



DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROGRAMME (DIIP)

Monthly Update

May 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- *South Centre Statement to the Open-Ended Meeting of WHO Member States: Follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination (CEWG) held on 2-4 May 2016, WHO Headquarters, Geneva. The South Centre called for concrete discussions to start negotiations on a binding legal instrument on R&D financing and coordination. The statement, delivered by Dr. German Velasquez, is available at: <http://www.southcentre.int/statement-may-2016/#more-8422>.*
- *Workshop on Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Policy for Public Agricultural Research Organizations, held on 3-4 May 2016, Addis Ababa.*

The workshop was co-organized by the South Centre, UNCTAD and the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR). The objectives of the workshop were to exchange views on IP and technology transfer issues with participants and assess the priority needs of researchers and research centres to support EIAR in the development of IP and technology transfer policy and guidelines for public agricultural research organisations. Mr. Nirmalya Syam participated.



- *WIPO Seminar on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, held on 26-27 May at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva.*

Dr. Viviana Munoz Tellez spoke on the first panel on “Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources: Relationship with Relevant International Instruments.” The session was chaired by Dr. Biswajit Dhar. The presentation is available at



http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/tk/en/wipo_ip/k_ge_16/wipo_ip/k_ge_16_presentation_munoz.pdf.

PUBLICATIONS

Background Notes

- Background Note in Preparation for the Thirty-Second Session of the Standing Committee on Copyrights and Related Rights (SCCR), May 2016.
- Background Note on the Open – Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Draft UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and other People Working in Rural Areas, May 2016.
- Background Note on the Ninth Session of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Working Group, May 2016.
- Background Note on the Sixty-Ninth Session of the World Health Assembly, May 2016.

EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 11 May, Working Lunch meeting at the South Centre in preparation for the *69th session of the World Health Assembly* of the WHO held from 23-28 May.
- 13 May, Meeting at the South Centre 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*, held on 17-20 May.
- 26 May, Working Lunch meeting held at WIPO in preparation for *the 30th session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)*, held from 30 May to 3 June.

PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- 2-4 May, the *Open-Ended Meeting of WHO Member States: Follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination (CEWG)*, held at the WHO headquarters in Geneva. Dr. German Velasquez, Mirza Alas and Nirmalya Syam participated.
- 9-13 May, *WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights: Thirty-Second Session*, held at WIPO headquarters, Geneva. Mr. Nirmalya Syam participated.
- 12 May, *Course on intellectual property law for the LL.M in International Trade Law – Contracts and Dispute resolution of the ITCILO – UNITO* in Turin, Italy. Dr. Viviana Munoz Tellez gave a day lecture on international IP law.
- 17-20 May, *Third 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*, held at the Palais des Nation in Geneva. Dr. Viviana Munoz Tellez participated.

- 17-20 May, Peoples' Health Movement Workshop in preparation for the 69th World Health Assembly. Ms. Mirza Alas participated.
- 23-28 May, *69th World Health Assembly*, held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. DIIP staff participated.
- 25-27 May, *Second International Forum on Intellectual Property, "A 20 year life of the WTO/TRIPS Agreement. A critical review"* held at the Institute of Legal Research of the National Autonomous University of Mexico. The organizing institutions were the Universities of Mexico, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro Leuven. Dr. German Velasquez and Dr. Carlos Correa participated. Other participants included heads of national IP offices of several countries and specialists on IP law of Latin America. The forum was aimed at making a critical review of the operation and changes made after the approval of the TRIPS Agreement. One of the topics discussed during the forum, was the tensions between intellectual property rights and human rights. One of the products of the seminar will be the publication of a book by the organizing institutions with contributions from the different speakers.
- 30-31 May, *139th Executive Board meeting of the WHO*, held at the WHO headquarters in Geneva. Attended by DIIP staff.
- 30-31 May, *Meeting of Friends of the Co-Chairs Group on Access Mechanisms and Payment Rates* which was established by the Governing Body of the ITPGRFA to: 1). prepare information on options to incorporate multiple access mechanisms (single access vs. subscription system; mandatory or voluntary payments) in the revised Standard Material Transfer Agreement (SMTA); 2) prepare information on options to introduce a differentiated system of payment rates in the SMTA. The meeting elaborated a report to be submitted to the forthcoming meeting of the Working Group that is revising the Multilateral System of the ITPGRFA. Dr. Carlos Correa is a member of the group.
- 30 May to 3 June, *WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC): Thirtieth Session*, held at WIPO headquarters in Geneva. Attended by DIIP staff.

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