

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF AIPPI SINGAPORE May 2007 – July 2008**

This report covers the activities of AIPPI Singapore for the period from May 2007 to July 2008.

### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **Singapore – Dialogue Sessions**

In the course of the year, we would participate in various dialogue sessions organized by IPOS. Patsy Koh is the AIPPI representative in charge of collecting and collating comments and contributions and submitting these to IPOS.

#### **TM Dialogue Session**

AIPPI participated in the Dialogue Session between IPOS and AIPPI, APAA and the IP committee of the law society of Singapore on Trade Mark matters on 15 October 2007.

The members attending on behalf of AIPPI were:

Regina Quek  
Patsy Koh  
Winnie Tham  
Dorothee Frey

We were also invited to attend PCT Asia 2008 held on in Biopolis Singapore on 21-22 April 2008. Regina Quek attended on behalf of AIPPI.

#### **Patents – Dialogue Session**

We have also been invited by IPOS to submit our comments on the proposed Patents Focus Group Dialogue Session. The comments are in the process of being collated and will be submitted shortly to IPOS.

#### **Supporting organization for EAPIC**

AIPPI Singapore was a supporting organization for EAPIC 2008 (13-14 September 2007) as well as EAPIC 2008 (26 and 27 June 2008)

#### **Scientific Work**

The Resolutions determined at the Exco in Singapore have been distributed to IPOS on 3 Dec 2007.

These were:

#### **Working Committees**

- Q193 Division, Continuation and Continuation-in-part Patent Applications
- Q194 The impact of Co-Ownership of IPR on their Exploitation
- Q195 Limitations of Trademark Rights

The new Questions for study at the Boston Congress have been received and we have already set up the individual subcommittees to study these and prepare a report thereof. These are:

- Q202: The impact of public health issues on exclusive patent rights

Winnie Tham, Jason Chan

Q203: Damages for trademark infringement through counterfeiting and piracy  
Teresa O'Connor

Q204: Liability for contributory infringement of IPRs  
Stanley Lai

Q205: Exhaustion of IPRs in cases of recycling or repair of goods  
Tony E. Piotrowski

All the reports have already been submitted to AIPPI.

### **International**

Morris John has been invited to be the Singapore representative of the Q199 PTF (Privilege Task Force).

### **Forum & ExCo**

This has been a very busy year indeed for AIPPI Singapore, particularly for those who are involved in the preparation for the FORUM and EXCO meeting in Singapore from 4-10 Oct 2007.

The main organizing committee comprised:

- Regina Quek – chairperson
- Morris John and Max Ng – Finance Committee
- Susanna Leong – chair of the Scientific Program Committee
- Teresa O'Connor – chair of the Social Committee
- Wai Zee – Audit Committee
- Regina Quek – Marketing Committee

Subcommittee members for the various committees – (and many of them wear more than one hat) are:

Winnie Tham	Jason Chan	Anne Loh,
Keith Callinan	Sheena Jacob	Yew Woon Chooi
Gillian Lee	Jonathan Foong	Kevin Theseira
May Tan	Stanley Lai	Patsy Koh
Adrian Ee		

The AIPPI Forum & Exco Meeting 2007 was held in Singapore from 4th to 9th Singapore 2007 at the Raffles City Convention Center.

We saw participation of almost 900 delegates and accompanying persons with attendance at the Forum at about 650.

The Forum was formally opened by Associate Professor Ho Peng Kee, Senior Minister of State for Law and Home Affairs. In his speech, Professor Ho alluded to the growth of intellectual property, particularly in Asia as a vital economic and trade consideration and a sensitive political factor in international relations. This is particularly so for Singapore, as she develops to capitalize on her human resources and intellectual assets to participate in the knowledge-fuelled global economy.

The Closing event of the Forum which was also the Welcome Reception of the Exco Meeting was opened by Ms Liew Woon Yin, who is the Director General of IPOS.

Ms Liew also provided a soft copy of her speech delivered at that event and this was duly forwarded to AIPPI.

### **Forum: Scientific Program**

The Scientific Program Committee worked with the Program Committee to formulate the topics for discussion at the Forum and then (with help from other subcommittee members) provided a number of speakers for the Forum.

These include:

Wai Zee (Levi Strauss - Singapore) and Tony Piotrowski (Philips Electronics - Singapore) (who are both AIPPI Singapore Committee members) - SESSION I: Recent Developments in IP Enforcement in Asia

Justice Choo Han Teck - SESSION VI: Requirements for granting preliminary injunctions in IPR infringement actions

Daniel Seng (National University of Singapore) - SESSION VII: Infringement of IPR, including copyright, over the Internet: Issues of Jurisdiction and Applicable Law

Lily Chan (NUS Enterprise, National University of Singapore) - SESSION VIII: The legal treatment of IPR originating from publicly funded institutions

Ho Cheng Huat (IP Academy - Singapore) - SESSION XI: The Role of IPR in National Development

Lawrence Boo (Arbitration and Mediation Centre Singapore) - SESSION XII: Alternative Dispute Resolution for IPR infringement: a case study

### **Marketing Committee**

I have already reported last year on their work at the Gothenburg conference 2006.

The marketing continued thereafter with the circulation of the brochures by members and also with electronic mail shots to the mailing lists of MARQUES, JPAA, and MIPA.

### **Budget**

The organizing committee worked assiduously on the budget throughout the period running up to the meeting to try to effect costs reduction and correction of errors found in the budget.

Up to just before the meeting, there were budget cuts effected of almost SGD225,000.

There were however unexpected costs incurred in the course of the meeting – and the final budget is still not completely finalized.

We have also applied for a grant from STB – totally about SGD48,000 and as of today – we have passed the formalities section of STB and are still awaiting the final approval to be issued.

### **Social Committee**

There were many social events since the Meeting was really 2 Meetings held back to back. The opening of the Forum was held at Chijmes Hall and the Closing of the Forum and the Opening of the Exco was held at the Asian Civilizations Museum. The evening out for the Exco was held at the Night Safari and the Closing Gala was at the RCCC.

The Social committee worked really hard in ensuring that all the social events passed off without a hitch – and they checked very thoroughly all the conditions of everything- including toilet facilities and water – to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of our delegates.

### **General Feedback and Comments**

The general feedback and comments received from the delegates was that the meeting in Singapore was a really good one, and that it was extremely well organized and enjoyable. They all enjoyed Singapore as a city as well.

We also received good feedback for most of the excursion for accompanying persons – only one I believe did not enjoy the shopping in the HDB estates.



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