

Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property
and
the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
on Cooperation in the Field of Intellectual Property

Dated the 23 day of September 2008

The Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, hereinafter referred to as “IGE”, and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, hereinafter referred to as “IPOS”,

Recognizing the benefits of closer cooperation between IGE and IPOS, hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Offices”, in fostering the protection and promotion of intellectual property rights,

Have decided to cooperate as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Cooperation in the field of intellectual property under this Memorandum of Understanding may include the following areas:

- (a) exchange of experiences, knowledge and expertise on programmes, tools, platforms and policies on the promotion, utilization, exploitation and commercialization of intellectual property,
- (b) exchange of information on the development of public awareness programmes on intellectual property rights, including programmes that are applicable to youths and students;
- (c) exchange of officials and experts as determined by mutual agreement;
- (d) conduct of joint training activities, seminars, workshops and programmes on intellectual property, especially in the area of human resources development and capacity building;
- (e) organization of symposia and conferences on subject matters of mutual interest;

(f) exchange of information and views on regional and international developments and trends of mutual interest; and

(g) such other activities as may be agreed by the Offices from time to time.

The joint training programmes referred to in sub-article (d) above may be provided or facilitated on a bilateral basis between the two Offices or on some other agreed basis, including extending invitations to third parties¹ to partake in the organisation of such programmes. Such joint training programmes may be organised at a national, regional, plurilateral or global level, and will take place in Switzerland or in Singapore or elsewhere as agreed between the Offices.

ARTICLE 2

All cooperation activities and programmes under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to the availability of resources of each Office.

Each Office shall bear the expenses of its own staff involved in the organization of and participation in activities arising from this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE 3

Each Office shall appoint a contact person to ensure adequate communication between the Offices in implementing activities and programmes under this Memorandum of Understanding.

The contact persons appointed by each Office shall also jointly supervise the implementation of the said activities and programmes.

Meetings of the contact persons shall be convened as both Offices jointly deem necessary, at appropriate venues to be mutually agreed upon.

¹ This includes, but is not limited to, third-party countries, non-governmental stakeholders as well as relevant intergovernmental and regional organizations.

The Offices shall conduct periodic reviews to evaluate the effective implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding and to decide on future activities.

ARTICLE 4

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be notified by each Office to its supervising authority.

ARTICLE 5

Each Office shall notify the other of any formalities required for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, which will commence on the day following the date of its signature.

Either Office may modify this Memorandum of Understanding upon mutual written understanding.

Either Office may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding, by prior written notice of at least six months. The Offices shall use best endeavours to complete any activities and programmes undertaken under this Memorandum of Understanding that may still be in progress when this Memorandum of Understanding terminates.

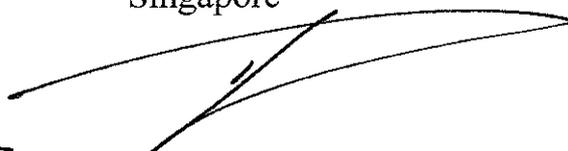
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

For and on behalf of
the Swiss Federal Institute of
Intellectual Property

For and on behalf of
The Intellectual Property Office of
Singapore



Roland GROSSENBACHER
Director General



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