Local calls dial only 022 791 41 82

e-mail: *ax.unbtc@aexp.com*.

9. TAXIS

The nearest taxi rank is situated on chemin Louis-Dunant. Taxis may be called by dialing (41 22) 320 22 02 or (41 22) 320 20 20. Local calls dial only 022 320 22 02 or 022 320 20 20. A request for a taxi can also be made through the WIPO Receptionist at the Conference Center.

10. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

From the Airport it is possible to reach the center of town in about 10 to 15 minutes via bus lines 5, 10 and 28. The main railways station "Gare Cornavin" can also be reached by taking the train, this ticket costing a little more than a bus ride can be obtained at the Airport train station or "Gare". The Conference Center may be reached by bus or tram from the center of Geneva center and the railway station or "Gare Cornavin: Bus and Tram tickets are purchased from the machine by selecting the "Tout Genève" option which allows to ride for 60 minutes for Sfr. 3. Please note that the exact amount of coins must be used as the machine does not return change. For further details please consult: www.tpg.ch

Bus and tram stops nearby the conference center:

Bus stop: "Vermont" - Bus line 5

Bus stop: "UIT" - Bus lines 8, 11 and 14

Bus/Tram stop: "Nations" - Bus lines 28, F, V, Z

Tram lines 13 and 15

11. PARKING

A limited number of free-of-charge parking cards, for access to the underground parking at the Place des Nations, will be available upon request from the WIPO registration desk at the Conference Center, on a first-come-first-served basis. Participants may be dropped off by car near to the roundabout in front of the main entrance to the Conference Center, but no parking is allowed there. Chauffeur-driven official cars should not remain parked in the vicinity of the entrance to the Conference Center, but should leave the area and return just before the expected end of the meeting.

12. RESTAURANTS

The Conference Center coffee bar is open from 7.45 a.m. A self-service cafeteria is in operation on the premises during lunch hours. Participants may also use the cafeteria located in the nearby WIPO buildings. In addition, there are a number of restaurants in the vicinity offering a wide range of cuisine.

13. OTHER FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT OR NEAR THE CONFERENCE CENTER

(a) Postal service

The Post Office is located on the ground floor of the Conference Center.
Hours: 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

(b) Cloakroom

A self-service cloakroom, situated in the main entrance of the hall of the Conference Center, is available for the use of participants. This area is unattended, and WIPO can take no responsibility for loss or theft.

(c) News-stand

A news-stand is open during the meeting hours (Level 0 of the Conference Center).

(d) Bank

A branch of the Union de Banques Suisses (UBS) is situated across the street from the Conference Center at 17 chemin Louis-Dunant. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (Monday to Friday)

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