

Dispute Resolution Services for .edu

WIPO and EDUCAUSE, the administrator of the .edu top-level generic domain (gTLD), have signed an agreement that makes WIPO the sole dispute-resolution service provider for the .edu domain. The .edu domain is restricted to regionally-accredited, American degree-granting institutions of higher education - and is one of the original gTLDs, along with .com, .org, and .net.

WIPO's Arbitration and Mediation Center will apply the .edu Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (eduDRP) - a modified version of the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) - a low-cost and speedy alternative to litigation, in the drive to resolve «cybersquatting» disputes arising in the .edu domain.

A special feature of the agreement between WIPO and EDUCAUSE is that the panelists who decide the .edu cases must be American. Once a dispute is filed with WIPO, the Center checks that all formalities are correct, appoints a panelist from a list of leading American legal specialists, and notifies the decision of these independent panelists. For a panelist to find in favor of a complainant, the latter must prove that the disputed domain is identical or confusingly similar to a trademark, that the other party does not have a

legitimate interest in the domain name and that the respondent registered and used the domain name in bad faith.

WIPO's evolving list of international panelists includes the names of some 102 American lawyers who are specialists in arbitration, mediation, trademark law, Internet law or other areas related to the field.

Prototype PCT Gazette

A new prototype of the PCT Gazette is now available for test purposes at <http://ipdl.wipo.int/>. Among the modifications incorporated in the prototype are changes to the layout and format of the data, access to data concerning republished PCT applications (including images of republished pages), and searchable access to the full text of description and claims. The prototype will be available in parallel with the current PCT Gazette until the completion of the necessary testing and consultation, after which it is planned that the prototype, as modified as a result of the testing and consultation, will supersede the current PCT Gazette.



African Film Festival

WIPO participated in the annual *Journées du cinéma africain* held in Ferney-Voltaire and Divonne les Bains, France, from November 12 to 22. The African film festival attracted feature films from Algeria, Benin, Egypt, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, and Tunisia. In a number of workshops, projections of short films were followed by debates on topics such as cinema and globalization, the crises in the Great Lakes region, and forced marriages.

As one of the partners of this event, WIPO hosted a reception, followed by the premier screening of two documentaries:

- ▶ «Si Gueriki, La Reine Mère», by Idrissou Mora Kpai (Benin-France), about a young man returning to his village after a ten-year absence;
- ▶ «Le Cinéma Africain?», by François Kotlarski and Eric Münsh (France), on the conditions of cinematographers in Africa.

