



## **The Federation's activities**

One of the IP Federation's chief lobbying tools is its policy papers. These are all available on the website at:

<http://www.ipfederation.com/>

The policy papers on the website represent the views of the innovative and influential companies which are members of the Federation. Members are consulted on their views and opinions and encouraged to debate and explore issues of practice and policy. Only after consensus is achieved are external bodies informed of the collective views of industry via the Federation.

The policy papers are also submitted to the relevant third party consultative bodies, e.g. the Standing Advisory Committee before the European Patent Office (SACEPO), and the Patent Practice Working Group (PPWG), at the:

- European Patent Office (EPO)
- Office of Harmonization for the Internal Market (OHIM)
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and
- UK Intellectual Property Office (IPO)

as well as, in appropriate cases:

- BUSINESSEUROPE
- the European Commission
- ministers and
- judges.

### ***Policy papers 2012***

Policy papers submitted in 2012 are as follows:

#### **January**

##### **PP 1/12 WIPO pilot projects on collaborative search and examination**

Statement in support of WIPO's Collaborative Search and Examination (CS&E) Pilot Project

##### **PP 2/12 Unitary Patent Regulation and Unified Patent Court Agreement**

Views in favour of a properly designed and implemented Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court for the European Scrutiny Committee

##### **PP 3/12 Quality of Search and Examination of International Applications**

Views in favour of the proposal to modify the International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines in order to provide further guidance to International Authorities on the inclusion of observations on clarity and support, as set out in Annex I to Circular C.PCT 1326

##### **PP 4/12 Review of the Supplementary International Search System**

Views on the Supplementary International Search System urging all IP5 Offices to become SISAs, in response to Circular C.PCT 1329

The IP Federation is the operating name of the Trade Marks, Patents and Designs Federation  
Registered Office 5th floor, 63-66 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8LE

Email: [admin@ipfederation.com](mailto:admin@ipfederation.com) | Tel: 020 72423923 | Fax: 020 72423924 | Web: [www.ipfederation.com](http://www.ipfederation.com)

Limited by guarantee Registered company no: 166772

## **February**

### **PP 5/12 Revision of the rules for the assessment of licensing agreements for the transfer of technology**

Response to the European Commission's public consultation for the revision of the current framework for the assessment of technology transfer agreements, including the Technology Transfer Block Exemption Regulation and its corresponding Notice, scheduled to expire in April 2014, with closing date 3 February 2012

### **PP 6/12 Court of Justice Case C-661/11 (Martin y Paz Diffusion SA v. David Depuydt)**

Request urging UK intervention in Court of Justice Case C-661/11 (*Martin y Paz Diffusion SA v. David Depuydt and Fabriek van Maroquinerie Gauquie SA*)

## **March**

### **PP 7/12 IPReg Second Consultation on Litigators' Rights**

Response to the IPReg Second Consultation on Replacement of the CIPA Higher Courts Qualification Regulations and the ITMA Trade Mark Litigator and Trade Mark Advocate Certificate Regulations, urging IPReg to reconsider its second round of proposals

### **PP 8/12 Consultation on copyright following the Hargreaves Review**

Response to the consultation seeking views on the Government's proposals for implementing a number of the recommendations, relating to Copyright, which it accepted in its response to the Hargreaves Review of IP and Growth, with closing date 21 March 2012

### **PP 9/12 Role of Government in Protecting and promoting Intellectual Property**

Response to the All-Party Intellectual Property Group's inquiry into the role of Government in protecting and promoting intellectual property

## **April**

### **PP 10/12 Rules of Procedure for the Unified Patent Court**

Comments on the first draft of the Rules of Procedure of the Unified Patent Court (UPC) issued by the drafting committee following the last meeting of the Commission's judges and lawyers expert group

## **May**

### **PP 11/12 Proposed Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court**

Letter to the Prime Minister pleading for more discussions to build on the progress that has been made so far towards a better patent system in Europe

### **PP 12/12 Indian decision to grant a compulsory licence with no local manufacture of the patented product**

Letter to John Alty expressing concern about the recent decision in India to grant a compulsory licence on the ground that the patented product was not manufactured by the patentee or its licensee in India

### **PP 13/12 Unitary Patent Regulation and Unified Patent Court Agreement**

Letter to Kerstin Jorna highlighting the Federation's concerns about the present proposals for the Unified Patent Court, making points among other things on Articles 6-8 and bifurcation

## **June**

### **PP 14/12 Trade Secrets, Patents and Rio+20 Developments**

Letter to Liz Coleman at the IPO, in the context of negotiations for the Rio+20 sustainable development conference in Rio de Janeiro, asking the IPO to ensure that UK and EU negotiators enter the final stages of the negotiations well-prepared and with a very clear technology-related brief

## **July**

### **PP 15/12 Enforcement of IP rights - Portuguese Law 62/2011: Patent infringement and dispute resolution on medicines**

Letter to the British Embassy in Portugal, requesting that every effort is made to influence the Portuguese government to effect the removal of Law 62/2011 in favour of a Law/legal system for enforcement of IP rights that is applicable in all technical fields (including pharmaceuticals)

## **September**

### **PP 16/12 Consultation on Expansion of the IPO Patent Opinions Service**

Response to IPO Consultation on Expansion of the IPO Patent Opinions Service closing 4 September 2012

### **PP 17/12 Consultation on proposed amendments to Arts. 9(1) and 11(b) RFees**

Response to SACEPO consultation on proposed amendments to Arts. 9(1) and 11(b) RFees

### **PP 18/12 IPReg ABS (alternative business structures) - Licensing Consultation**

Response to IPReg ABS (alternative business structures) licensing consultation

### **PP 19/12 Consultation on potential EU-US trade agreement**

Response to consultation on how to expand EU-US trade and investment closing 27 September 2012

## **October**

### **PP 20/12 Consultation on Reform of the UK Designs Legal Framework**

Response to consultation on Reform of the UK Designs Legal Framework closing 2 October 2012

### **PP 21/12 Unitary Patent Protection - Articles 6-8 of the proposed Regulation**

Letter to Members of JURI urging to call for the deletion of Articles 6-8 from the proposed Regulation of the European Parliament and Council

## **November**

### **PP 22/12 Collaborative Search and Examination Project**

Response to the consultation on Collaborative Search and Examination by the EPO closing 23 November 2012

## **December**

### **PP 23/12 Court of Justice case C-463/12 (Copydan Båndkopi)**

Request urging UK intervention in Court of Justice case C-463/12 (Copydan Båndkopi)

## ***Work in progress***

Work in progress includes the following campaigns:

- a) for improved patent search quality, in the interests both of patentees and potential infringers of patents;
- b) for the retention of an iterative examination process at the EPO;
- c) for the UK to remain involved in the process for establishing the unitary patent package in the European Union;
- d) for harmonisation of substantive patent law and renewed efforts to find common ground for international agreement on a number of aspects;
- e) for resistance to widespread imposition of criminal penalties in IP cases; and
- f) for an improved process for filing observations at the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), to allow UK organisations to participate fully.

See also the Activities tab on the IP Federation website for the latest news.

### ***Benefits of being in the Federation***

As set out on the Federation's website, membership benefits include:

- Authoritative representation at national and international level
- Access to legislators and officials
- A non-sectoral forum to exchange ideas and opinions on key intellectual property issues as they relate to IP
- Excellent networking and learning opportunities, for new and established IP attorneys
- Advance notice of forthcoming legislative proposals and practice changes
- Regular alerting service, newsletters and policy papers.

### ***Social networking***

As well as having its own website, the Federation has web presence through social networking sites, with a page on Facebook, a profile on LinkedIn and most recently a Twitter feed - @ipfederation. In a few months we have acquired over sixty followers, including some notable figures in the IP world, and this is the easiest way to be notified of any new policy papers and other news items on our website. Why not join our followers today?

David England, 31 December 2012