2022 Intellectual property Judges Forum Practical Guide for Participants

The 2022 WIPO Intellectual Property Judges Forum will take place on November 16 and 17, 2022, at the WIPO Conference Hall, with optional social program on November 18, 2022.

Any questions or comments may be addressed to:

Email: <u>judicial.institute@wipo.int</u>

Access

Forum badges may be collected at the registration desk in the **WIPO Access Center**, upon presentation of a photo ID (such as passport). Please report any lost badge to the WIPO Access Center without delay.

Access to and presence on the WIPO premises will be restricted to badge-holders and strictly controlled.

Entrance to the WIPO campus will be via the WIPO Access Center at 34 chemin des Colombettes (north side of the WIPO AB Building) (see map). Participants arriving at WIPO by car can be dropped off or picked up from the WIPO Access Center.

Access for persons with reduced mobility is available throughout WIPO premises. Requests for information or assistance may be communicated to: meetings@wipo.int.

Facilities

Cafeterias, Coffee Bar and Lunch Facilities

Tea and coffee will be available for participants free of charge during all coffee breaks. Also available are coin-operated vending machines for tea and coffee on the 13th floor and on the first basement floor (-1) of the WIPO AB Building. Drinking water dispensers are available at different locations in the WIPO buildings.

Lunches and dinners will not be provided by WIPO. Participating judges are welcome to purchase lunch at the WIPO cafeterias or at any of the nearby restaurants.

A cafeteria located in the WIPO NB Building offers a wide variety of meal options, including vegetarian dishes, as well as take-out options.

Please note that consumption of food and beverages (other than water) is not permitted in the Conference Hall.

Wireless Internet (Wi-Fi)

WIFI is available in all public areas. The access code will be provided to delegates at the WIPO registration desk. In the Conference Hall, all desks have two electrical plugs (a Swiss plug and a European plug), that can be used for portable computers and similar equipment.

Computers with Internet Access

A number of computers with internet access and a shared printer are available in the internet room situated on the ground floor level of the WIPO Conference Hall and on the mezzanine level of the WIPO AB Building (Room AB 1.11). In addition, several PCs with Internet access are available in the WIPO Library (first floor of the NB Building). The software for visually impaired users installed on these computers allows for web pages to be read aloud.

WIPO Knowledge Center

With its holdings of books and journals in paper and electronic format, the Library collection of the WIPO Knowledge Center

(WKC) covers all aspects of intellectual property. These materials can be consulted in the WKC's Reading Room. An online knowledge repository lists the titles available in the collection.

All participants are welcome to visit the WKC during their stay in Geneva. They can enter the WKC's physical premises with their official badge. The WKC is located on the first floor of the WIPO NB Building. Opening hours are Monday to Friday, from 09:00 to 17:00 (library.wkc@wipo.int; Tel: +41 22 338 8573).

WIPO Photographer

WIPO's official photographer will be present during the Forum to take photographs of delegates and make them available on WIPO's Flickr site. Participants can download photos from the Forum free of charge and directly from the Flickr site. Participants can let the photographer know if they do not wish to be photographed, either during the Forum or in advance by writing to photos@wipo.int. Photos can also be withdrawn immediately from the Flickr site by notifying the photographer or sending an email to photos@wipo.int.

Miscellaneous

Self-service cloakrooms are located outside the WIPO Conference Hall. This area is unattended and WIPO will assume no responsibility for any loss or theft of property. Participants are encouraged not to bring their luggage to WIPO and to secure their personal property at all times.

A number of lockers are available at the reception of the NB Building.

All inquiries concerning lost and found items should be addressed to the WIPO Access Center (Tel: +41 22 338 7942 or +41 22 338 7944 – 24/7).

Smoking is prohibited inside WIPO buildings. Designated smoking areas are located immediately outside WIPO buildings and are accessible from the foyer of the WIPO Conference Hall.

Emergency Information

Medical Emergencies

The **WIPO Medical Unit** is accessible from the corridor on the ground floor of the WIPO GBI Building (right side of the lobby of the WIPO AB Building). Its opening hours are:

- Monday and Friday morning: 9.30 to 11.30
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon: 14:00 to 16:00

Tel: +41 22 338 9128.

If the Medical Unit is closed:

Hôpital Cantonal

24 Rue Micheli-du-Crest 1205 Geneva Tel: +41 22 372 3311. Open 24/7

Ambulance and Medical Emergency: 144

Pharmacy close to WIPO:

Pharmacie Populaire

42A Rue de Moillebeau 1202 Geneva Tel : +41 22 740 0160

Safety and Security

WIPO Safety and Security Coordination Service (SSCS) (24/7): + 41 22 338 9999

Police: 117 Fire Brigade: 118

Practical Information on Geneva

Public Transports and Taxi Services

From the airport, bus 5 (direction 'Thônex-Vallard') stops at Place des Nations (United Nations flag entrance and "Broken Chair" monument), within walking distance of WIPO.

The train takes only six minutes from the airport to the Cornavin Geneva Central Station.

Delegates staying in a Geneva hotel can obtain a local transportation card from the hotel reception free of charge, valid for the entire duration of their stay. This personal and non-transferable card allows free access to trams, buses, trains and yellow taxi-boats around Geneva.

The following bus and tram stops are within walking distance of WIPO (see map):

- Bus stop/Tram stop: "Nations", bus lines 5 (this line also goes to and from the airport), 8, 11, 22, 28, F; tram line 15; and
- Bus stop: "UIT", bus lines 8 and 11.

Further information on Geneva public transportation can be found at the Geneva public transport and Unireso websites:

- http://www.tpg.ch/en/web/site-international
- http://www.unireso.ch/

The nearest taxi stand is located just outside the *Centre International de Conférences Genève* (CICG) on 9 Rue de Varembé. Taxis may be called by dialing +41 22 320 2020, +41 22 320 2202 or +41 22 331 4133. Requests for a taxi may also be made at the WIPO Access Center.

Bank and Post Office

Geneva's local currency is the Swiss franc (CHF). There are currency exchange counters in the arrival area of the international airport, in hotels and bank offices.

The closest bank branch to WIPO is the UBS Vermont-Nations Branch, located on 17bis Chemin Louis Dunant, 5 minutes' walk from WIPO. Opening hours: 10:00 to 17:30 on Mondays; 09:00 to 17:30 from Tuesday to Friday (Cash dispenser ATM 24/7).

A cash dispenser (ATM) is also available on the ground floor of the WIPO GBI Building (right side of the lobby of the WIPO AB Building). Both ATMs can dispense Swiss francs and euros, using internationally recognized credit cards.

The nearest post office is located at the CICG Conference Center, 17 Rue de Varembé. Opening hours are 8:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 18:00.

Telephone

When making local calls in Geneva, replace "+41 22" by "022" or "+41 79" by "079", etc.

Local Conditions

Early November in Geneva is cold and can be rainy. The current weather forecast predicts average maximum temperatures of 12°C/54°F. However, temperatures are forecast to drop to around 5°C/41°F in the mornings and evenings.

More information can be found at the Météo-Geneva website: http://www.meteo-geneve.ch/

The local time for Geneva is UTC +1 hour.

Electricity in Switzerland uses 220V.

Useful websites

2022 WIPO Intellectual Property Judges Forum http://www.wipo.int/judgesforum2022

WIPO Library http://www.wipo.int/library/en/

Geneva information

https://www.cagi.ch/en/home.php https://www.geneve.com/

Transport

https://www.tpg.ch/ (French only) https://www.sbb.ch/en

Weather

http://www.meteo-geneve.ch/

Map of WIPO Campus

