IP PRACTICE IN LATIN AMERICA COMMITTEE

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• Committee Description
  – The Committee establishes and further fosters relationships with professional associations throughout Latin America whose members are interested in IP Law. By doing so it studies the most relevant IP Law issues in Latin American and reports such to the AIPLA’s Board of Directors and the AIPLA membership. The Committee also provides information on US IP Law to interested Latin American parties, when requested. It organizes an annual trip to Latin America to visit a specific country’s PTO and to meet with members of the country’s IP judiciary and its local IP Bar Association. The Committee holds joint committee sessions with one or more of its sister AIPLA committees during the Spring and Annual Meeting and a solo business meeting at the MWI. And it arranges a “non-sponsored” social event with its members at each of the three annual meetings.
• **Overall Goals of the Committee**
  – Increase the awareness of the unique differences among the 20 different countries that traditionally define “Latin America.”
  – Provide relevant information about Latin American IP Law to the AIPLA membership.
  – Provide relevant information about US IP Law to Latin American practitioners.
  – Maintain and further foster relationships with sister IP organizations throughout Latin America.
  – Organize an annual trip to Latin America.
  – Increase committee membership from existing AIPLA membership and increase AIPLA membership, as a whole, among IP Practitioners throughout Latin America.

• **Scope of Responsibilities**
  – To serve and establish close contact among the Committee’s members and the greater AIPLA membership as a whole.
  – To obtain and disseminate the most relevant IP Law information to US and Latin American practitioners in both directions.
• **Committee’s Primary Function**
  – Educate the AIPLA membership about Latin American IP Law.
  – Work with sister AIPLA committees to bring awareness of the most important and recent developments in Latin American IP Law.
  – Increase AIPLA membership.
  – Develop new and foster closer ties to sister IP associations in Latin America.
  – Organize an annual trip to Latin America.

• **Committee Goals for 2012-2013**
  – Planning joint committee sessions at the Spring and Annual Meetings with different sister AIPLA committees about Latin American IP Law.
  – To have at least one member from every Latin American country be a member of the AIPLA.
  – Organize and encourage AIPLA delegations to attend Latin American sister IP association meetings.
  – June 2013 trip to Mexico City.
• **Committee substructure**
  - **Permanent subcommittees**
    - IP Developments in South America
    - IP Developments in Mexico & Central America
    - Maintenance of the AIPLA LAC Micro-Web Site
    - Development and Integration of Social Networking
  - **Special subcommittees**
    - Coordination and Planning for the June 2013 Trip to Mexico City
    - Planning for the 2013 DC Annual Meeting Joint-Committee Session
  - **Liaisons**
    - Biotechnology Committee
    - International & Foreign Law Committee
• Committee activities
  – Co-coordinators for the MWI Saturday morning Plenary Session.
  – Liaisons for Brazilian and Mexican speakers at the MWI Saturday morning Plenary Session.
  – Planned Committee joint sessions at both the Spring and Annual Meetings.
  – June 5th-7th 2013 Trip to Mexico City.
  – Assisting AIPLA members who wish to attend the Brazilian IP Law Association (ABPI) Meeting in August of 2013.
  – Working with ASIPI to have AIPLA members attend their annual and/or mid-year meetings.
  – Publishing news about the Committee’s recently formed subgroup on LinkedIn.
  – Updating the AIPLA’s LAC micro-web site.
  – Using Lyris to disseminate information about all committee activities and law updates.