



FICPI

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES
CONSEILS EN PROPRIÉTÉ INDUSTRIELLE

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEYS

INTERNATIONALE FEDERATION
VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

ACTING FOR IP WORLD-WIDE

WHAT IS FICPI?

International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys

- A respected, non-political body working for the interests of patent and trademark professionals world-wide
- The only international federation of IP practitioners in private practice
- A representative, umbrella organization founded in 1906



FICPI

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES
CONSEILS EN PROPRIÉTÉ INDUSTRIELLE

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEYS

INTERNATIONALE FEDERATION
VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

FICPI MEETS, LEADS AND SPEAKS FOR IP RIGHTS

Acting at the forefront of industry growth and change

- Working for the interests of patent and trademark professionals world-wide
- Providing expert counsel and input to governments, agencies, and international organizations
- Helping ensure that decisions made today fuel balanced development and growth



FICPI

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES
CONSEILS EN PROPRIÉTÉ INDUSTRIELLE

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEYS

INTERNATIONALE FEDERATION
VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

A MEMBERSHIP OF IP LEADERS

Respected practitioners – qualified, reliable, of high professional standing

- IP, patent and trademark attorneys
- Representing national organization or individuals in private practice
- Practitioners of the highest levels of quality and expertise in IP
- Membership spans more than 80 countries
- Members are vetted for qualification, experience and reputation



FICPI

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES
CONSEILS EN PROPRIÉTÉ INDUSTRIELLE

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEYS

INTERNATIONALE FEDERATION
VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

IP TODAY – RAPID EVOLUTION, RADICAL SHIFTS

Change and challenge: this is 21st century IP

- While IP has become central to business and government, the value of intellectual capital is at risk in today's world...
 - Innovations require accelerated advances in protection
 - Coordinated standards, principles and law are global challenges
 - IP developments affect the future of international economies
- The need has never been greater for FICPI's strategic insight and diverse knowledge base.



FICPI

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES
CONSEILS EN PROPRIÉTÉ INDUSTRIELLE

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEYS

INTERNATIONALE FEDERATION
VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

FICPI'S ROLE AND REACH

Vision and Voice – Issues and Innovation

- Dialogue, consultation and advice to government, agencies and organizations world-wide – facilitating a balanced dialogue
- Equipping members to thrive and adapt to change, to remain relevant and informed
- Working to build and protect the value of IP – for clients, for economies

AN INVALUABLE PARTNER & THOUGHT LEADER

Insight and consensus where issues matter

- Expert input to governments and non-governmental agencies on issues such as efficient protection, world-wide enforcement, specialized court
- Counsel and advice to organizations including the WIPO, the EPO, the EU Commission and the Council of Europe

FICPI is an informed, balanced voice when important issues are under consideration

A MODEL & FACILITATOR OF BEST PRACTICES

Representing IP practitioners – maintaining professionalism and relevance

- Advocating internationally on behalf of IP private practitioners and their clientele
- Providing member training and education to enhance knowledge and skills in legislation, global practices, emerging services and other areas
- Providing international networking opportunities with highly qualified colleagues
- Keeping members informed through diverse communications vehicles

AN ADVOCATE FOR INNOVATION

Protecting the value of IP

- Highlighting the role of innovation as a business driver and an engine of economic growth
- Speaking for IP rights and value
- Acting to ensure the credibility of IP systems
- Working with innovators to build and protect their intellectual capital

SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL SUCCESSES

What we have achieved...

- Practical provisions in Patent Law Treaty
 - Restoration of Priority Right
 - Minimum filing requirements
- IP constituency under ICANN
 - A smooth interface with existing right holders
- Training programs for the profession
 - S.E. Asia (SEAD); Europe (EuroSead); Canada (claim drafting)

SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL SUCCESSES

Further achievements...

- Dialogue with examiners under streamlined Patent Cooperation Treaty
- Objective evaluation of EPO fee levels
- Privilege for EPAs in European Patent Convention

When imbalances arise which undermine the positive growth and protection of intellectual capital, FICPI is there with harmonizing, cost-effective solutions and advice

THE STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Member involvement at many levels...

Our tiered structure provides ample opportunity for involvement of our constituency

- Executive Committee – our governing body, with a delegate and a sub-delegate from each association or section
- Bureau – an elected body of practitioners responsible for daily management and operations

THE STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

... From international committees to national initiatives

- Advisory Council – consultative body assisting the Bureau
- Special Commissions – established by the Executive Committee; responsible for Federation functions and activities

The organizational structure enables FICPI to draw effectively on members' collective, authoritative expertise

THE CET AND OTHER COMMISSIONS

Member actions keep FICPI vital and informed

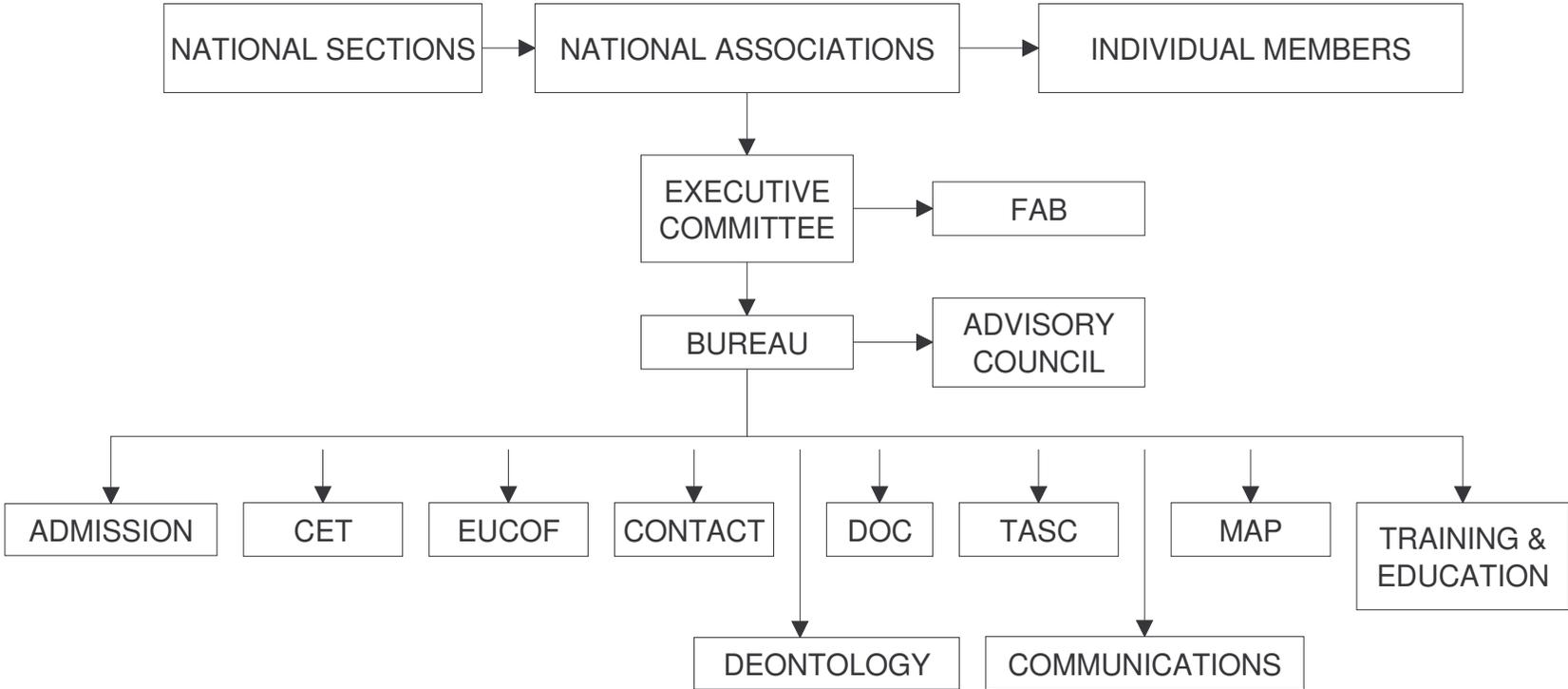
- Largest is CET (Commission d'Etude et de Travail) – the Study and Work Commission
- Nearly 100 members in CET's sub-groups analyze topics of interest to the profession
- CET actions ensure that FICPI can offer highly qualified opinions even at short notice
- Eleven other commissions – new member contact, publications, statutes, questions of ethics, etc.

OUR OTHER COMMISSIONS

In addition to the CET, FICPI member participate in the following special commissions

- Admission Commission – *vets applications for membership*
- Communications Commission – *publications, marketing*
- Contact Commission – *expands FICPI's membership*
- Deontology Commission – *ethical conduct*
- Documentation, Organization & Communications (DOC) – *e-filing*
- European Union Members Commission of FICPI (EUCOF)- *EU issues*
- Finance Advisory Board (FAB) – *assists Treasurer*
- Meetings & Programmes (MAP) Commission – *supports FICPI events*
- Statutes Commission – *maintains and updates FICPI's statutes*
- TASC Commission – *international trade issues*
- Training & Education (TEC) Commission – *training courses and Forum*

STRUCTURE...



WHY JOIN FICPI?

Represent the interests of your industry and your clientele...

- Gain opportunities to participate in FICPI's international and national initiatives, including Commissions on topics of relevance to the industry
- Voice your views, concerns and insights into the patent system, the future of IP, and the changing role of practitioners
- Be included in FICPI's membership list as a practitioner meeting FICPI's quality criteria in your country



Training and Education Commission (TEC)

- Training by Practitioners for Practitioners
- SEAD – South East Asia Drafting
 - Intensive course on claim drafting
 - 50 % lectures, 50%workshops
 - Two one week courses separated by 6 months distance learning
 - International body of experienced tutors

WHY JOIN FICPI?

Affect, understand, harness change in IP...

- Stay informed of significant developments and implications in IP throughout the world
- Maintain advanced, up-to-date, specialized skills and knowledge through regular education and skills development opportunities
- Contribute your insight and ideas to influence the development of IP



WHY JOIN FICPI?

Become part of a community of respected practitioners

- Be associated with a prestigious international organization consisting solely of IP attorneys
- Make personal contacts with leading practitioners at FICPI gatherings throughout the world
- Rigorous membership standards ensure consistent quality



AN INVALUABLE PART OF IP AND INNOVATION

Look to FICPI for...

- Expert advice and counsel
- A network of advanced IP thinkers
- Opportunities to shape current and future practices
- A highly informed voice to lead and balance discussions





FICPI

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES
CONSEILS EN PROPRIÉTÉ INDUSTRIELLE

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEYS

INTERNATIONALE FEDERATION
VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

A GLOBAL VOICE FOR IP EXCELLENCE

www.ficpi.org

