



MEETING

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Meeting of Member States and International Depositary Authorities under the Budapest Treaty

organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Geneva, November 13 to 14, 2023 (In person meeting)

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Monday, November 13, 2023

9.00 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 10.10 **Welcome Address**

Ms. Lisa Jorgenson, Deputy Director General, Patents and Technology Sector,
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

10.10 – 10.30 **Topic 1**

**Presentation of recent developments in the
Budapest System**

*The International Bureau will present an update on
the Budapest Treaty system, including recent
accessions and statistics.*

Speaker: WIPO

10.30 – 11.30 **Topic 2**

Deposit of biological material

*The Session will consider how the requirements for
deposit and the practices of IDAs support disclosure
of inventions through the patent procedures. To
discuss this topic, the relevant national/regional
requirements applied by IPOs for the enabling
disclosure of an invention in a patent application as
well as the practice of an IDA regarding the receipt,
acceptance and storage of biological materials will be
presented.*

Speakers from IPOs and IDAs (TBD)

Discussion: All participants

11.30 – 11.50 Coffee Break

11.50 – 13.00 **Topic 3**

**Furnishing of samples of the deposited biological
material**

*Samples of the deposited material to interested
parties shall be furnished by IDAs in accordance with
the applicable national/regional law, in compliance
with the general framework set in the Budapest
Treaty. This Session will discuss how the conditions
prescribed in the national/regional patent laws and
IDAs' practices regarding the furnishing of samples
ensure access to samples of the deposited material,
while taking into consideration certain features of
biological material, such as self-reproduction, self-
replication and biosafety.*

The International Bureau will prepare a background document to facilitate discussions.

Speakers from IPOs and IDAs (TBD)

Discussion: All participants

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch Break

15.00 – 16.00 **Topic 4**

Cooperation between IDAs and IPOs

Cooperation between the IPOs and IDAs is essential for the sound operation of the Budapest system. Firstly, for an IDA to provide high quality and financially sustainable services, cooperation between an IDA and a government agency that assures its compliance with the Budapest Treaty is of utmost importance. Secondly, the IDAs' service is, by definition, "international". For example, furnishing of samples of the deposited material may, in some instances, rely on certification issued by IPOs from any Member State of the Budapest Treaty. The meeting therefore will allow for the sharing of experiences and best practices about the cooperation between IPOs and IDAs, and a discussion on how such cooperation may be improved.

Speakers from IPOs and IDAs (TBD)

Discussion: All participants

16.00 – 16.30 **Topic 5**

Practices of the IDAs under the Budapest Treaty

The meeting will discuss IDAs' practices that may be relevant to the national policy and law of Member States (MSs) and interpretation of the Budapest Treaty. Possible topics may include:

- handling of deposited biological materials by the IDAs after the expiry of the storage period prescribed in the Regulations under the Budapest Treaty; and*
- practices of the IDAs and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in their countries.*

The International Bureau will prepare background documents to facilitate discussions.

Speakers from IDAs (TBD)

Discussion: All participants

16.30 – 16.50 Coffee Break

16.50 – 18.00 **Topic 5 (continued)** **Practices of the IDAs under the Budapest Treaty**

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10.00 – 11.25 **Topic 5 (continued)** **Practices of the IDAs under the Budapest Treaty**

11.25– 11.45 **Coffee Break**

11.45 – 13.00 **Topic 6** **Deposit of biological materials: technology trends and emerging practices in IDAs**

IDAs shall receive biological materials and store them in such a way to ensure their viability. The speakers from IDAs will illustrate the latest technologies used for receiving and storing biological materials, how practices of IDAs have evolved to handle different types of biological materials, and what are the related challenges faced by IDAs.

Speakers from IDAs (TBD)

Discussion: All participants

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch Break

15.00 – 16.15 **Topic 7** **Technological advancement in biotechnology: impacts on the enabling disclosure requirement and the deposit of biological materials**

Does further advancements of biotechnology will have an impact on the manner in which the requirement of enabling disclosure for biotechnological inventions is met? This Session will take stock of existing and potential technical capabilities, and discuss what consequence these technological advancements may have on the deposit of biological material under the Budapest System.

Speakers: A technologist in the biotechnology field (TBD)

A patent expert specialized in biotechnology (TBD)

Discussion: All participants

16.15 – 16.45 **Coffee Break**

16.45 – 17.45 **Topic 8** **Future development in the Budapest system**

Based on the discussions held in Topics 1 to 7, the participants will discuss whether there are any areas in the Budapest System that may be improved, and how they may be addressed.

Closing of the Meeting

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