Leveling UP your IP: Strategies for Videogame Developers

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Moderators:
- Mr. Ryszard Frelek, Program Officer, Section for Central European and Baltic States and Mediterranean Countries (CEBSMC), Division for Transition and Developed Countries (TDC), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva – Onsite Moderation
- Ms. Anastassia Nikolova, Young Expert, CEBSMC, TDC, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva – Online Moderation

9.00 – 9.15 Welcome Gamers

Mr. Mihailo Vesović, Director of Division for Strategic Analysis, Services and Internationalization, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia, Belgrade

Mr. Vladimir Marić, Director, the Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Serbia (IPO), Belgrade

Mr. Relja Bobić, Program Director, Serbian Games Association, Belgrade

Ms. Virag Halgand, Head, CEBSMC, TDC, WIPO

9.15 – 9.45 Importance of Playing the Game

Why the videogame industry is important? How is it growing and why intellectual property (IP) is at the heart of videogame development?

Speakers:

Ms. Andreea Medvedovici Per, Vice-President, European Game Developers Federation (EGDF), Executive Director, Romanian Game Developers Association, Bucharest

Ms. Kristina Janković, Executive Manager, Serbian Games Association, Belgrade

9.45 – 10.45 Gain IP Experience, Get the Loot and Unlock New Levels

What are the basic IP issues to remember by videogame developers?

Speakers:

Dr. Gaetano Dimita, Senior Lecturer, International Intellectual Property Law, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London

Mr. Goran Radošević, Partner, Karanović&Partners, Belgrade

Ms. Zorica Gulas, Head of Department for Copyright and Related Rights, the Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade

10.45 – 11.00 Networking Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.00  **Common IP Fixes**

*What are the most common questions game developers might ask about IP?*

Speakers:
- Mr. Michał Pękała, Partner, Head of Video Games & Entertainment, Maruta Wachta, Warsaw
- Ms. Kristina Šarenac, Head of Legal & Finance, Mad Head Games, Belgrade

12.00 – 12.15  Discussion

12.15 – 13.00  Lunch Break

13.00 – 14.00  **Transfer of Experience Points from Other Players**

*How successful companies manage their IP? Stories from the industry*

Speakers:
- Ms. Kristina Šarenac, Head of Legal & Finance, Mad Head Games, Belgrade
- Ms. Darya Firsava, Head of IP Practice, Wargaming, Nicosia
- Ms. Monika Gebel, Lead Intellectual Property Counsel, People Can Fly, Warsaw
- Other companies to be confirmed

14.00 – 14.15  **Upcoming New Levels from WIPO**

*Presentation of a new WIPO project for videogame developers*

Speaker: Mr. Ryszard Frelek

14.15 – 14.30  Networking Coffee Break

14.30 – 16.15  **Workshop on IP Issues when Pitching a Game to Publishers and Investors**

Speakers:
- Dr. Gaetano Dimita
- Mr. Michał Pękała

16.15 – 16.45  **Videogame IP and Content Culturalization for Global Markets**

Speaker: Ms. Kate Edwards, Geographer, CEO & Principal Consultant - Geogrify LLC, Former Executive Director - International Game Developers Association (IGDA) & Global Game Jam (GGJ); Seattle, USA

16.45  **Game Over**

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