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Dear Member of AIPPI-US:

This is a mid-year report on activities and opportunities for participation in the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) including the U.S. National Group (“AIPPI-US” or “U.S. Group”). As you will recall, membership in AIPPI is through membership in a national group, e.g., the U.S. Group.

AIPPI is the world's leading non-government organization for research into and formulation of normative policy for the laws of various countries relating to the protection of intellectual property. With 9,000 members organized into national groups, AIPPI unites practitioners, academics and owners of intellectual property.

AIPPI Mar. 6, 2011 Reception at USPTO Patent Harmonization Initiative

The U.S. Group of AIPPI sponsored the opening reception for the USPTO's “Asia-Pacific Patent Cooperation in the 21st Century” Conference, held in Washington, D.C., March 6-8, 2011, for discussion of patent law harmonization initiatives through the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Organization. We had great representation from the U.S. Group, the Bureau and other national groups in attendance at the event, which provided us with the opportunity to meet and talk with more than 50 IP leaders from more than 23 different countries, including USPTO Director **David Kappos** and Deputy Director **Teresa Rea**. For photos of **Mr. Kappos**, **Ms. Rea**, AIPPI representatives and other leaders, see <http://www.aippi-us.org/reception.htm>.

Two of our members' law firms provided sponsorship to help cover the costs of the reception. A big thank you to **Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garret & Dunner** and **Muncy, Geissler, Olds & Lowe, PLLC** for their support. We were honored to have AIPPI (International) Vice President **John Bochnovic** attend and give brief welcoming remarks.

Several AIPPI-US members then attended the Monday morning session of the conference on March 7. Go to <http://www.uspto.gov/news/pr/2011/11-20.jsp> to read the joint statement of the participants.

AIPPI-Hyderabad ExCo & Forum, Oct. 13-18, 2011

As you know, India is one of the world's fastest growing economies, and is a major source of technology and innovation. As such, India's adoption and enforcement of laws for the protection of intellectual property are of great interest to the world. In recognition of these developments,

for the first time ever, an AIPPI international meeting (ExCo and Forum) will be held in India this autumn. Several interesting tours and excursions are offered, including a pre-meeting tour of the Taj Mahal and Jaipur.

If you have not already registered for the AIPPI ExCo & Forum in Hyderabad, India on October 13-18, 2011, please do so now at <http://www.aippi.net>. Rooms, tours and excursions are booking fast, and availability is limited. Some of our members have booked rooms directly with their hotels of choice in Hyderabad. There is a registration discount until **August 7, 2011**. An Indian visa is required, *see*, <https://indiavisa.travisaoutsourcing.com/homepage>.

US Group Reports for Hyderabad ExCo Meeting

The U.S. Group has submitted reports for the four working questions to be considered at the AIPPI-Hyderabad ExCo Meeting. Typically 30 or more of the leading national groups submit reports on each of the questions, which will be discussed in detail in working committee meetings in Hyderabad. Proposed resolutions from the committees are debated in the ExCo Meeting, leading to final resolutions of the international Association and/or further action steps including communication with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and regional (EPO) and national patent offices. These resolutions help to shape international intellectual property treaties and laws as well as the laws of various regions and countries.

Special thanks to the U.S. Group working question chairs and members for their excellent work on the U.S. Group reports:

Q216H – Exceptions to copyright protection

Chair: **Steven Bauer**

Committee Members: **R. Mark Halligan, Robert Sacoff, Dave Marr, and Damien Wasserbauer**

Q217 – Patentability criterion for inventive step/non-obviousness

Chair: **Marc Richards**

Committee Members: **Drew Meunier, Josh Goldberg, and Alan Kasper**

Q218 – The requirement of genuine use of a trademark

Chair: **Maria Scungio**

Committee Members: **Robert Horowitz, Jim Slattery, and Uli Widmaier**

Q219 – Injunctions in cases of infringement of IPRs

Chair: **Andrew Simpson**

Committee Members: **Ken Adamo, Barry Cohen, Ethan Horwitz, and Kevin Tottis**

To view the reports for these questions, *see* <http://www.aippi-us.org>.

AIPPI-US Annual Meeting and International IP Forum, NYC, Nov. 6-7, 2011

The AIPPI-US Annual Meeting and International IP Forum will be held on November 6-7, 2011, in New York City, at the offices of **Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP**. Please make your flight and hotel reservations early, because November is a busy time in New York City. AIPPI-US will not be making block hotel reservations, but a list of recommended hotels is included with the event flyer at <http://www.aippi-us.org/docs/AIPPINovFlyer.pdf>.

There will be a dinner on Sunday evening, November 6, to kick off the U.S. annual meeting and forum. The official annual meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, during the course of the international IP forum. You are invited to attend the annual meeting, but space is limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Elections of Officers and ExCo Members will occur at the annual meeting. The nominating committee is chaired by **Tom Smegal** (tomsmegal@smegallaw.com). If you wish to volunteer or to nominate someone, please contact **Mr. Smegal**. Watch for further details and registration information. Many thanks to **Peter Schechter** and the organizing committee for their work in planning the AIPPI-US Annual Meeting and International IP Forum.

AIPPI (International) Special Committees and Opportunities

The Bureau of AIPPI has asked for volunteers for a number of special committees to study questions of emerging or particular urgency and to monitor new developments in intellectual property law. We have nominated three U.S. ExCo members, namely, **Uli Widmaer** for Q212 on Trademarks, **Ken Adamo** for Q224 on Enforcement, and **Drew Meunier** for Q228 on Patents. Additional U.S. Group volunteers and nominations are sought for the following special committees:

- Q206 – In House Counsel
- Q207 – Development and Intellectual Property
- Q220 – Geographical Indications
- Q222 – Standards and Patents
- Q223 – Piracy and Counterfeiting (including ACTA)
- Q225 – Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Q226 – Copyrights
- Q227 – Designs

Further information on Q206, Q207, and Q222 can be found at www.aippi.org. If you would like to volunteer or recommend someone for service on a special committee, please contact me by August 15 at Richard@BeemLaw.com.

U.S. Committee on Amicus Curiae Briefs

As you may recall, last year, the U.S. Group took the lead in preparing and filing an amicus curiae brief with the imprimatur of AIPPI in the *Bilski* case in the U.S. Supreme Court. Most recently, the Amicus Committee, chaired by **Peter Schechter**, has been working with the U.S. ExCo and the international Bureau in considering a possible amicus brief in *Mayo v. Prometheus* (U.S. Supreme Court) (possible exceptions to patent protection for certain medical lab tests ordered by physicians).

AIPPI-US Membership Initiative

We ask for your support in growing the U.S. Group. Please invite your colleagues and professional acquaintances to join the U.S. Group, which includes membership in AIPPI. The membership application, for individuals and corporations, with low annual dues of \$250 (half price for members under 30 years of age) is available at <http://aippi-us.org/joinaippi.html>.

U.S. Group Cooperation with AIPPI Bureau, Other National Groups, Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations & Associations

We in the U.S. Group of AIPPI are cooperating actively with the Bureau, other national groups, governmental organizations (particularly the USPTO, and through the Bureau with WIPO), and non-governmental organizations and associations, e.g., the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) (which provides the U.S. Group with administrative and executive services), the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Intellectual Property Law (IPL), the Intellectual Property Owners (IPO) Association, and other intellectual property law associations including the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago (IPLAC) and the New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA).

In the past year I have served as the ABA/IPL Liaison to AIPPI, *see* my July, 14, 2011 report at <http://www.aippi-us.org/docs/ABA-IPL-Liaison-2011AM-Rpt.pdf>, which I have submitted to the Section and to the Bureau. **Bob Sacoff**, past President of the U.S. Group and past Chair of ABA-IPL, graciously has agreed to serve as Liaison for the coming ABA year, which commences with the ABA annual meeting (August 4-8, 2011).

If you are active in another organization or association that may benefit from cooperation with the U.S. Group of AIPPI, e.g., for co-sponsorship of next year's U.S. annual meeting please let me know.

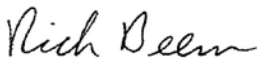
Let Us Hear From You!

Please let us know what you would like to see in future AIPPI meetings, programs and activities. Upcoming meetings include the AIPPI-Hyderabad ExCo and Forum (October 13-18, 2011), the U.S. Group annual meeting in New York (November 6-7, 2011), and the 43rd World Intellectual Property Congress in Incheon (Seoul) Korea (October 20-24, 2012). How can the U.S. Group and AIPPI meet your needs in international IP law?

We look forward to seeing you in Hyderabad and New York City, and hearing from you in the meantime. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me at Richard@BeemLaw.com.

Thank you for your support of AIPPI.

Sincerely,



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