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Since November 2008, Dr. Papaderos is Deputy Head of the TUM Office for Research and Innovation as well as the Head of the Patent and Licensing Office of TUM.

He studied biology at the Ruhr-Universität in Bochum. After his diploma thesis at the KFA-Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, and his doctoral thesis at the GSF-National Research Center for Environment and Health in Neuherberg near Munich, he worked as a scientific consultant in the environmental management of the Stadtparkasse München.

In 2001 his work began as the first inventor consultant at the Technische Universität München (TUM). His main task was the establishment of the patent and licensing system at the TUM, consultancy for the TUM-inventors, assistance in the identification of patentable research results and the patenting and commercial exploitation of TUM-inventions.

He also serves as a Patent Manager for the Faculty of Medicine and the Center of Life and Food Sciences Weihenstephan.

HITOSHI AMANO

Mr. Amano, a national of Japan, got his Master's Degree in Engineering Graduate School of Tohoku University, March 1991.

He is presently working as Director for Intellectual Property Exploitation Policy Planning, General Affairs Department, Japan Patent Office (JPO).

In 1991, he joined the Japan Patent Office and in 1995, he worked as Examiner, Inorganic Chemistry Division, and was an Assistant Director, International Affairs Division, General Affairs Department in 1996. In 2001, he was an examiner in Metals & Electrochemistry Division.

He was a visiting Scholar at New York University, School of Law in 2000 and from 2005 to 2008, he was Director of Intellectual Property Department, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Bangkok Center in 2008. He also worked as Appeal Examiner, Appeal Examination Department, JPO in 2008.

MOHAMMAD SHARIF

Professor Mohamed Shariff, a national of Malaysia, has been teaching in Universiti Putra Malaysia (formerly known as University of Agriculture Malaysia) for the last 32 years. He is a veterinary doctor specialized in fish diseases. His invention “The Fast Target” a rapid PCR nested diagnostic kit for white spot shrimp virus won him several medals including the WIPO gold medal in 2001. He then commercialized his kit to help reduce losses to the shrimp industry.

In 2006, he was appointed the founding Director of Innovation and Commercialisation (ICC) at the university. He started the centre from scratch and now has 27 staff members under three divisions 1) Commercialization, 2) Promotion and Training and 3) Intellectual Property. ICC is now recognized as a good model in Malaysia for patent management and commercialization of university technologies. The centre won the National IP award from Malaysian Intellectual Property Corporation (MyIPO) in 2008.

He has attended several courses on intellectual property and commercialization organized by WIPO and Malaysian Intellectual Property Corporation (MyIPO). He is currently actively involved in creating awareness regarding intellectual property to the university community, evaluation of IPs, management of IPs and commercialization of university R&D technologies. His centre has commercialized 15 products/technologies and formed 5 joint venture companies.

He has served as resource person to share his experience at WIPO organized seminars in Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Brazil and Malaysia.

He has published more than 130 scientific publications, edited various proceedings on fish health and written one fish health book for fish farmers.

SURESH SACHI

Mr. Sachi is presently head of A*STAR’s Legal Department overseeing all legal and intellectual property affairs of the Agency and its subsidiaries, including Exploit Technologies, ETPL Investments and the various A*STAR Research Institutes, centers, consortiums, and networks. His work involves corporate commercial matters and complex technology transfer arrangements, including research agreements and licensing contracts and corporate matters. He is responsible for establishing and maintaining the group’s IP Policies, risk management, compliance, and advising on new legislation affecting the Agency.

He serves as a member of A*STAR’s Senior Management as well as on the Board of Exploit Technologies where he concurrently also sits on its Executive Committee. He is also a board member for a number of other companies, including A*STAR spin-off companies.

Prior to joining A*STAR, he was the lead partner in the Technology and Intellectual Property Department of a leading law firm in Singapore and practiced mainly in the areas of corporate law, technology transfer, licensing, electronic commerce and internet law, and intellectual property protection. He also has extensive experience in investment and financing transactions, in particular for high technology corporations, technology and IP related matters and has acted not only for a significant number of the A*STAR Research Institutes, but also local and foreign universities, research organizations, start-up companies and multi-national and small and medium enterprises.

He is admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and a Registered Patent Agent. He is a Past-President and founding member of the Licensing Executives Society Singapore and is currently the Vice-President. He also serves on the Board of Governors of the IP Academy and is a member of the Law Society of Singapore having previously served on its Intellectual Property Sub-Committee for several years. Suresh Sachi served for more than 10 years on the Ethics Committee of the Singapore Eye Research Institute and is now a member of the SingHealth Centralized Institutional Review Board. He was an active member of the Biomedical Sciences Executive Committee, Intellectual Capital Working Group (Intellectual Property Sub-Committee) and is a member of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Mentorship Funding Scheme Committee.

THAMARA F. DIAS

Dr. Dias, a national of Sri Lanka, is currently working as a Senior Scientific Officer and the Head of the Technology Division of the National Science Foundation. Technology Division is responsible for selecting and funding technology development, scaling up and commercialization related projects to the industry as well as the public organizations. The Division is also responsible for carrying out IP awareness and protection related projects, technology foresight & transfer facilitating projects.

She Graduated from the Moscow Academy of Agricultural Sciences in 1990. Later, continued the studies in the same Academy and completed the Ph.D in Biotechnology in 1994.

She joined the National Science Foundation (NSF is the key research funding organization in Sri Lanka) in 1995 as a Scientific Officer, and worked as the Manager of the Technology Transfer Unit under the restructured NSF. She has 15 years of work experience in the Foundation.

She has been responsible for research coordination in the field of Biotechnology, Bioethics related activities, IPR & technology transfer related activities and international liaison throughout. She has been the editor of some of the NSF publications also.

YE MIN THAN

Mr. Than, a national of Myanmar, joined WIPO in March 2002, as Consultant in the Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Bureau for Asia and the Pacific. He is part of the team that designs, formulates and implements technical assistance and capacity building programs for promoting effective use of intellectual property for development in Asia and the Pacific region. Prior to his current position, Mr. Than worked at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland, for three years and also worked previously at WIPO from 1996 to 1997 at the Office of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

He holds Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in International Relations and Law from universities in Switzerland and Myanmar. He also holds an advanced post-graduate diploma on competence in intellectual property law from the University of South Africa (UNISA).

YOSHITOSHI TANAKA

Professor Tanaka, a national of Japan, is currently a Professor at the Graduate School of Tokyo Institute of Technology.

Prior to this, he had the following functions at Nihon Tetra Pak: Intellectual Property manager, Human Resources manager, Legal Manager, OEP (Operational Excellence Program) Project Leader, Patent Department Auditor, Balance Score Card Facilitator, Competence Development Project Leader, and Employee Satisfaction Survey Project Leader.

In 1980-1992 he worked as a Patent Examiner and various posts in the Government of Japan such as in Planning & Research Section, International Affairs Division in Japan Patent Office (JPO), as well as Science and Technology Agency.

His research areas are the Intellectual Property (IP) Management linking Business Strategy as well as the International IP Management for Overseas Business Operation.

He made lectures at many occasions including “WIPO Symposium at Colombo, March 2005”, “IPR Seminar at Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City”, “JPO/IPR Training Course for IP trainers in Tokyo”, etc.

Professor Tanaka holds a Master’s Degree in Nuclear Engineering, Science and Engineering Laboratory, at Graduate School of Tokyo Institute of Technology

Further to his qualification, he is Patent Lawyer registered (January 18, 1994) as well as he is also registered as an attorney for Specific IP infringement law suit (January 17, 2004).

YUMIKO HAMANO (Ms.)

Ms. Yumiko Hamano, a national of Japan, works at World Intellectual Property Organization, in the Intellectual Property and New Technology Division. She is currently responsible for the WIPO University Initiative Program, a project of WIPO, aiming at assisting universities and R&D institutions in developing their IP and technology management capacity.

She first joined WIPO for setting up the Japanese operation lines for processing PCT international applications from Japan. In that function, She was responsible for Publication, Examination and Translation procedures of PCT international applications from Japan, and supervised the Japanese operations team. She also has a long experience in translating International Preliminary Examination Reports of the PCT established by the Japan Patent Office.

Later she worked for the two consecutive Directors of the Office of the PCT as the executive assistant. During this period, she also served as the Trilateral Coordinator from WIPO in the context of the Trilateral Technical Cooperation of the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

After extensive experience in the PCT Sector, she moved to the Division for Infrastructure Services and Innovation Promotion, where she was responsible for technical cooperation on IP and Technology Transfer knowledge building, in particular, for universities and R&D organizations of WIPO Member States.

Prior to taking up these duties at WIPO, she worked in public and private sectors as an IP Portfolio manager and a technical translator of patent application documents.

She is a holder of BA: English-American Literature, BA: Education and Master of Business Administration (MBA), specialized in International Organizations from the Faculty of Economic and Social Science of the Graduate School of University of Geneva.

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