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TRADEMARKS

Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks discusses revision to Trademark Law Treaty

Efforts to revise a key international treaty in the field of trademarks made significant headway, as the WIPO Standing Committee agreed on a text to be proposed as a basis for negotiations at the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of the Revised Trademark Law Treaty, to be convened in March 2006.

COPYRIGHT

Copyright and Internet Intermediaries

The WIPO Copyright and Related Rights Sector held a seminar in on April 18, 2005, to discuss the management of intellectual property in the online environment. This area poses significant opportunities as well as challenges, as the value of online transactions, both authorised and unauthorised, increases. The seminar was designed to provide a forum for discussion among international experts and business leaders, academics, government delegates and policy makers.

DOMAIN NAMES

New measure proposed to curb cybersquatting

WIPO has recommended the introduction of an IP protection mechanism designed to further curb unauthorized registration of domain names in all new generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs). In a report, entitled [New Generic Top-Level Domains: Intellectual Property Considerations](#), WIPO said that such a preventive mechanism would complement the curative relief provided by the existing Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy.

New tool for analysis of UDRP trends

In March 2005, WIPO created and made available online a new information tool that offers a concise overview of trends in decisions taken under the UDRP. The Overview of WIPO Panel Views on Selected UDRP Questions considers common and important substantive and procedural questions, extracted from over 7,000 cases handled by WIPO so far.

SMALL-TO-MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

Forum on IP and SMEs for OECD and South Mediterranean Countries

Representatives of 20 national intellectual property offices and 10 institutions promoting the competitiveness of SMEs participated on May 25-26, 2005 in the third

annual WIPO Forum on IP and SMEs for IP Offices of the OECD and South Mediterranean Countries in Geneva. Discussions covered a wide range of issues including outreach and support programs for students (at all levels), researchers, spin-offs, start-up companies, SME support institutions and marketing of the services of IP offices, e-learning programs, IP information, search services and programs dealing with IP theft.

SME Training Program

The capacity of SMEs to exploit the IP system to enhance their competitiveness was at the heart of discussions at a joint training program organized by WIPO and the International network for SMEs (INSME), May 11 to 13, 2005. The meeting addressed issues relating to innovation, patent information, trademarks, valuation of IP assets, and intangible assets as a tool for raising finance.

GENERAL

Online Policy Forum

WIPO will host an online forum on Intellectual Property in the Information Society, from June 1-15, 2005. The forum will provide a unique opportunity for all to contribute to the emerging debate on the value of intellectual property in the information society. It is designed to encourage an open debate on a number of themes related to intellectual property and the information society in light of the goals of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). The themes examine the relationship between the intellectual property system and the information society; including issues of freedom of information and creativity, development goals, cultural diversity and emerging opportunities and challenges for use of intellectual property in the digital environment.

Changing supply and demand for science and technology professionals in a globalized economy

On April 21, 2005, the OECD Working Group on Steering and Funding of Research Institutions held a workshop to address the concern that the supply of science and technology graduates is not increasing fast enough to keep up with demand from industry and academia. Evidence of a decline of S&T graduates is mixed in most OECD countries: overall, the supply of graduates continues to rise, although a few countries have seen a decline in specific fields such as chemistry and physics.

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