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Editor's Note

FINLAND

Patent Law (No. 550 of December 15, 1967, as last amended by Law No. 387 of May 10, 1985) Text 2-001

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Notifications

Nice Agreement

Accession to the Geneva Act (1977)

LIECHTENSTEIN

The Government of Liechtenstein deposited, on November 14, 1986, its instrument of accession to the Geneva Act of May 13, 1977, of the Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks of June 15, 1957, as revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967.

The Geneva Act (1977) of the said Agreement will enter into force, with respect to Liechtenstein, on February 14, 1987.

Nice Notification No. 65, of November 14, 1986.

WIPO Meetings

WIPO/LAWASIA/UNDP

WIPO Regional Forum on the Judiciary and the Intellectual Property System

(Islamabad, October 5 to 9, 1986)

NOTE*

A Regional Forum of Judges on the Judiciary and the Intellectual Property System organized jointly by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Judges of the Superior Courts of Pakistan, in association with the Law Association for Asia and the Western Pacific (LAWASIA) and with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), was held in Islamabad, Pakistan, from October 5 to 9, 1986.

The Forum was opened by His Excellency Mr. Muhammad Khan Junejo, Prime Minister of Pakistan, who delivered the inaugural address. His Excellency Mr. Wasim Sajjad, Minister for Justice and Parliamentary Affairs was also present. An opening address was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Justice Muhammad Haleem, Chief Justice of Pakistan. Addresses were also delivered by Dr. Arpad Bogsch, Director General of WIPO, by Mr. Nie Hualing, Resident Representative a.i. in Pakistan of UNDP, and by the Honorable Mr. Justice Ian Barker, Judge, High Court of New Zealand, on behalf of the President of LAWASIA.

The participants in the Forum consisted of justices from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Canada, China, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand, a senior official of the Government of Australia, a lawyer from the United Kingdom and officials of WIPO. The list of participants follows this Note.

Discussions in the Forum were based on a number of papers on selected topics in the field of intellectual property law and practice presented by justices and lawyers from Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, Pakistan and the United Kingdom, and on papers on the

judiciary and the intellectual property system, in their respective countries, presented by justices from Bangladesh, China, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

The Director General of WIPO made two introductory statements, one covering patents for inventions and trademarks, and the other covering copyright. In his statements, the Director General gave an outline of the typical provisions in the national laws and international treaties in the said fields of law and mentioned the typical causes of action, and the typical parties, in cases that come before the courts.

At the conclusion of the Forum, the participating justices and judges adopted the following recommendations:

"1. The Chief Justice and Justices of Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand found it of the highest professional interest to hear, from each other, of the role of the courts of their countries in the enforcement of the laws, as they exist, on patents for inventions, trademarks and copyright, to hear from their colleagues or other specialists from Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom about the role of the Courts of their countries in intellectual property cases, and to exchange views on the experiences of each of them.

"2. The participants noted with interest that pursuant to a recommendation of the Intellectual Property Colloquium of Judges in Asia and the Pacific, held in Sydney, in 1984, and in which some of the justices participating in the present Forum also participated, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) had started the systematic collection and publication, in its periodical *Intellectual Property in Asia and the Pacific*, of notes of cases put at its disposal by or through the courtesy of justices in the said region.

"3. The participants noted that, because of the ever-increasing ease of telecommunications, intellectual property rights require as many uniform solutions as possible at the international level with due regard to the existing legal systems, interests and traditions of their countries.

"4. The participants recommended that the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) convene similar regional meetings in the future and that it examine, separately with the judiciary and other competent authorities of each country of the region, the desirability and feasibility of organizing courses or seminars for judges and lawyers of that country.

"5. Furthermore, the participants recommended that the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) continue the publication of notes of cases from the courts of countries of Asia and the Pacific, and that it publish in a volume the texts of the lectures and other presentations made in this Forum.

"6. Finally, the participants recommended that the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) continue to do its utmost to ensure that judges of every level in the countries of Asia and the Pacific receive, by means of contacts among themselves and with their colleagues in other countries of the world — through seminars, courses, publications and study trips — continuous and up-to-date information on the development of intellectual property law which would be useful in their efforts to render justice in this branch of law, a field that will doubtless develop at an unusually fast pace, particularly because of technological developments in communications."

* Prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

I. Justices and Judges

Bangladesh: The Hon. Dr. Justice F.K.M.A. Munim, Chief Justice, Supreme Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice A.T.M. Afzal, Judge, Appellate Division, Supreme Court. **Bhutan:** The Hon. Mr. Justice Paliyor J. Dorji, Chief Justice, High Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Krishna Bahadur Ghalay, Judge, High Court. **China:** The Hon. Mr. Ren Jianxin, Vice-President, Supreme People's Court; Mr. Wang Zhengfa, Expert on Patent Law, Supreme People's Court. **India:** The Hon. Mr. Justice Bakhtavar Lentin, Judge, Bombay High Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Umesh Banerjee, Judge, Calcutta High Court. **Malaysia:** The Hon. Mr. Justice M. Salleh Bin Abas, Lord President, Supreme Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Hashim Yeop A. Sani, Judge, Supreme Court. **Maldives:** The Hon. Mr. Justice Moosa Fathy, Chief Justice, Supreme Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Ahmed Hameed Fahmy, Judge, High Court. **Nepal:** The Hon. Mr. Justice Dhanendra Bahadur Singh, Chief Justice, Supreme Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice T.P. Rana, Judge, Supreme Court. **Pakistan:** The Hon. Mr. Justice Muhammad Haleem, Chief Justice, Supreme Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Aslam Riaz Hussain, Judge, Supreme Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Muhammad Afzal Zullah, Judge, Supreme Court; The Hon. Justice Dr. Nasim Hasan Shah, Judge, Supreme Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice S.A. Nusrat, Judge, Supreme Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice S. Usman Ali Shah, Chief Justice, Peshawar High Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Ghulam Mujaddid Mirza, Chief Justice, Lahore High Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Naimuddin, Chief Justice, Sind High Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Ajmal Mian, Acting Chief Justice, Baluchistan High Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Saad Saood Jan, Judge, Lahore High Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Zahooral Haq, Judge, Sind High Court. **Sri Lanka:** The Hon. Mr. Justice S. Sharvananda, Chief Justice, Supreme Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice K.A.P. Ranasinghe, Judge, Supreme Court. **Thailand:** The Hon. Mr. Justice Sophon Ratanakorn, Senior Judge, Supreme Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Praesert Boonsri, Deputy Chief Justice, Criminal Court.

II. Speakers

Speakers from Pakistan: The Hon. Justice Dr. Nasim Hasan Shah, Judge, Supreme Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Zahooral Haq, Judge, Sind High Court; The Hon. Mr. Justice Ajmal Mian, Acting Chief Justice, Baluchistan High Court.

Speakers from Other Countries: The Hon. Mr. Justice U. Banerjee, Judge, Calcutta High Court, India; The Hon. Mr. Justice Ian Barker, Judge's Chambers, High Court, New Zealand; Mr. Patrick Brazil, Secretary, Attorney General's Department, Australia; The Hon. Mr. Justice F. Chevalier, Cour d'Appel du Québec, Canada; Mr. Michael Fysh, Barrister-at-Law, United Kingdom.

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Secretary of the Forum: Mr. M.A. Latif, Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan. *Deputy Secretary of the Forum:* Mr. Ashiq Hussain, Secretary to the Chief Justice of Pakistan. *Protocol:* Mr. Aziz Ahmad, Protocol Officer, Supreme Court of Pakistan.

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WIPO Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI)

Tenth Session
(Geneva, September 1 to 5, 1986)

NOTE*

The WIPO Permanent Committee on Patent Information (hereinafter referred to as "the Permanent Committee") held its tenth session in Geneva from September 1 to 5, 1986.¹

Thirty-two members of the Permanent Committee were represented at the session (Australia, Austria, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ghana, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Madagascar, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Soviet Union, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, Viet Nam, Zambia, European Patent Office (EPO), African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO). The United Republic of Tanzania was represented by an observer. The Commission of the European Communities (CEC), the International Patent Documentation Center (INPADOC), the Patent Documentation Group (PDG) and the publishers of the journal *World Patent Information* were also represented by observers. A list of participants follows this Note.

Among the topics discussed by the Permanent Committee were the following:

Consideration of the Reports of Sessions of the PCPI Working Groups in 1986

The Permanent Committee reviewed the activities of its Working Groups in 1986 on the basis of the reports of their sessions held in 1986. The Permanent Committee approved the actions taken by its Working Groups on the tasks that it had assigned to them, and congratulated the Working Groups for the work that they had done.

* Prepared by the International Bureau.

¹ For the note on the preceding session, see *Industrial Property*, 1985, p. 351.

Recommendations to the Permanent Committee Formulated by the PCPI Working Groups in 1986

The Permanent Committee reviewed the recommendations made by the PCPI Working Groups in 1986 and took action on them. These recommendations relate, among others, to the following questions:

- IPC revision requests;
- inventory of computerized patent search systems;
- guidelines for the organization of search files based on the IPC;
- revision of Standard Code for Identification of Different Kinds of Patent Documents (WIPO Standard ST.16);
- name indexes for patent documents;
- reduction of volume of priority documents as filed with industrial property offices;
- coded character sets to be used in the exchange of machine-readable records;
- a standard dealing with the filing of patent applications in Optical Character Recognition (OCR) format;
- revision of INID Code (WIPO Standard ST.9);
- revision of training course curricula.

Consideration of Tasks Assigned to the International Bureau in 1986

The Permanent Committee approved the report prepared by the International Bureau on the various tasks assigned to it in 1986. Taking note of the Annual Technical Reports for 1985 prepared by 30 PCPI members and submitted in 1986, the Permanent Committee encouraged its members to continue their efforts to submit such reports in 1987 also, at the same time adhering to the Guidelines which it had formulated in that respect.

The Permanent Committee noted that INPADOC's data base contained, on June 27, 1986, information on a total of 12,867,380 patent documents. In respect of the CAPRI System (the Computerized Administration of Patent Documents Reclassified According to the International Patent Classification), the Permanent Committee noted that the total of subclasses covered was 603 out of a total of 614, and that it was very likely, in view of further commitments taken, that the said project might be brought to a successful conclusion by the end of 1988.

In respect of the *WIPO Handbook on Patent Information and Documentation*, the Committee noted that a further set of updating pages would be published in 1986 incorporating decisions taken at its present session. In respect of the *Journal of Patent Associated Literature (JOPAL)*, it noted that issues had continued to be published by the International Bureau at monthly intervals, that the cumulative index of 1985, containing approximately 11,500 entries, had been published in April 1986 and that several offices were testing the possibility of using the *JOPAL* machine-readable data

available at the International Bureau for their own automated search procedures.

Revision of the PCPI Program for the 1985-1986 Biennium

The Permanent Committee adopted the *revised* PCPI Program for the 1986-1987 biennium. That program contains a total of 42 tasks. Furthermore, the Committee agreed that the five Working Groups established for 1986 be continued in 1987 with unchanged mandates.

Simplification of the Structure and Streamlining of the Procedures of the WIPO Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI)

After consideration of the proposals for streamlining made by the Director General, the following conclusions were formulated:

(a) The Permanent Committee was of the opinion that it should be given another opportunity to pronounce itself on these proposals before the competent Governing Bodies pronounce themselves on such proposals.

(b) If it were given such opportunity, the Permanent Committee would also take a position on the question whether technical cooperation in the fields of trademarks and industrial designs should be organized.

(c) The Permanent Committee, in its next session, would then consider, among others, the following:

(i) the objectives of the PCPI should be revised to the extent found necessary, on the basis of an evaluation of its past work and the anticipated priorities in the future;

(ii) a policy for the further development of the IPC should be examined;

(iii) an increased opportunity for the heads of offices should be created for meeting in the Permanent Committee at least once every two years—and, in between, if there is urgency—preferably during, rather than before, the sessions of the Governing Bodies;

(iv) an intermediary evaluation and steering organ, between the Permanent Committee and standing or *ad hoc* working groups, should be maintained;

(v) the subdivision of work among these working groups as proposed by the Director General, should be positively considered, including the emphasis laid on exchange of patent information and the proposals concerning developing countries; the Director General should be invited to propose means for facilitating the travel of certain at least of the developing country delegates to Geneva.

(d) The Permanent Committee should, in its next session, to be held in approximately six months, be presented with new proposals by the Director General

which he would prepare with the help of consultants. He should invite all members of PCPI to make suggestions in writing by November 1, 1986.

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III. Observer State

United Republic of Tanzania: S. Asman.

IV. Observer Organizations

Commission of the European Communities (CEC): H. Bank. International Patent Documentation Center (INPADOC): G. Quarda. Patent Documentation Group (PDG): P. Ochsenbein. World Patent Information (WPI): V.S. Dodd.

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WIPO

Patent and Trademark Information Fair

(Geneva, September 8 to 10, 1986)

NOTE*

The number of data bases devoted wholly, or to a large part, to patent information, their coverage, and the methods of access thereto is continually increasing. This development arises in two ways. Firstly, industrial property offices are becoming ever more aware that the efficient administration of patents requires the use of modern techniques in order to cater for the steadily increasing number of patent applications and of published patent documents. Secondly, industry is generally recognizing the usefulness of patent information for research and development activities and for market analysis and forecasting.

The administration of trademarks is being more and more assisted by the use of computer systems. Such use, as in the case of the administration of patents, extends not only to the keeping of records during the processing of applications for registration but also to the search of prior registrations. The task of searching involves the need to investigate phonetic similarities and, in some instances, the need to make figurative comparisons. The thrust of the present-day development of computer systems is directed towards solving these problems in a convenient and cost-effective way. It is certain that computers will be used even more in the future. Indeed, the long-term development of the industrial property system very largely depends thereon.

In order to provide up-to-date information and guidance in the use of patent and trademark data bases, WIPO organized a Patent and Trademark Information Fair in Geneva, at the International Conference Center, from September 8 to 10, 1986. The theme of the Fair was the role of computers in industrial property offices in their tasks concerning the administration of patents and trademarks.

The exhibitors consisted of nine industrial property offices—those of Brazil, China, European Patent Office,

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France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom—and of the following 14 organizations in addition to WIPO: Bertelsmann Informationsservice GmbH, Carl Heymanns Verlag, Chemical Abstracts Service, Compumark, Derwent Publications Ltd., Dialog Information Services Inc., INPADOC, Mead Data Central International, Pergamon-Infoline Ltd., Research Publications Ltd., SDC Information Services Inc., Skriptor Juris AB, Télésystèmes-Questel S.A., Thomson and Thomson.

More than 450 visitors attended the Fair. They were able to use computer data bases located in many European countries, in North and in South America and were given up-to-date information concerning developments in other regions of the world. The visitors were able to discuss with the world's leading experts the role that the services available could play in their own field of interest.

International Patent Cooperation (PCT) Union

Committee for Technical Cooperation (PCT/CTC)

Ninth Session
(Geneva, September 1 to 5, 1986)

NOTE*

The PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation held its ninth session at the headquarters of WIPO jointly with the tenth session of the WIPO Permanent Committee on Patent Information.¹ Twenty States and one intergovernmental organization, members of the Committee, were represented, with observers from eight countries, two international governmental organizations and three international non-governmental organizations. A list of participants follows this Note.

The Committee discussed certain questions concerning the minimum patent documentation as defined in PCT Rule 34.1 and took the following decisions:

(a) It approved the inventory of patent documents 1920 to 1985 according to PCT Rule 34.1(b)(i) and (ii).

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¹ A note on the tenth session of the PCPI appears below; for the note on the eighth session of the PCT/CTC, see *Industrial Property*, 1985, p. 350.

(b) It decided, in respect of the inventories of sorted collections of patent documents according to PCT Rule 34.1(c)(vi), that:

- (i) the regular updating of the machine-readable data file created by the International Bureau should be discontinued;
- (ii) the cooperating offices nevertheless should continue to forward their data to the International Bureau; and
- (iii) the International Bureau could continue to make copies of the data available to it at cost to any office so requesting.

(c) It decided that, notwithstanding the withdrawal of cooperation by Chemical Abstracts Services (CAS), the project for preparing inventories of English-language abstracts of patent documents according to PCT Rule 34.1(e) be pursued.

(d) It decided that the proposal by Hungary to amend the list of periodicals established under PCT Rule 34.1(b)(iii) so as to take into account the rapidly evolving field of biotechnology be studied in detail.

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General Studies

On Counterfeiting and How to Combat It

E. ARACAMA ZORRAQUÍN*

**On the Need for Bilateral and International
Cooperation Between Patent Offices***

E. HÄUSSER**

**The Influence of the Patent System on the
Readiness of Industry to Invest—
An Empirical Analysis**

K.H. OPPENLÄNDER*

Book Reviews

Europäisches Patentübereinkommen; Münchner Gemeinschaftskommentar, by F.-K. Beier, K. Haertel and G. Schricker. Carl Heymanns Verlag KG, Munich, 1984-1986. — 12 volumes to date.

The "*Münchner Gemeinschaftskommentar*," a commentary on the European Patent Convention, the first four instalments of which were published in 1984, has now grown to 12 volumes. The original impression¹ is confirmed by the recently published volumes. This work offers a comprehensive presentation of the patent system established by the European Patent Convention, enlightening its historical background as well as commenting on its Regulations in a most detailed and exhaustive manner.

The excellent quality of this in-depth commentary is due to the skill and experience of the authors: Dr. Kurt Haertel, former President of the German Patent Office (author, among others, of the chapter on the historical development of European patent law); Professor Friedrich-Karl Beier, Managing Director of the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law ("The European Patent System"); Professor Gerhard Schricker, Director of the same Institute (coordinator of this impressive work together with Dr. Haertel and Professor Beier); Dr. Hans Ballreich, former Secretary General of the Max-Planck Gesellschaft, Munich (who comments on the legal status of the European Patent Organisation); Dr. Otto Bossung, member of the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office (dealing with the particulars of European patent applications); Hans-Peter Dornow, Vice-President of the European Patent Office (author of the chapters on the budgetary structure and the fee system of the European Patent Organisation); Dr. Günter Gall, Director of the Division for Legal Questions of the European Patent Office (who comments on Articles 51 and 86 of the European Patent Convention, containing rules relating to fees); Dr. Hans-Peter Kunz-Hallstein, attorney at law and member of the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law (Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the European Patent Organisation); Dr. Jochen Pagenberg, attorney at law and member of the same Institute (who comments on Articles 56 (inventive step) and 57 (industrial applicability) of the Convention); Dr. Romuald Singer, former President of the Legal Board of Appeal of the European Patent Office (on Articles 94 to 98 of the Convention, dealing with the particulars of the request for examination of a European patent application and the examination procedure); Dr. Dieter Stauder, member of the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law (Protocol on Recognition); Dr. Joseph Straus, member of the same Institute (author, among others, of the comments on Articles 92 and 93 of the Convention concerning the drawing up of a European search report and the publication of a European patent application, and of the survey on the jurisdiction and bibliography referring to European patent law);

Johan Strebel, member of the Legal Division of the European Patent Office (introduction to, and particulars of, the granting procedure); and Dr. Rudolf Teschemacher, Head of the Legal Division of the European Patent Office (who comments on unity of invention, disclosure of invention and patent claims).

The published instalments are proof of the authors' extensive experience of the European Patent Convention. This commentary, which, it is hoped, will soon be completed with the volumes still missing, will be of great value to all those seeking information on the principles and provisions of the Convention.

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Semiconductor Chip Protection, by R.H. Stern. Law and Business/Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, New York and Washington, D.C., 1986. — 723 pages.

This book is an extremely comprehensive treatise on the Semiconductor Chip Protection Act (SCPA) of 1984 of the United States of America, which creates a special system of protection for "maskworks" (i.e., layout-designs of integrated circuits). Mr. Stern's book is clearly intended to be an important reference work in this new field of intellectual property law.

The book is arranged in a similar way to classic texts on patent law. Thus, the core of the book consists of chapters on: registration; infringement (establishing liability); infringement (defenses); procedure in infringement actions; and remedies for infringement. For each topic, the author analyzes the relevant provisions of the SCPA, and, where doubts exist as to the interpretation of those provisions, there follows a discussion of the precedents from patent and copyright law which may influence the courts when resolving those doubts. Further guidance is provided by the many references to the legislative history of the SCPA and the regulations of the Copyright Office (which administers the registration procedure under the SCPA).

One of the chapters concerns international issues, and WIPO's work is referred to. Other chapters deal with the background to the enactment of the SCPA; transitional provisions; administrative enforcement of the SCPA; the relationship between the SCPA and other United States laws; the effect of the SCPA on the evolution of future United States laws; and licensing. The very full appendices contain much useful material and, in addition, there is a glossary of terms used in the semiconductor industry. Clearly, this work will prove to be an indispensable tool for all those concerned with the legal protection of integrated circuits.

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¹ See *Industrial Property*, 1984, p. 426.

Calendar of Meetings

WIPO Meetings

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

1987

- January 12 (Geneva) — Information Meeting for Non-Governmental Organizations on Intellectual Property
- January 26 to 31 and February 3 (Geneva) — Consultative Meeting on the Revision of the Paris Convention (Second Session)
- February 23 to 27 (Geneva) — Nice Union: Preparatory Working Group
- March 9 to 13 (Geneva) — Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation Related to Copyright and Neighboring Rights
- March 23 to 27 (Geneva) — Committee of Experts on the Harmonization of Certain Provisions in Laws for the Protection of Inventions (Third Session)
- March 31 to April 4 (Geneva) — Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI): Working Group on General Information
- April 6 and 7 (Geneva) — Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI)
- April 27 to 30 (Geneva) — Committee of Experts on Intellectual Property in Respect of Integrated Circuits (Third Session)
- May 4 to 19 (Geneva) — Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI): Working Group on Search Information
- May 5 to 8 (Geneva) — Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property
- May 11 to 13 (Geneva) — Vienna Union: Working Group on the International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks
- May 11 to 15 (Paris) — Committee of Governmental Experts on Dramatic, Choreographic and Musical Works (convened jointly with Unesco)
- May 18 to 23 and 26 (Geneva) — Consultative Meeting on the Revision of the Paris Convention (Third Session)
- May 25 to 29 (Geneva) — Committee of Experts on the Protection Against Counterfeiting (Second Session)
- June 1 to 4 (Geneva) — Madrid Union: Working Group on Links Between the Madrid Agreement and the Proposed (European) Community Trade Mark
- June 11 to 19 (Washington) — Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI): Working Groups on Special Questions and on Planning
- June 22 to 30 (Geneva) — Berne Union: Executive Committee (Extraordinary Session) (sitting together, for the discussion of certain items, with the Intergovernmental Committee of the Universal Copyright Convention)
- June 29 to July 3 (Geneva) — Paris Union: Committee of Experts on Biotechnological Inventions and Industrial Property (Third Session)
- July 1 to 3 (Geneva) — Rome Convention: Intergovernmental Committee (Ordinary Session) (convened jointly with ILO and Unesco)
- July 6 to 8 (Geneva) — Budapest Union: Assembly (Extraordinary Session)
- September 7 to 11 (Geneva) — Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI): Working Group on Patent Information for Developing Countries
- September 14 to 19 and 23 (Geneva) (to be confirmed) — Consultative Meeting on the Revision of the Paris Convention (Fourth Session)
- September 21 to 30 (Geneva) — Governing Bodies (WIPO General Assembly, Conference and Coordination Committee; Assemblies of the Paris, Madrid, Hague, Nice, Lisbon, Locarno, IPC, PCT, Budapest, TRT, Vienna and Berne Unions; Conferences of Representatives of the Paris, Hague, Nice and Berne Unions; Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions; Committee of Directors of the Madrid Union; Council of the Lisbon Union): Ordinary Sessions
- October 5 to 9 (Geneva) — Committee of Governmental Experts on Works of Applied Art (convened jointly with Unesco)
- November 2 to 6 (Geneva) — Committee of Experts on the Harmonization of Certain Provisions in Laws for the Protection of Inventions (Fourth Session)
- December 1 to 4 (Geneva) — Committee of Governmental Experts on the Printed Word (convened jointly with Unesco)

Other Meetings Concerned with Industrial Property

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- January 26 to 30 (Strasbourg) — Center for the International Study of Industrial Property: Seminar on Legal Problems Concerning the European Patent Convention, the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Community Patent Convention
- June 1 to 5 (Vienna) — European Patent Organisation: Administrative Council
- July 20 to 22 (Cambridge) — International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property: Annual Meeting
- December 7 to 11 (Munich) — European Patent Organisation: Administrative Council