



SOUTH CENTRE

DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROGRAMME (DIIP)

Monthly Update

June 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- Side Event to the Twenty-Fourth Session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Patents titled *Patents and Public Health: Exploring Options for Future Work in WIPO* held on 29 June 2016, at WIPO Headquarters, Geneva. A report of this event is available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/sc-side-event-to-the-24th-wipo-scp-29-june-2016/>.



PUBLICATIONS

Research Papers

- Nirmalya Syam and Viviana Muñoz Tellez, **Innovation and Global Intellectual Property Regulatory Regimes: The Tension between Protection and Access**, *Research Paper 67*, South Centre, June 2016. Available from <http://www.southcentre.int/research-paper-67-june-2016/>.

Background Notes

- Matrix of Key Issues in the WTO TRIPS Council, June 2016.
- Background Note on the 24th session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Patents. June 2016.

South Bulletin Articles

- DIIP Staff, **Access to Medicines: South Centre's views on what needs to be done.** South Bulletin, Issue 91, 18 June 2016.

EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 6 June, Working Lunch meeting at the South Centre in preparation for the *Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)* held on 7-8 June 2016.
- 23 June, Working Lunch meeting in preparation for the *24th session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP)* held on 27-30 June 2016.

PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- 6-9 June, *DNDi Board Meeting* in Rio de Janeiro. 250 participants from DNDi Headquarters in Geneva, and representatives from their regional offices from Latin America, Africa Asia, and some high level staff from ministries of health of Colombia, Malaysia, India, Argentina and Brazil. In the next 5 years DNDi will focus more on R&D on neglected diseases, Hepatitis C and antibiotics. Dr. Germán Velásquez participated.
- 8-9 June, *Workshop on 'Strategies to improve access to biological products'* organized by ISAGS/UNASUR in Rio de Janeiro. The meeting, attended by government representatives, discussed how to overcome obstacles to the access to biologicals created by IP, regulatory policies and judicial decisions preventing drug authorities from registering biosimilars. Prof. Carlos Correa participated and gave a presentation on patenting and access to biologicals.
- 20 June, *Briefing to the Group of 77 on Antimicrobial Resistance* in New York. Dr. Viviana Muñoz participated.
- 20-24 June, “*Summer Course on Global Health and Health Diplomacy*” Lisbon, Portugal. The goal of this 2016 Summer Course was to provide an updated and solid understanding about the main topics and challenges of the new disciplines of Global Health and Health Diplomacy. The training was addressed to health professionals, diplomats, the staff of international organizations and NGOs as well as students of Masters and PhD programmes. Dr. Germán Velásquez participated and gave a lecture on “Access to medicines and intellectual property rights: global problem, international context, challenges and solutions”.

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