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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Intellectual Property Negotiations Monitor – Issue No. 24, April 2018.** 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, FAO, CBD, UNFCCC and on Internet Governance. It also gives updates on the United Nations Human Rights Council, and on Free Trade Agreements. The monitor is available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/ip-negotiations-monitor-24-april-2018/>.



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Background Notes

- Background Note to the Thirty-Ninth Session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT), April 2018.
- Working paper on the Working Group on the Rights of Peasants, April 2018.
- Working paper on the WIPO IGC 36th session, April 2018.

Other Publications

- Germán Velásquez, **La hepatitis C: un problema mundial de salud**, *Le Monde Diplomatique* (Spanish version), April 2018.

EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 18 April, South Centre Working Lunch Meeting in preparation for the *thirty-ninth session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT)*.
- 19 April, *Half-Day Workshop on the Education Agenda at WIPO's Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR)*, hosted by South Centre, Geneva. Co-sponsored by Brazil, Indonesia, Malaysia, Communia, Education International, EIFL, and the Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property (PIJIP) of the American University Washington College of Law.

PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- 19-21 April, *First European Conference for the Elimination of Hepatitis C* held in Madrid. 200 participants: association of patients living with HCV, representatives of the academy, government representatives, NGOs, and journalists. Dr. Germán Velásquez participated.
- 20 April, *Panel for the launching of the collective book: "Hepatitis C the revolution of patients"* (in Spanish). Dr. Germán Velásquez participated and he is the author of the third chapter: "Access to treatments for hepatitis C".
- 20 April, *Press conference on the article **La hepatitis C: un problema mundial de salud*** published in *Le Monde Diplomatique* (in Spanish). Dr. Germán Velásquez gave the press conference.
- 23-26 April, *Thirty-ninth session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT)*, held at the WIPO Headquarters in Geneva. The DIIP Team attended.
- 24 April, *IACG subgroup 4 on innovation and access conference call*. Dr Viviana Muñoz participated.
- 25-26 April, *Meeting of the Interagency Coordination Group (IACG) on Antimicrobial Resistance: Future Global Governance for AMR* held in Leeds Castle, UK. Dr. Germán Velásquez participated.
- 25-27 April, Conference on '*Enforcing Intellectual Property in Trade and Investment Agreements: What Safeguards for its Social Function?*' organized by the Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI) at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Prof. Carlos Correa participated and made a presentation on IP as an investment under BITs and other IIAs.

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