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LIST OF SELECTED WIPO MEETINGS FROM SEPTEMBER 2008 TO MARCH¹ 2009

September 22 to 30 (Geneva) Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO (Forty-fifth series of meetings)

Some of the assemblies will meet in extraordinary session, other bodies in ordinary session.

Invitations: As members or observers (depending on the assembly), the States members of WIPO; as observers, other States and certain organizations.

October 6^{a.m.} (Geneva) Ad hoc Working Group of the Nice Union (Second session)

The second session of the *ad hoc* Working Group will consider draft rules of procedure for the Committee of Experts of the Nice Union as well as the prototypes of an electronic form and an electronic forum for the presentation and discussion of proposals for changes and amendments to the Nice Classification.

Invitations: As members, the States members of the Nice Union; as observers, all States members of the Paris Union that are not members of the Nice Union and certain organizations.

¹ Subject to possible changes.

October 6^{p.m.} to 10
(Geneva)

Preparatory Working Group of the Committee of Experts of the Nice Union for the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Twenty-seventh session)

The Preparatory Working Group will continue its work of revision of the ninth edition of the Nice Classification. Its recommendations will be submitted for adoption at the Twenty-first session of the Committee of Experts of the Nice Union in 2010.

Invitations: As members, the States members of the Preparatory Working Group of the Committee of Experts of the Nice Union; as observers, the States members of the Paris Union, which are not members of the Preparatory Working Group, and certain organizations.

October 13 to 17
(Geneva)

Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (Thirteenth session)

Following the renewal of its mandate for 2008-2009 by the General Assembly, the Committee will consider gap analyses of the protection of traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions/folklore; will continue to comment on agreed sets of issues regarding protection; continue consideration of draft texts of policy objectives and principles for protection, consider issues and proposals relating to genetic resources, and address other ongoing work as set out in the decisions of the Twelfth session, the summary of working documents, the suggested program and the draft agenda, including considering any proposals for enhanced intersessional work.

Invitations: As members, the States members of WIPO and/or the Paris Union, and the European Community; as observers, certain organizations.

October 21^{p.m.}
(Geneva)

Informal Consultations on the Revised 2009 Program and Budget

At this first of two consultation sessions, the new Director General will outline his proposals for a revised 2008-2009 Program and Budget and invite comments prior to consideration by Member States at the Thirteenth session of the Program and Budget Committee.

Invitations: All States members of WIPO are invited to be represented at these informal consultations prior to the Thirteenth session of the Program and Budget Committee.

October 21 and 22
(Geneva)

WIPO Arbitration Workshop

An annual event for all persons interested in WIPO arbitration procedures, both as potential arbitrators and as potential party representatives.

Invitations: Open to interested parties, against payment of a fee.

October 23 and 24
(Geneva)

WIPO Advanced Workshop on Domain Name Dispute Resolution: Update on Practices and Precedents

An event for all persons interested in receiving up-to-date information about the trends in WIPO domain name panel decisions.

Invitations: Open to interested parties, against payment of a fee.

October 30^{p.m.}
Geneva

Informal Consultations on the Revised 2009 Program and Budget

At this second of two consultation sessions, the Director General will discuss with Member States their comments on his proposals for a revised 2008-2009 Program and Budget prior to consideration at the Thirteenth session of the Program and Budget Committee.

Invitations: All States members of WIPO are invited to be represented at these informal consultations prior to the Thirteenth session of the Program and Budget Committee.

November 3 to 7
(Geneva)

Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (Seventeenth session)

The Committee will examine questions of limitations and exceptions regarding libraries, education and visually impaired persons. It will continue its ongoing work on the protection of broadcasting organizations, and it will receive information concerning the Secretariat's work regarding audiovisual performances. In addition, it will have a separate discussion of its future work.

Invitations: As members, the States members of WIPO and/or the Berne Union, and the European Community; as observers, certain organizations.

November 5
(Geneva)

Seminar on the Hague System of International Registration of Industrial Designs (in English and French)

This Seminar is aimed at increasing awareness and practical knowledge of the Hague system for the international registration of industrial designs among industry and private practitioners who use, or will use, the system.

Invitations: Registration is open to all interested parties subject to the payment of a registration fee. The competent authorities of the States members of the Hague Union will be exempt from the payment of the fee.

November 6 and 7
(Geneva)

Seminar on the Madrid System of International Registration of Marks (English session)

This Seminar aims at increasing awareness and practical knowledge of the Madrid system for the international registration of marks among trademark counsels and practitioners who use, or will use, the system whether in industry or in private practice.

Invitations: Registration is open to interested parties, subject to the payment of a registration fee. The competent authorities of the States members of the Madrid Union will be exempt from the payment of the fee.

November 17 to 21
(Geneva)

Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) - Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) (Tenth session)

The Working Group will continue its work in the adoption of new WIPO standards and the revision of existing WIPO standards, as well as in related matters, and will receive reports from the different SDWG task forces that have been established for that purpose.

Invitations: As members, the States members of WIPO and/or the Paris Union; as observers, certain organizations.

November 24 to 28
(Geneva)

Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks (Sixth Session)

The Working Group will continue its work on the legal development of the system.

Invitations: As members, the States members of the Madrid Union and the European Community; as observers, other States members of WIPO and/or the Paris Union and certain organizations.

November 24 to 28
(Geneva) IPC Revision Working Group of the IPC Union (Twentieth session)

The Working Group will continue preparation of revision amendments to the ninth edition of the IPC and implementation of results of IPC reform.

Invitations: As members, the States members of the IPC Union and member organizations of the Working Group; as observers, the States members of the Paris Union and certain organizations.

December 1 to 5
(Geneva) Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT) (Twentieth session)

The Committee will continue to work on areas of convergence relating to non-traditional marks and trademark opposition procedures, based on the outcome of SCT/19. The Committee will also pursue its work on industrial law and practice.

Invitations: As members, the States members of WIPO and/or the Paris Union and the European Community; as observers, other States and certain organizations.

December 10 and
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(Geneva) Program and Budget Committee (Thirteenth session)

The Committee will meet to consider the Revised 2008-2009 Program and Budget prior to its submission to an extraordinary session of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, on December 12, 2008.

Invitations: All States members of the WIPO Program and Budget Committee are invited to be represented at the Thirteenth session of the Program and Budget Committee. All other States members of WIPO are invited to be represented at this meeting in an observer capacity.

December 12
(Geneva) Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO (Forty-sixth series of meetings)

All of the Assemblies will meet in extraordinary session to consider the revised 2008-2009 Program and Budget.

Invitations: As members or observers (depending on the assembly), the States members of WIPO; as observers, other States and certain organizations.

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March 16 to 20
(Geneva)

IPC Committee of Experts of the IPC Union (Forty-first session)

The Committee will, in particular, discuss the report of the special Task Force on projects CE 404 (Procedures of revision and publication of the IPC) and CE 405 (IPC revision policy and consistency of application), and continue its ordinary work, i.e. the adoption of results of the IPC Revision Working Group and The IPC Advanced Level Subcommittee.

Invitations: As members, the States members of the IPC Union and member organizations of the Committee; as observers, the States members of the Paris Union and certain organizations.

March 23 to 27
(Geneva)

Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP) (Thirteenth session)

The Committee will continue its work on various issues relating to patent law and the international patent system, as agreed at the Twelfth session of the Committee held in June 2008.

Invitations: As members, the States members of WIPO and/or of the Paris Union; as observers, other States and certain organizations.

March 26 & 27
(Geneva)

Ad hoc Working Group of the Locarno Union (Second session)

The *ad hoc* Working Group will examine suggestions for the creation of additional subclasses to the Locarno Classification. A pilot group composed of voluntary participants will present its work on the development of a search system for industrial designs.

Invitations: As members, the States members of the Locarno Union; as observers, all States members of the Paris Union that are not members of the Locarno Union and certain organizations.

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