



AD-HOC MEETING

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***Ad-hoc* Meeting on the Issue of the Handling of Deposited Biological Material with IDAs after the Expiration of the Period of Storage Prescribed in Rule 9.1 of the Regulations under the Budapest Treaty (Virtual)**

organized by
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Geneva, April 28 to 29 2025

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO

Monday, April 28, 2025 (Geneva Time)

09.30 – 10.00 Access to the online platform

10.00 – 10.10 Welcome address:

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

Mr. Szabolcs Farkas, Acting Chair of the Budapest Union Assembly

10.10 – 10.50 **Item 1:** **Presentation of the report compiling the responses to the questionnaire on the handling of deposited biological material after the expiration of the period of storage prescribed in Rule 9.1 of the Budapest Treaty (BT)**

The International Bureau will present the statistics and summary of the responses received from International Depositary Authorities (IDAs) to the questionnaire.

Speaker: WIPO

10.50 – 11.50 **Item 2:** **Practice and challenges of IDAs in the handling of deposited biological material after the expiration of the prescribed period of storage**

While IDAs may have practices in place to handle deposited biological material after the expiration of the period of storage, implementation of these practices may involve a number of challenges. Based on their practical experience, IDAs will present the challenges they face when implementing their practices.

Speakers: Representative(s) of IDAs

Discussion: All participants

11.50 – 12.45 **Item 3:** **First exchange of views**

Based on the previous presentations and discussion, the participants will discuss what the issues are and how they may be further addressed.

Discussion: All participants

12.45 – 13.00 **Closing of the first day**

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 (Geneva Time)

10.00 – 10.45 **Item 4:** **Policies regarding the handling of deposited biological material after the expiration of the prescribed period of storage by IDAs**

This item will allow IP Offices to share any experience or policy they have with the IDA(s) on their territories regarding the handling of deposited biological material after the period of storage.

Discussion: Representatives of IP Offices/Regional Patent Organizations

10.45 – 11.30 **Item 5:** **Second exchange of views**

Discussion: All participants

11.30 – 12.30 **Item 6:** **Way forward**

12.30 – 12.45 **Summary of the ad-hoc meeting**

12.45 – 13.00 **Closing Remarks**

Representative of WIPO

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