WIPO-WTO Colloquium for Teachers of Intellectual Property

organized by
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

and
the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Geneva, June 18 to 29, 2018

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Under each session, an introductory presentation will be made by a representative of the WIPO and/or the WTO Secretariat setting out the specific objectives of the session. Ample time will be provided for comments and questions from participants. In certain sessions, Geneva-based delegates and outside experts with responsibility for current policy issues will also be invited to give their perspectives.
Venue: WIPO NB Conference Room 0.107 [1st week: June 18 - 22, 2018]

Monday, June 18, 2018

8.30 – 9.00  Administrative Arrangements

9.00 – 9.30  Welcome address by:

The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
or his representative

Representative of the Director-General of the World Trade Organization
(WTO)

9.30 – 9.50  Group Photo and Coffee Break

9.50 – 10.20 Introduction of Participants

10.20 – 11.15  Theme 1  International Law and Policy in Intellectual Property in 2018

i. International IP and Public Policy Issues under Debate

ii. The International IP Legal Framework and its Interaction with Public Policy Issues

Discussion

11.15 – 12.30  Visit to the WIPO Library and Meeting with WIPO Officials

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 17.30  Theme 2  Intellectual Property and Economic Development

i. The Economics of IP and Development in WIPO

ii. The Link of IP to Trade and Economic Development

iii. IP provisions in Free Trade Agreements

iv. Implementation of the WIPO Development Agenda: Current Status of Core Projects

Presentations by participants on the current policy and legal issues under this theme identified in their applications, for instance national policies and economic theories linking IP law and policy choices to economic and social development; and situating IP within the context of trade policy

Discussion
Tuesday, June 19, 2018

8.30 – 9.15 Group discussion

9.15 – 12.30 Theme 3 Copyright and Related Rights

i. Law, Policy and New Developments in WIPO:
   a) Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances;
   b) Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled; and
   c) Issues under Debate in the Standing Committee of Copyright and Related Rights

ii. Copyright Issues in the Digital World: Trade in Digital Products

Presentations by participants on the current policy and legal issues under this theme identified in their applications, for instance copyright law and rights management in the digital environment, national approaches to implementing the Beijing and Marrakesh treaties, and links of limitations and exceptions to policy questions

Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 17.30 Theme 4 Intellectual Property and Competition Policy

i. Interface between IP and Competition Policy

ii. IP and Competition Policy: Selected Cases

Presentations by participants on the current policy and legal issues under this theme identified in their applications, for instance trends in IP and competition policy in developing country jurisdictions, and the coverage of IP and competition policy in bilateral and regional trade agreements

Discussion

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

8.30 – 9.15 Group discussion

9.15 – 12.30 Theme 5 Patents – The Evolving International Landscape: Law, Policy and Development

i. Issues under Debate in the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents: Exceptions and Limitations to Patent Rights; Quality of Patents, and Confidentiality of Communications between Clients and Their Patent Advisors

ii. Patents in the International Trading System
iii. New Challenges for the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

*Presentations by participants on the current policy and legal issues under this theme identified in their applications, for instance comparative national law on key patentability questions, cooperative initiatives on patent examination, policy and legal issues linked to exceptions and limitations of rights, and current patent policy issues in the ICT industry.*

Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 17.30 **Theme 6 Intellectual Property and Public Health**


iii. Collaborative Models in Research and Development: WIPO Re: Search

iv. WHO Perspective: Public Health and the Intellectual Property System

v. NGO and Industry Perspectives: Practical Experiences in Balancing Access and Innovation for Medical Technologies

*Presentations by participants on the current policy and legal issues under this theme identified in their applications, for instance national policy processes concerning innovation for public health and access to medical technologies, the interplay between the IP system and the regulation of medicines, and comparison of policy options to promote medical innovation and access to medicines.*

Discussion

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**

8.30 – 9.15 Group discussion

9.15 – 12.30 **Theme 7 Trademarks and Industrial Designs**

i. Trademarks and Industrial Designs in the International Trading System

ii. Issues under Debate in the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Designs and Geographical
Indications (GIs) of WIPO: Protection of Country Names against Registration and Use as Trademarks and GIs; and Trademark-Related Aspects of the Domain Name System

iii. Multilateral Legal Framework for Design Regulation Procedures

Presentations by participants on the current policy and legal issues under this theme identified in their applications, for instance protection of non-traditional trademarks, trademark domain name overlap, protection of traditional designs, and national branding strategies

Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 17.30 Theme 8 Geographical Indications

i. The Lisbon System and New Developments

ii. TRIPS Provisions and Work in the WTO

Presentations by participants on the current policy and legal issues under this theme identified in their applications, for instance comparative national approaches to the protection of geographical indications, and national initiatives to promote sustainable development through local branding for traditional products

Discussion

Friday, June 22, 2018

8.30 – 9.15 Group discussion

9.15 – 11.00 Theme 9 Case study: IP and Public Health

11.00 – 17.30 Management of IPRs: A Firm’s Practical Experiences

i. R&D, Patents and Trade Secrets

ii. IP and Branding

iii. Enforcement of IPRs by Private Right Holders
Venue: WTO ROOM E [2nd week: June 25 - 29, 2018]

Monday, June 25, 2018

8.30 – 9.15 Group discussion

9.15 – 12.30 Theme 10 Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore: Recent Developments in WIPO and the WTO

i. Current Work and Discussions in the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee (IGC) on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore

ii. Work and Discussions on the Issues of the Relationship between the TRIPS Agreement and Convention on Biological Diversity and the Protection of Traditional Knowledge in the WTO TRIPS Council

Presentations by participants on the current policy and legal issues under this theme identified in their applications, for instance national laws and policies or community experiences concerning the protection of traditional knowledge and traditional culture expressions, or the interplay between biodiversity, access to genetic resources and the patent system

Discussion

12.00 – 12.30 Visit to the WTO Library and Meeting with the WTO Officials

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 17.30 Theme 11 Protection of Biotechnology and New Varieties of Plants

i. Implementation of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)

ii. Review of Article 27.3(b) of the TRIPS Agreement and New Development

Presentations by participants on the current policy and legal issues under this theme identified in their applications, for instance trends in biotechnology patenting and experiences with the protection of new plant varieties

Discussion

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

8.30 – 9.15 Group discussion

9.15 – 12.30 Theme 12 Settling Intellectual Property-Related Disputes in the International Trading System
i. WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanisms

ii. Intellectual Property Dispute Management, including Internet Domain Name Disputes

Presentations by participants on the current policy and legal issues under this theme identified in their applications, for instance jurisprudence of international dispute settlement in the field of intellectual property

Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 17.30 Theme 13 Intellectual Property Jurisprudence

Presentations by participants on national or regional IP jurisprudence under theme identified in their applications

Discussion

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

8.30 – 9.15 Group discussion

9.15 – 12.30 Theme 14 Intellectual Property Management and Public Policy

i. Overview of IP Issues in Climate Negotiations

ii. IP, Transfer of Technology and IP Licensing – WIPO Perspective

iii. IP, Innovation and Transfer of Technology – WTO Perspective

iv. Industry and NGO Perspectives

Presentation by participants on the current policy and legal issues under this theme identified in their applications, for instance policies to promote green innovation, particular issues relating to diffusion of climate change adaptation and mitigation technologies, and assessment of needs

Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 17.30 Theme 15 Case study: Dispute Settlement

Thursday, June 28, 2018

8.30 – 9.00 Group discussion

9.00 – 12.30 Theme 16 Teaching, Training and Research in the Field of
Intellectual Property

i. Teaching Methodologies

ii. New Technologies in IP Teaching and Research

iii. IP and Teaching Resources:
   a) WIPO Education Programs and Demonstration of IP Materials on WIPO Website
   b) WTO Information Resources on IP Law and Policy: the TRIPS IT Gateway and Its Use by Scholars
   c) WIPO and WTO Distance Learning Courses

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 17.30 Theme 17 Enforcement of Intellectual Property

   i. IP Enforcement in the International Trading System
   ii. Building Respect for IP in WIPO: Consultative Work at the Advisory Committee on Enforcement

*Presentations by participants on the current policy and legal issues under this theme identified in their applications, for instance enforcement of IPRs in the online environment, approaches taken to remedies in IP cases, and comparative national approaches on the role of official agencies addressing piracy and counterfeiting*

Discussion

Friday, June 29, 2018

8.30 – 9.00 Group discussion

9.00 – 10.45 Case Study Group Presentations


11.15 – 12.00 Evaluation of the Colloquium

12.00 – 12.30 Closing remarks by:

The Director General of WTO or his representative

Representative of the Director-General of WIPO

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