

AIPLA and WIPO Solidify Ties

On September 11, 2002, AIPLA President Roger W. Parkhurst and WIPO Director General Kamil Idris initialed an historic “Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Intellectual Property” at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The signing occurred in conjunction with the third AIPLA/WIPO consultation to discuss areas of mutual interest and further cooperation. The MOU further demonstrates AIPLA’s growing commitment and stature internationally in promoting the protection of intellectual property. This was followed by the approval of permanent Non-Governmental Organization status for AIPLA by the member states of WIPO during their meeting from September 23 to October 1, 2002.



Kamil Idris, Director General of WIPO and **Roger W. Parkhurst**, President of AIPLA sign Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Intellectual Property.

Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Intellectual Property

Whereas,

Representatives of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO),

Recognizing the critical role intellectual property plays in promoting economic development, industrial expansion and technological progress in the world,

Desiring to establish and maintain cooperation in intellectual property relations between the AIPLA and the WIPO,

Understanding that close cooperation between the AIPLA and WIPO is essential in solving common problems and protecting the rights of inventors, authors and businesses in both the Member States of WIPO and the United States of America, especially problems relating to the administration of industrial property and copyright laws,

Have therefore reached the following general understanding on cooperation in the fields of patents,

trademarks, copyright and other fields of intellectual property:

2. Discussions between the two entities concerning matters of mutual interest will continue at times and places to be mutually agreed upon.
3. Each entity will receive from the other reasonable numbers of specialists at times and for periods to be specified later by mutual agreement, for participation in discussions of interest to either or both parties.
4. Each entity will expend its best efforts to educate the public it serves about the opportunities the other entity offers for obtaining and protecting intellectual property rights.
5. The AIPLA will provide current information to WIPO on the long-range plans of the AIPLA related to proposals to strengthen the protection of intellectual property in the United States of America as well as internationally.
6. The entities will, on a continuing basis, exchange information about their programs affecting the protection of intellectual property laws and systems.
7. The AIPLA will provide to WIPO, on a continuing basis, copies of its Bulletin, Quarterly Law Journal, and print and electronic media concerning its educational programs.
8. WIPO will provide to the AIPLA, on a continuing basis, copies of its publications, treaties, statistical reports and other relevant information regarding intellectual property.
9. The Director General of WIPO will, within the framework of WIPO's General Rules of Procedure, exercise his discretion to invite the AIPLA to send observer delegations to any WIPO meetings which non-governmental organizations are permitted to attend.



Roger W. Parkhurst
President
AIPLA



Kamil Idris
Director General
WIPO

Geneva, September 11, 2002

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Kamil Idris, Director General of WIPO and **Roger W. Parkhurst**, President of AIPLA

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signing the Memorandum of Understanding.

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