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Notifications Concerning Treaties

WIPO Convention

Accession

SINGAPORE

The Government of the Republic of Singapore deposited, on September 10, 1990, its instrument of accession to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, signed at Stockholm on July 14, 1967.

The Republic of Singapore will belong to Class C for the purpose of establishing its contribution to-

wards the budget of the WIPO Conference.

The said Convention, as amended on October 2, 1979, will enter into force, with respect to the Republic of Singapore, on December 10, 1990.

WIPO Notification No. 149, of September 14, 1990.

Studies

Character Merchandising and French Law

Xavier DESJEUX*

Expert Systems and the Law—An Outline

Jaap H. SPOOR*

Calendar of Meetings

WIPO Meetings*

(Not all WIPO meetings are listed. Dates are subject to possible change.)

1990

- October 29 to November 9 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on the Harmonization of Certain Provisions in Laws for the Protection of Inventions (Eighth Session; Second Part)**
 The Committee will continue to examine a draft treaty supplementing the Paris Convention as far as patents are concerned (patent law treaty).
Invitations: States members of the Paris Union and, as observers, States members of WIPO not members of the Paris Union and certain organizations.
- November 7 to 9 (Geneva)** **Preparatory Meeting for the Diplomatic Conference for the Conclusion of a Treaty Supplementing the Paris Convention as Far as Patents Are Concerned (Second Part)**
 The Meeting will complete the preparation of the organization of the diplomatic conference (June 1991).
Invitations: States members of the Paris Union, EPO and OAPI.
- November 26 to 30 (Geneva)** **Working Group on the Application of the Madrid Protocol of 1989 (Second Session)**
 The working group will continue to study Regulations for the implementation of the Madrid Protocol of 1989.
Invitations: States members of the Madrid Union, States having signed or acceded to the Protocol, the European Communities and, as observers, other States members of the Paris Union expressing their interest in participating in the Working Group in such capacity and certain non-governmental organizations.
- December 10 to 14 (Geneva)** **PCT Committee for Administrative and Legal Matters (Fourth Session)**
 The Committee will continue the work started during its third session (July 2 to 6 and September 17 to 21, 1990).
Invitations: States members of the PCT Union and, as observers, States members of the Paris Union not members of the PCT Union and certain organizations.

1991

- January 28 to 30 (Geneva)** **Information Meeting(s) on the Revision of the Paris Convention**
 An information meeting of developing countries members of the Paris Union and China and, if it is so desired, information meetings of any other group of countries members of the Paris Union will take place for an exchange of views on the new proposals which will have been prepared by the Director General of WIPO for amending the articles of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property which are under consideration for revision.
Invitations: See the preceding paragraph.
- January 31 and February 1 (Geneva)** **Assembly of the Paris Union (Fifteenth Session)**
 The Assembly will fix the further procedural steps concerning the revision of the Paris Convention and will take cognizance of the aforementioned proposals of the Director General of WIPO. It will also decide the composition of a preparatory meeting which will take place in the first half of 1991.
Invitations: States members of the Paris Union and, as observers, States members of WIPO not members of the Paris Union and certain organizations.

* The first session of the Committee of Experts on a Possible Protocol to the Berne Convention, which was previously announced in this calendar for October 29 to November 2, 1990, has been postponed.

- June 3 to 28 (The Hague)** **Diplomatic Conference for the Conclusion of a Treaty Supplementing the Paris Convention as Far as Patents Are Concerned**
 This diplomatic conference will negotiate and adopt a treaty supplementing the Paris Convention as far as patents are concerned (patent law treaty).
Invitations: States members of the Paris Union and, as observers, States members of WIPO not members of the Paris Union and certain organizations.
- September 23 to October 2 (Geneva)** **Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions Administered by WIPO (Twenty-Second Series of Meetings)**
 All the Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO meet in ordinary sessions every two years in odd-numbered years. In the sessions in 1991, the Governing Bodies will, *inter alia*, review and evaluate activities undertaken since July 1990, and consider and adopt the draft program and budget for the 1992-93 biennium.
Invitations: States members of WIPO or the Unions and, as observers, other States members of the United Nations and certain organizations.
- November 18 to December 6
 (dates and place to be confirmed)** **Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Fifth Session)**
 The Diplomatic Conference is to negotiate and adopt a new Act of the Paris Convention.
Invitations: States members of the Paris Union and, without the right to vote, States members of WIPO or the United Nations not members of the Paris Union as well as, as observers, certain organizations.

UPOV Meetings

(Not all UPOV meetings are listed. Dates are subject to possible change.)

1991

- March 4 to 19
 (dates and place to be confirmed)** **Diplomatic Conference for the Revision of the UPOV Convention**
Invitations: Member States of UPOV and, without the right to vote, States members of the United Nations not members of UPOV as well as, as observers, certain organizations.

Other Meetings in the Field of Copyright and/or Neighboring Rights

Non-Governmental Organizations

1991

- January 20 and 21 (Cannes)** **International Association of Entertainment Lawyers (IAEL): International Lawyers Meeting**
- April 22 to 29 (Aegean Sea)** **International Literary and Artistic Association (ALAI): Congress**
- May 12 to 16
 (Dunkeld, United Kingdom)** **International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC): Legal and Legislation Committee**

