

## MAIN PROGRAM 01

# CONSTITUENT ORGANS OF THE MEMBER STATES

### Summary

32. The number of Member States of WIPO has grown from 125 in 1990 to 179 in 2003, representing an average annual growth of five per cent over the last 13 years. Membership in all the WIPO-administered Unions has also increased, particularly in the industrial property registration treaties (the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), the Madrid System, and the Hague System). Calls on WIPO's services and program activities continue to rise, essentially at two levels: users and administrators of the IP system which interact in numerous daily transactions with the global protection systems; and policymakers from the Member State, representing ever more diverse sets of policy interests are increasingly calling on WIPO to provide support and technical, legal and policy input, reflecting both the growing importance of IP issues on a broad range of policy fronts, and the challenge of using IP more effectively as a policy tool for economic, social and cultural development in their countries with widely differing needs and interests.

33. At the General Assembly of 2002, Member States authorized the Director General to streamline and simplify WIPO's governance and constitutional structure to reinforce the transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the Organization. The work concerning constitutional reforms will continue during the 2004-05 biennium.

34. The Assemblies of the Member States will continue to provide policy input and strategic direction to the Director General so as to ensure timely and effective strategic planning and decision-making. This will ensure that WIPO's policy and program directions continue to meet the expectations of Member States, that program activities will meet their diverse needs and interests, and be implemented transparently, accountably and efficiently.

35. Main Program 01 serves WIPO's strategic goals by organizing the policy and management forums in which Member States address the policy issues that are essential to effective program execution and management by the Director General and the International Bureau, and, as necessary, to build the international consensus required to buttress the implementation of the WIPO programs.

36. In practice, Main Program 01 will ensure that all the organs of the Member States meet on time and in a systematic manner, in accordance with the WIPO Convention and the WIPO treaties that are currently in force or will enter into force during the biennium.

37. The WIPO Convention establishes three governing bodies, or organs: the General Assembly (comprising all States members of WIPO which are also members of the Paris or Berne Unions); the Conference (comprising all States members of WIPO); and the Coordination Committee (the members of which are elected from among the members of WIPO and of the Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions). Other WIPO-administered treaties currently in force provide for the following additional organs:

- (1) Paris Union Assembly
- (2) Paris Union Executive Committee
- (3) Berne Union Assembly
- (4) Berne Union Executive Committee
- (5) Madrid Union Assembly
- (6) Hague Union Assembly
- (7) Nice Union Assembly
- (8) Lisbon Union Assembly
- (9) Locarno Union Assembly
- (10) PCT Union Assembly
- (11) IPC (International Patent Classification) Union Assembly
- (12) Vienna Union Assembly
- (13) Budapest Union Assembly
- (14) WIPO Copyright Treaty Assembly
- (15) WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty Assembly

38. The Paris Union Conference of Representatives and the Lisbon Union Council have both decided not to meet in future, and the Berne Union Conference of Representatives, the Hague Union Conference of Representatives, and the Nice Union Conference of Representatives have been dissolved (document A/35/15, paragraphs 132-3). When the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) enters into force, its Contracting Parties may establish an Assembly: its first meeting is expected during the 2004-05 biennium.

39. The Assemblies and Conferences of the Member States meet in ordinary session every other year. The Assemblies of the PCT and Madrid Unions have agreed to finance the travel and Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) of one government official from each Member State to their meetings in ordinary or extraordinary session. The Coordination Committee and the Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions also meet in ordinary session once a year. The Program and Budget Committee is expected to meet four times during the biennium to consider proposals on WIPO program and budget matters.

## **SUMMARY OF MEETINGS EXPECTED TO BE ORGANIZED IN 2004-2005**

<b>Meetings of the Organs of the Member States</b>	<b>Number of Meetings</b>	<b>Days per meeting</b>	<b>Number of languages</b>
Sessions of the Assemblies of the Member States September 2004*	1	10	6
Sessions of the Assemblies of the Member States September 2005*	1	10	6
Ordinary Meetings of the Coordination Committee	2	3	6
Meetings of the Program and Budget Committee	4	3	6
PLT Assembly (may be established upon entry into force of the PLT)	1	3	3

\*Including meetings of the PCT, Madrid and Hague Assemblies

40. The documentation and organizational needs of these meetings will be provided essentially under Main Program 13, Resources Management, under the coordination of Main Program 02.

### **Resource Description by Object of Expenditure**

41. Total resources of Sfr4,386,000 reflect a program decrease of Sfr142,000 or 3.2 per cent with respect the corresponding amount in the 2002-2003 biennium.

42. For travel and fellowships, an amount of Sfr3,386,000 is shown, a program decrease of Sfr136,000 or 3.9 per cent. This includes resources for the travel of about 450 government officials to the sessions of the Assemblies of the PCT and Madrid Unions in 2004 and 2005 as well as costs related to the preparation of the Organs of Member States.

43. For contractual services, an amount of Sfr1,000,000 is shown, a program decrease of Sfr6,000 or 0.6 per cent. This includes resources to cover the cost of interpretation and other conference costs related to the holding of two sessions of the Assemblies of Member States, two meetings of the Coordination Committee and up to 4 meetings of the Program and Budget Committee in 2004 and 2005.

**Table 9.1 Detailed Budget 2004-2005 for Main Program 01**

**A. Budget Variation by Sub-program and Object of Expenditure (in thousands of Swiss francs)**

	2002-2003 Revised A	Budget Variation						2004-2005 Proposed E=A+D
		Program		Cost		Total		
		Amount B	% B/A	Amount C	% C/A	Amount D=B+C	% D/A	
<b>I. By Sub-program</b>								
01.1 Constituent Organs of the Member States	4,500	(142)	(3.2)	28	0.6	(114)	(2.5)	4,386
<b>II. By Object of Expenditure</b>								
Travel and Fellowships	3,500	(136)	(3.9)	22	0.6	(114)	(3.3)	3,386
Contractual Services	1,000	(6)	(0.6)	6	0.6	--	--	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>(142)</b>	<b>(3.2)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>(114)</b>	<b>(2.5)</b>	<b>4,386</b>

**B. Budget Allocation by Sub-program and Object of Expenditure (in thousands of Swiss francs)**

<i>Object of Expenditure</i>	<i>Program COMS</i>
<b>Travel and Fellowships</b>	
Third Party Travel	3,386
<b>Contractual Services</b>	
Conferences	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,386</b>