



Standing Committee on **Patents**

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REPORT Standing Committee on Patents

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1) Report on the activities of your Standing Committee during the reporting period

Alain Gallochat resigned his position as Co-Chair of the Committee and was replaced by Johanna Flythström.

The Committee had a breakfast meeting at the 2018 Cancun Congress on 24 September 2018 to discuss ongoing activities. The Committee discussed the proposals directed to Inventor Remuneration and Conflicting Applications.

John Osha (reporter), Thierry Calame (session chair), Koen Bijvank (question chair), Alain Gallochat (vice chair), and Drew Meunier (vice chair) led the Plenary Session related to inventor remuneration at the 2018 Cancun Congress. Although it was clear that no agreement could be reached in the Plenary Session, the Committee and specifically Koen Bijvank has been working with Guillaume Henry in 2019 to possibly publish a position paper or article addressing the inventor remuneration issue.

Alain Gallochat attended the 29th SCP WIPO session in Geneva from 3 to 6 December 2018. The SCP session addressed several topics including

- exceptions and limitations to patents rights;
- quality of patents, including opposition systems;
- patents and health;
- confidentiality of communications between clients and their patent advisors; and
- transfer of technology.

The Committee gave input to two public consultations of the European Patent Office, one on postponed examination in December 2018 and another on the EPO's Strategic plan in March 2019.

The Committee provided various proposals for Panel Sessions for Hangzhou 2020 and Study Questions for San Francisco 2021.

The Committee further provided comments to drafts for the working guidelines and summary report for the Study Question on plausibility to be debated in London.

2) Key issues/developments during the reporting period

See the developments in Section 1.

3) Any recommendations for AIPPI involvement/action for the next 12 months

As noted in last year's report, the Committee would like to achieve a more permanent observer status at the meetings of the Group B+ countries. For example, the Committee would like to increase its involvement in the harmonization issues coming out of the Tegernsee project and perhaps extend the work it did in the recent AIPPI Congresses.

The Committee also would like to provide comments to draft working guidelines and draft summary reports for the working questions.

4) Outline the work programme of your Standing Committee for the next 12 months

The Committee has scheduled a meeting from 3:30-4:30 pm on Saturday, 14 September at the 2019 London Congress.

The Committee is also planning to schedule regular calls over the year to discuss topics of interest.

Names and Functions of Committee Members

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	Andrew	MEUNIER	USA
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