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## **Meeting of Member States and International Depositary Authorities under the Budapest Treaty**

organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

**Geneva, November 13 to 14, 2023 (In person meeting)**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

*prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO*

Monday, November 13, 2023

9.00 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 10.10 **Welcome Address**

Ms. Lisa Jorgenson, Deputy Director General, Patent and Technology Sector (PTS), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

10.10 – 10.30 **Topic 1 Presentation of recent developments in the Budapest System**

*The International Bureau will present an update on the Budapest Treaty system, including recent accessions and statistics.*

Speaker: Ms. Isabelle Chauvet, Senior Legal Officer, Patents and Treaties Law Section, Patent and Technology Law Division, PTS, WIPO, Geneva

10.30 – 11.30 **Topic 2 Deposit of biological material**

*The session will consider how the requirements for deposit and the practices of IDAs support disclosure of inventions through the patent procedures. To discuss this topic, the relevant national/regional requirements applied by an IPO for the enabling disclosure of an invention in a patent application as well as the practice of three IDAs regarding the receipt, acceptance and storage of biological materials will be presented.*

Speakers: Mr. Freddy White, Legal Advisor, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, Intellectual Property Office, Newport, United Kingdom

Mr. Ramon Arteaga, Curator, *Colección de microorganismos del CNRG* (CM-CNRG), Tepatitlán de Morelos, Mexico (video recording)

Ms. Li Aihua, Senior Engineer, China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC), Beijing, China

Ms. Bahia Rached, Curator, Moroccan Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms (CCMM), Rabat, Morocco

Discussion: All participants

11.30 – 11.50 Coffee Break

11.50 – 13.00 **Topic 3**

### **Furnishing of samples of the deposited biological material**

*Samples of the deposited material to interested parties shall be furnished by IDAs in accordance with the applicable national/regional law, in compliance with the general framework set in the Budapest Treaty. This session will discuss how the conditions prescribed in the national/regional patent laws and IDAs' practices regarding the furnishing of samples ensure access to samples of the deposited material, while taking into consideration certain features of biological material, such as self-reproduction, self-replication and biosafety.*

*The International Bureau will prepare a background document to facilitate discussions.*

Speakers: Mr. John F Koeppen, Patent Attorney,  
Office of Policy & International Affairs United  
State Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO),  
Alexandria, United States of America

Ms. Felizitas Bajerski, *Leibniz-Institut DSMZ -  
Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und  
Zellkulturen GmbH* (DSMZ), Braunschweig,  
Germany

Discussion: All participants

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch Break

15.00 – 16.15 **Topic 4**

### **Cooperation between IDAs and IPOs**

*Cooperation between the IPOs and IDAs is essential for the sound operation of the Budapest system. Firstly, for an IDA to provide high quality and financially sustainable services, cooperation between an IDA and a government agency that assures its compliance with the Budapest Treaty is of utmost importance. Secondly, the IDAs' service is, by definition, "international". For example, furnishing of samples of the deposited material may, in some instances, rely on certification issued by IPOs from any Member State of the Budapest Treaty. The meeting therefore will allow for the sharing of experiences and best practices about the cooperation between IPOs and IDAs, and a discussion on how such cooperation may be improved.*

Speakers: Ms. Saki Yoshida, Assistant Director, Policy  
Planning and Research Division, Japan Patent  
Office (JPO), Tokyo, Japan

Ms. Eileen Frodden, Advisor, International and  
Public Policy Department, National Institute of  
Industrial Property, Santiago, Chile

Ms. Marizeth Groenewald, Patent Officer,  
Westerdijk Fungal Biodiversity Institute (CBS),  
Utrecht, Netherlands (Kingdom of the)

Discussion: All participants

16.15 – 16.35 Coffee Break

16.35 – 18.00 **Topic 5 Practices of the IDAs under the Budapest Treaty**

*The meeting will discuss IDAs' practices that may be relevant to the national policy and law of Member States (MSs) and the interpretation of the Budapest Treaty. Possible topics may include:*

- *handling of deposited biological materials by the IDAs after the expiry of the storage period prescribed in the Regulations under the Budapest Treaty; and*
- *practices of the IDAs and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in their countries.*

*The International Bureau will prepare background documents to facilitate discussions.*

Speakers: Mr. José Miguel López-Coronado, Patents Manager, *Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo* (CECT), Paterna, Spain

Ms. Raquel Hurtado-Ortiz, Executive and Administrative Head, *Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes* (CNCM), Paris, France

Ms. Felizitas Bajerski

Mr. Avinash Sharma, Microbial Culture Collection (MCC), Department of Biotechnology, Pune, India

Discussion: All participants

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

10.00 – 11.25 **Topic 5** **Practices of the IDAs under the Budapest Treaty**  
**(Continued)**

11.25– 11.45 Coffee Break

11.45 – 13.00 **Topic 6** **Deposit of biological materials: technology trends and emerging practices in IDAs**

*IDAs shall receive biological materials and store them in such a way to ensure their viability. The speakers from IDAs will illustrate the latest technologies used for receiving and storing biological materials, how practices of IDAs have evolved to handle different types of biological materials, and what are the related challenges faced by IDAs.*

Speakers: Mr. Deng Mingrong, Deputy Director,  
Guangdong Microbial Culture Collection Center  
(GDMCC), Guangzhou, China

Mr. Suresh Korpole, Microbial Type Culture  
Collection and Gene Bank MTCC, CSIR-Institute  
of Microbial Technology, Council of Scientific  
and Industrial Research (CSIR), Ministry of  
Science and Technology, Chandigarh, India

Discussion: All participants

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch Break

15.00 – 16.00 **Topic 7** **Technological advancement in biotechnology: impacts on the enabling disclosure requirement and the deposit of biological materials**

*Does further advancements of biotechnology will have an impact on the manner in which the requirement of enabling disclosure for biotechnological inventions is met? This session will take stock of existing and potential technical capabilities, and discuss what consequence these technological advancements may have on the deposit of biological material under the Budapest System.*

Speakers: Dr. Stéphane Duboux, Senior R&D Specialist,  
Biotechnology department, Nestlé Research,  
Lausanne, Switzerland

Mr. Matthieu Collin, Intellectual Property Director,  
European Patent Attorney, Inserm Transfert,  
Paris, France

Discussion: All participants

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.45 **Topic 8 Future development in the Budapest system**

*Based on the discussions held in Topics 1 to 7, the participants will have exploratory discussions and brainstorming on whether there are any areas in the Budapest System that may be improved, and how they may be addressed.*

Moderator: Mr. Andras Jokuti, Director, Patent and Technology Law Division, PTS, WIPO, Geneva

Panelists: Mr. Matthieu Collin

Mr. Stéphane Duboux

Ms. Agnieszka Korzeniowska-Kowal, Director and Deputy Head, Polish Collection of Microorganisms (PCM), Wroclaw

Ms. Carmen Nueno-Palop, Head, National Collection of Yeast Cultures (NCYC), Norwich, United Kingdom

Ms. Fang Hua, Director, Treaty and Law Department, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), Beijing, China

Discussion: All participants

17.45 – 17.50 **Closing of the Meeting**

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