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**To all the Members of the AIPPI - UAE National Group**

**Subject: 4th Circular/ 2022**

Dear all,

We trust you are well.

We write to share news on recent activities of AIPPI UAE Group and update on the publication of new regulations related to copyrights and TM registration in the UAE.

* **AIPPI –Breakfast Seminar on Artificial Intelligence and Patents (May 25, 2022):**

Artificial intelligence (AI) is the behavior and characteristics of computer programs that make them capable to mimicking human mental abilities and patterns of work. One of the most important of these characteristics is the ability to learn, infer and react to situations not programmed into the machine. Since there is no absolute definition of intelligence, the term AI itself is controversial and raises many questions to IP professionals interested in this field.

On May 25th, 2022, AIPPI-UAE has organized a successful in-person breakfast seminar on an important and topical subject: AI and Patents. Our guest speaker Jonathan Osha of Osha Bergman Watanabe & Burton LLP, based in the USA, visited Dubai to speak to AIPPI UAE Group members. Jonathan is a leader in the field and a former Reporter General for AIPPI International.

The event started with an introductory remark by the president of UAE AIPPI Group, Ms. Hoda Barakat, about the topic and the role that AIPPI UAE Group plays in connecting members and increasing their knowledge about relevant and critical topics. Furthermore, the secretary of AIPPI UAE Group, Mr. Hady Khawand, gave a quick introduction about the guest speaker before the session started.

Jonathan presented a very informative session on AI. He explained some technical facts and useful information about AI, such as: how it works and some definitions and classifications on ways of machine learning. He covered in detail models of supervised learning, unsupervised learning and reinforcement learning. Johnathan also described how a new search tool provided by WIPO using AI to conduct searches for trademarks including drawings. Jonathan concluded that while AI provides helpful solutions, it faces real legislative challenges, including the ownership and inventorship of creative and inventive work produced by AI. As anticipated when a hot topic like this is raised, the interaction between Jonathan and the audience was great and resulted in some interesting discussions.

The seminar was very useful, informative and the Communication Committee received excellent feedback from attendees. Below are some photos from the event:

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* **The UAE Council of Ministers has issued cabinet decision No (47) of 2022 to approve Executive Regulations of Federal law number 38 of 2021 related to Copyrights:**

The cabinet decision was issued on **May 11th, 2022** to approve and publish the implementing regulations of the UAE Federal Law number 38 of 2021 in relation to the protection of copyright and related rights (“**Copyright Law**”). The regulations were published in the federal gazette number 727 explaining different procedures and provisions mentioned in the Copyright Law. A copy of the implementing regulations as issued is enclosed with this circular. English translation can be secured from your preferred service provider.

According to Article 20, the Implementing Regulation should be enforced by the next day of its publication, thus, the Implementing Regulations of the Copyright Law is in-force from **May 14, 2022**.

* **The Nice classification related to the classification of Goods and services for TM registration is in-force in the UAE from 18 April 2022:**

The [Nice Agreement](https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/classification/nice/) has been established in 1957 to provide an international classification of goods and services applied for the registration of marks. Each member of the agreement can be represented in the Committee of Experts which holds a session once every year “(Article 3(4) of the Nice Agreement (Geneva Act))”.  The Committee decides on any changes to be incorporated in the Nice Classification, by adding new items, moving items from one class to another, deleting some items…etc. These changes subsequently published in the form of new editions every five years.

The UAE accessed The Nice agreement on January 18, 2022 to have the classification into force on April 18, 2022 as per the WIPO records. AIPPI members may want to raise this topic and cooperate with the UAE trademark office to provide our comments on the present Nice classification in light of UAE trademark practice. This will allow the UAE representative(s) in the appointed Committee of Experts to have a better and practical contribution towards the amendment of The Nice classification. This may support the enrichment of UAE trademark practice. Enclosed a copy of the WIPO rules of procedures of the committee of experts of the Nice Union as well as the UAE law published in local gazette number 717.

We hope you found the above circular is useful. We continue to encourage all members to provide any topic of interest to discuss and explore ways to be involved with future updates and circulars that will be published to AIPPI UAE Group members.

* **AIPPI UAE Group Social Media pages:**

We recently activated our social media pages on “[AIPPI UAE GROUP LINKEDIN PAGE](https://www.linkedin.com/in/aippi-group-uae-123b451b4/?original_referer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Egoogle%2Ecom%2F&originalSubdomain=ae)” and “[AIPPI UAE GROUP TWITTER PAGE](https://mobile.twitter.com/aippiu)”, and therefore, we would like take this opportunity to invite you to follow the pages and interact with the posts. You are also welcomed to make any suggestions to publish some contents, questions or any posts that you think will benefit the group and pages. We are confident that with your support by interacting and following the pages, you will assist the national group to reach out to more followers and have a better opportunity to be seen by potential members on social media platforms.

Thank you for your usual support.

Kind regards,

On behalf of the Communication Committee

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