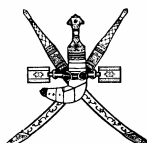


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organized by
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

and
the League of Arab States (LAS)

in cooperation with
the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Muscat, September 15 to 17, 2003

PROGRAM

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Monday, September 15, 2003

- 8.30 - 9.00 Opening Ceremony
- Welcome addresses by:
- the Representative of the Sultanate of Oman
- the Representative of the World Intellectual Property
 Organization (WIPO), Geneva
- the Representative of the League of Arab States (LAS)
- 9.00 - 9.30 Coffee Break
- 9.30 - 10.00 Report on WIPO's Cooperation for Development Program
 on Intellectual Property for the Arab Countries
- Speaker: Mr. Sherif Saadallah, Director, Cooperation for
 Development Bureau for Arab Countries, WIPO
- 10.00 – 10.30 Report on the Activities of the Intellectual Property Unit of the
 League of Arab States (LAS)
- Speaker: Mrs. Maha Bakheet, Official, Intellectual Property Unit,
 LAS, Cairo
- 10.30 – 11.00 WIPO's Work on Recent Intellectual Property Issues Associated with
 the Multilateral Trade Agenda
- Speaker: Ms. Ola Zahran, Counsellor, Cooperation for
 Development Bureau for Arab Countries, WIPO
- 11.00 - 11.45 Recent Multilateral Negotiations on Intellectual Property Issues in
 International Fora
- Speaker: Mr. Nuno Pires de Carvalho, Head, Industrial Property
 Law Section, Cooperation for Development (Intellectual
 Property Law) Department, WIPO
- 11.45 - 12.15 Coffee Break

- 12.15 – 13.00 Report on the Work of the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights
- Speaker: Mr. Dimiter Gantchev, Consultant, Copyright and Related Rights Sector, WIPO
- 13.00 – 13.45 Report on the Work of the Standing Committees in the Field of Industrial Property
- Speaker: Mr. Nuno Pires de Carvalho
- 13.45 - 14.15 Report on the Installation and Functioning of the Common Software for Arab Industrial Property Offices and Results of the WIPO Regional Technical Workshop on the Automation System for Arab Industrial Property Offices
- Speaker: Mr. Hisham Al-Fayed, Information Technology Consultant, WIPO, Cairo

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

- 8.30 – 9.00 Lessons Learned from Intellectual Property Disputes
- Speaker: Mr. Nuno Pires de Carvalho
- 9.00 – 9.45 The Importance of Cultural Industries and Economic Growth
- Speaker: Mr. Dimiter Gantchev
- 9.45 – 10.00 Initiative for the Development of a Software for Arab Collective Management Societies
- Speaker: Mr. Hisham Fayed
- 10.00 – 10.30 Coffee Break
- 10.30 – 11.00 Status of Treaty Adherence and Overview of Activities Implemented in Arab Countries during the 2002/2003 Biennium
- Speaker: Ms. Ola Zahran

11.00 Presentation of Country Reports on the Situation of Intellectual Property in Arab Countries: Update by Intellectual Property Offices on Recent Developments

- (i) Legal Framework of Intellectual Property in the Arab Countries and its Application
- (ii) Enforcement Efforts
- (iii) Intellectual Property Administration: General Organization, Management and Procedural Operations
- (iv) Use of Information Technologies: Automation of Operations
- (v) Training of Human Resources

Presentation of National Reports of the following Countries:

11.00 - 11.15	Algeria
11.15 - 11.30	Bahrain
11.30 - 11.45	Djibouti
11.45 - 12.00	Egypt
12.00 - 12.15	Jordan
12.15 - 12.45	Coffee Break

Presentation of National Reports of the following Countries:
(continued)

12.45 - 13.00	Kuwait
13.00 - 13.15	Lebanon
13.15 - 13.30	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
13.30 - 13.45	Mauritania
13.45 - 14.00	Morocco

Wednesday, September 17, 2003

Presentation of National Reports of the following Countries:

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| 8.30 - 8.45 | Oman |
| 8.45 - 9.00 | Palestinian National Authority (PNA) |
| 9.00 - 9.15 | Qatar |
| 9.15 - 9.30 | Saudi Arabia |
| 9.30 – 10.00 | Coffee Break |
| 10.00 - 10.15 | Sudan |
| 10.15 – 10.30 | Syrian Arab Republic |
| 10.30 - 10.45 | Tunisia |
| 10.45 - 11.00 | United Arab Emirates |
| 11.00 - 11.15 | Yemen |
| 11.15 - 11.45 | Coffee Break |
| 11.45 - 14.00 | General Orientation of Future Needs of Arab Countries in the Field of Intellectual Property |
- General Discussion on the Following Items:
- (a) Automation of Intellectual Property Offices
 - (b) Human Resource Development
 - (c) Cooperation with Education Institutions
 - (d) Collective Management of Copyright and Related Rights
 - (e) Legislative Infrastructure
 - (f) Other Issues
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| 14.00 - 14.15 | Closing Ceremony |
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