

AIPPI TURKISH NATIONAL GROUP
Group Activities Report 30 June 2010 – 30 June 2012
(prepared on July 30, 2012)

1/ Opinions have been prepared in respect of the draft law containing, establishment and governmental tasks of the Turkish Patent Institute, trademarks, patents, industrial designs, chip topographies and geographical indications prepared with a view :

1/1. To repeal and replace the currently in force Decree-Laws :

- No. 551 on Patents and Utility Models
- No. 554 on Industrial Designs
- No. 555 on Geographical Indications
- No. 556 on Trade and Service Marks
- No. 5147 on Integrated Circuit Topographies

2/ The AIPPI resolutions of 2010 and 2011 have been translated into Turkish and have been shared in English and Turkish with the Turkish Patent Institute and other interest bodies. The said resolutions and their Turkish translation have been put on our association's/group's website www.aippituesday.org

3/ The Questionnaires Q216B, Q217, Q218, Q219 for the 2011 Hyderabad ExCo and the Questionnaires Q229, Q230, Q231, Q232 for the 2012 Seoul Congress have been prepared and timely submitted.

4/ A special committee assigned for preparation of "candidate to host AIPPI Congress in 2018 in Istanbul" finalized the presentation in Fall 2010 and this presentation was given by the former President of the AIPPI, Turkish Group, Mr. Deris in Paris. We unfortunately could not be successful during voting.

5/ The above mentioned activity led to the decision taken by the AIPPI Bureau to hold their Spring Meeting in 2011 in Istanbul. The AIPPI Group simultaneously, decided to organize an IP seminar . This was the first international seminar organized by AIPPI-Turkey with very valuable contribution of AIPPI Bureau Members who have had their bureau meeting in this charming city which has connected different cultures for centuries.

The Intellectual Property Law Seminar from a Turkish and International Perspective, including mock patent and trademark trials was successfully held on April 8-9, 2011 in Istanbul. This was the first international seminar organized by our young national group in association with AIPPI. The interest was quite high and constant for two days and we were so glad to also welcome our colleagues from other

countries like Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Russia, Ukraine, Hungary, Bulgaria, Egypt. While the mock trials held with the participation of both Turkish and foreign judges, patent attorneys and attorneys at law were very productive as for opening the cases to vivid discussions and comments made by audience and participants, the side presentations were useful to integrate the theory and implementations in IPR Enforcement in Turkey and in other countries. The Group decided to more concentrate on IP seminars to be held annually in Istanbul and with national and international contribution and attendance upon receipt of very positive comments and critiques from the participants to this seminar.

- 6/ In Fall 2011, a special committee assigned for preparation of “candidate to host AIPPI Exco 2015 in Istanbul” finalized the presentation and this presentation was given by the current President of the AIPPI Turkish Group, Ms. Korkut in Hyderabad. We unfortunately could not be successful during voting.
- 7/ The Group organized a topic table event in Winter 2012, regarding the change of regulations and of implementation of the definition of class 35 in trademark applications. The outputs of this event has been communicated to the officials of the TPI and we discussed the position and comments of the group very actively before the TPI the impact of which was positively observed in the implementation and reaction of the Administration.
- 8/ In Spring 2011 The AIPPI Turkey and LES Turkey cooperated in holding a one day webinar specifically addressing to MSEs with respect to IP rights, prosecution and infringement issues.
- 9/ Several presentations were made by our Group members in universities and other non governmental bodies, which directly or indirectly referred to mission and tasks of the AIPPI and information about AIPPI Turkey, the association itself.
- 10/ Ongoing preparatory work on providing opinion regarding the Draft Law on Intellectual and Artistic Works (Copyrights / FSEK)
- 11/ Our new interactive website has been completed at the end of 2011.
- 12/ The organizational works for opening membership of our association/group to legal persons were completed and membership is now open to legal persons.
- 13/ Attending the ExCo held in Hyderabad by the AIPPI Korean National Group in Fall 2011.

- 14/** Cooperation with the officials of the Turkish Patent Institute for organizing a committee with respect to preparation of Patent Examination Guidelines in Turkish in Winter 2012.
- 15/** Hosting the meetings, seminars in 2011-2012 organized by the Turkish Patent Institute within the European Union Twinning Project on “Supporting Turkey for Enhancing Implementation and Enforcement of Industrial Property Rights” with Turkish Patent Institute (Twinning Project).
- 16/** Providing opinion as a group about London Agreement and expected impacts of same within this territory. The group’s opinion has been submitted to the Turkish Patent Institute.
- 17/** Change of regulations regarding working committees and sub committees within our group (voted and accepted in General Assembly held in November 2012). A more proactive and flexible structure for organizing working committees has been aimed through this change.
- 18/** Invitation to Special Committees of the AIPPI (Manning of special committees). Four members of group have been invited to Q228 Patents, Q212 Trademarks, Q227 Designs and Q225 Alternative Dispute Resolutions.
- 19/** Ongoing preparatory work regarding contribution of the AIPPI Turkish Group for “Patent Professionals Training Certificate Programme” headed by one of the leading technical universities in İstanbul in cooperation with the TPI, EPO.
- 20/** Last but not least, the Second Intellectual Property Law Seminar from a Turkish and International Perspective, including mock patent trial and mock WIPO Case – UDRP Arbitration on Domain Name Dispute, was successfully held on June 28, 29 in İstanbul. This was the second international seminar organized by the young Turkish AIPPI Group. Turkish and foreign judges, arbitrators, speakers participated and attendees were welcomed from other countries such as Italy, Switzerland, Sweden, Germany, Bulgaria, Hong Kong, Austria, France, The Netherlands. For more information the summary of the event will be published in AIPPI e-news in September.

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