



DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROGRAMME (DIIP)

Monthly Update

April 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- Second WHO consultation on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) with civil society organizations (CSOs), jointly organized with WHO on 5 April 2016. A report of this consultation can be found in the WHO GAP AMR Newsletter No. 9.
- Intellectual Property Negotiations Monitor – Issue No. 17, April 2016. The IP Negotiations Monitor summarizes the latest developments in multilateral and regional fora where intellectual property negotiations take place, and informs on upcoming meetings and events. This issue includes coverage of developments in WTO, WIPO, WHO, UPOV, FAO, CBD, UNFCCC. It also gives updates on internet governance, Free Trade Agreements as well as other developments related to access to medicines and also science, technology and innovation. The monitor is available from: <http://www.southcentre.int/ip-negotiations-monitor-17-april-2016/>.

PUBLICATIONS

Background Notes

- Background Note on the Seventeenth Session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP).
- Background Note to the 35th Session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT).
- Background Note on Open-Ended Meeting of WHO Member States to Assess Progress and Continue Discussions on the remaining issues in relation to Monitoring, Coordination and Financing for Health Research and Development – CEWG

EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 6 April, Working Lunch Meeting at the South Centre in preparation for the *WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)* held from 11-15 April.
- 19 April, Working Lunch Meeting at the South Centre in preparation for the *Open-Ended Intergovernmental Meeting on the draft framework of engagement with non-State actors (FENSA)* that will take place at the WHO from 25-27 April 2016.

- 20 April, Working Lunch meeting at the South Centre in preparation for the *35th session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT)* held on 25-27 April.
- 25 April, Working Lunch Meeting at the Palais des Nations in preparation for the *Session of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on a United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and other people working in rural areas*, that will be held from 17-20 May.
- 28 April, Working Lunch Meeting at the South Centre in preparation for the *WHO Open-ended Meeting of Member States on the follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination (CEWG)*

PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- 4 April, *Workshop on contractual restrictions in seed supply*, organized by the Federacion Agraria, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Presentation on current developments in PVP and discussions centred on a contractually-based system for charging a 'technology fee' for the use of a genetically modified soya seed developed by Monsanto ('Intacta').
- 4 April, Meeting on '*Seeds of controversy: intellectual property rights*', organized by the University of Buenos Aires. Presentations on UPOV 1978 and 1991 and the reasons why Argentina should keep its adherence to UPOV 1978; and on the need and elements of a possible reform of the PVP.
- 7-8 April, *WIPO Conference on Intellectual Property and Development, Geneva*, organized in response to a request by developing countries. Presentation on intellectual property and economic development.
- 8 April, *Skype briefing to the Spanish delegation that will attend the World Health Assembly, (WHA 69)* at their request.
- 11 April, *Coordination Meeting with IGOs Working in the Area of Building Respect for IP*, held in Geneva, organized by WIPO.
- 12 April, *DNDi meeting of the expert group on Hepatitis C*, held in Barcelona, The meeting discussed DNDi plans to conduct clinical studies for a combination of sofosbuvir, and the agreement reached with Pharco, an Egyptian producer of the product.
- 14 April, *Conference on Antibiotics and Farming: Prescriptions for change*, organized by the Alliance to Save our Antibiotics and Medact and held in London, UK.
- 14 April, *17th EIPIN Congress on Intellectual Property*, in Alicante, organized by the University of Alicante. The conference focused on IP enforcement rules in Europe and other jurisdictions, including FTAs. Presentation on TRIPS-plus provisions on enforcement in FTAs.

- 18-23 April, *Course on TRIPS standards* in Strasbourg, organized by CEIPI. The course addressed the main substantive and enforcement provisions of the Agreement, discussed the method of interpretation and how the in-built flexibilities can be implemented.
- 24 April, *Fifth International training course on "Health Policy and Human Right to Health & Medicine"*, organised by the Ministry of Health of Salvador and held in Chalatenango, El Salvador. Tele-lecture on "Access to medicines, innovation and intellectual property: the case of Hepatitis C".
- 27-28 April, *Integrating science and policy for decisive action on AMR*, organized by Wellcome Trust, in London.
- 27-29 April, *Third International Seminar on Human Rights and Business*, held in Rio de Janeiro. The Seminar examined cases of human rights violations by business entities, the proposed binding instrument on TNCs and other aspects of human rights implementation. Presentation on access to medicines and human rights.