



**AIPPI**

**UNITED STATES**

*Association Internationale pour  
la Protection  
de la Propriete Intellectuelle  
U.S. Group*

**Background and Membership Benefits**

# **AIPPI United States**

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The initials AIPPI are taken from the French name of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle). This is an international organization composed of business firms, executives, lawyers, educators, patent agents, inventors and other persons interested in the worldwide protection of patents, designs, trademarks, trade names, know-how, goodwill, copyright and other intellectual property rights, and in the elimination of unfair trade practices.

## **Membership**

AIPPI has over 7,000 members. It operates mainly through national groups such as the US Group, which now exist in over 50 countries. In addition, AIPPI has two regional (multi-national) groups as well as individual members in more than 20 countries where no national groups have as yet been formed.

## **International Voice**

Since its formation in 1897, the primary function of AIPPI has been to act as the principal voice for the private sector on all international developments in the field of intellectual property. AIPPI invariably is invited to attend diplomatic conferences and meetings of international committees of experts convened by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and other similar organizations. At these meetings, AIPPI is recognized as an official observer with speaking rights. Conferences in which AIPPI has participated include those which adopted the texts of successive revisions of the Paris Convention of 1883, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Trademark Law Treaty, the Madrid Protocol and others. The voice of the private sector has been heard through AIPPI on patent harmonization, revisions to the Madrid Convention and the Berne Convention.

## **Policy Formulation**

AIPPI works to formulate policies it may later be called upon to express at international conventions and similar meetings. New subjects for study by the national groups are continually added to the AIPPI agenda. Pioneering work has been done in recent years on such topics as the protection of computer software, domain names and patent protection for biotechnology (members of the U.S. Group were in the forefront of these activities). It is also very active in trademark and copyright issues. All existing AIPPI Resolutions and pending Working Questions are listed in detail on the AIPPI web site at [www.aippi.org](http://www.aippi.org).

## **AIPPI Operation**

The basic working processes of AIPPI start with the adoption of agenda items by the International Executive Committee. Each national group is asked to consider Working Guidelines on these items and submit a written report in advance of the next Congress or Executive Committee meeting. The AIPPI Bureau prepares a summary report on all the national reports and an international working group confers to develop a proposed resolution for the next Congress or Executive Committee meeting, at which the subject is discussed, debated, and a final resolution adopted. AIPPI also organizes educational Forums as free-standing meetings or in conjunction with Executive Committee meetings.

## **AIPPI UNITED STATES**

The United States Group of AIPPI, AIPPI UNITED STATES is a non-profit organization, was founded in 1930 and has approximately 500 members, including both individuals and corporations. Membership in AIPPI UNITED STATES automatically includes membership in AIPPI. The United States has one of the largest representations on the International Executive Committee of AIPPI.

### **Education**

AIPPI UNITED STATES holds an annual meeting for all its members each fall. This is typically a one-day meeting for which CLE credit is requested. Members also receive all AIPPI publications which give a worldwide view of intellectual property law.

### **Policy-Making**

AIPPI UNITED STATES works within the framework of AIPPI to advance the interests of United States lawyers and IP owners in the international intellectual property field. The group does its work through working committees drawn from the membership which address and report on the various Working Questions formulated by AIPPI. The US positions on these Questions are then advocated by delegates to the AIPPI World Congress or Executive Committee Meeting where the Questions are agenda items. A strong US Group membership is important in enabling the United States to express its normative views on the positions that AIPPI adopts and urges upon governments and inter-governmental organizations. These positions have had significant impact upon such important matters as amendments to the Paris Convention and other multilateral treaties. AIPPI has also influenced changes in the domestic laws of many countries to bring them up to international standards.

### **U.S. Government Relations**

AIPPI UNITED STATES also takes an active role in the formulation of U.S. laws and policies relating to intellectual property law. For example, the group has advocated

support for patent law harmonization, the Madrid Protocol, and the Trademark Law Treaty.

## **Membership Benefits**

Only AIPPI members in good standing have the opportunity to attend AIPPI World Congresses and Executive Committee Meetings. They also can participate in working committee studies and reports, network with colleagues from other countries throughout the world, and benefit from association working papers, studies and publications.

## **Joining AIPPI UNITED STATES**

U.S. individuals become members of AIPPI by joining its United States Group, AIPPI UNITED STATES. Any United States citizen or resident is eligible. Law firms and corporations having five or more individual members shall be considered "law firm" or "corporate" members. The annual dues for an individual member are \$200. Members under the age of 30 pay only \$125.

## **AIPPI Congresses and Executive Committee Meetings**

AIPPI organizes a Congress every two years which members throughout the world may attend. Over 2,000 members plus accompanying persons normally attend a Congress. Pending Questions are discussed and debated and resolutions are adopted.

Congresses

also serve as a forum for workshops of a continuing legal education nature on contemporary issues. In the years between Congresses, the Association makes decisions

through meetings of its Executive Committee and its Council of Presidents. Recent and future Congress venues include:

**Tokyo – 1992**

**Montreal – 1995**

**Rio de Janeiro – 1998**

**Melbourne – 2001**

**Geneva - 2004**

**Gothenburg - 2006**

**Boston - 2008**

**Paris - 2010**

**Seoul - 2012**

**Toronto - 2014**



## Membership Application

I hereby apply for membership in AIPPI, the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle) and AIPPI United States.

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I am primarily interested in committee work relating to:

- Patents                       Trademarks                       Copyrights  
 Boston Organizing Committee  Other (indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

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