

## News

15.03.2024 | [Patents](#), [IPI](#)

### Switzerland modernises its Patents Act

The final vote on the partial revision of the Patents Act was held in Parliament on 15 March 2024. The National Council approved the bill by 191 to 0 votes with 0 abstentions and the Council of States approved it by 44 to 0 votes with 0 abstentions. If no referendum takes place, the Federal Council will decide on the commencement of the Act. At the same time, preparations are already being...

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19.02.2024 | [Patents](#), [Trade Marks](#), [Designs](#)

### Trade marks, patents and designs: 2023 in figures

In 2023, 16,908 national trade mark applications were filed with the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI). This was a slight increase compared with 2022 (16,728). Almost 98% of applications were filed online via e-trademark. Word marks came out on top once again, accounting for more than 56% of all applications. Combined trade marks, consisting of words and images, were also...

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30.01.2024 | [Patents](#), [IP news](#)

### Switzerland among European top nations in innovation to fight cancer

Ahead of World Cancer Day (4 February), the European Patent Office (EPO) has just released a new study, which finds that innovation in the fight against cancer has surged by 70% between 2015 and 2021, as measured by the number of international patent families (IPFs). Switzerland contributed largely to this development. In the past 20 years, close to 5000 international patent families have been...

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23.01.2024 | [Patents](#), [Trade Marks](#)

### A study reveals that IP rights such as patents help Swiss SMEs and start-ups find investors



Many industries use patents, trade marks and copyright to protect their intellectual property. At the same time, emerging companies often find it difficult to turn such intangible assets into capital to support their growth. There are some exceptions, however, as a study commissioned by the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)...

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13.12.2023 | [IPI](#)

## **The IPI's 2022/23 annual report has been published**

Find out what the IPI was working on in the 2022/23 business year in our new annual report. Take a look back at 20 years in the Patent Division in our extensive interview with Alban Fischer. And leaf through the photos to discover the many commitments the IPI maintains in line with its slogan 'We foster innovation'. We hope you enjoy reading it!

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08.12.2023 | [Indications of source](#), [IPI](#)

## **A swirling celebration of geographical indications**



"The continued development of the Lisbon System is of great importance for trade mark holders throughout the world, as it provides information on the names that are protected as GIs." Catherine Chammartin, Director General of the IPI, underlined the importance of the Lisbon System for the international protection of geographical indications in a transparent and inclusive manner. Meanwhile the...

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24.11.2023 | [IPI](#)

## **Daniela Marino elected as a new member of the IPI's Institute Council**

At its meeting on 22 November 2023, the Federal Council elected Daniela Marino as a new member of the Institute Council. It thus adopted the proposal of the General Secretariat of the FDJP. Additionally, it re-elected the eight existing members of the Institute Council. Due to the restriction on periods in office, Beatrice Renggli was re-elected until 28 February 2025 and Evelyn Zwick until 28...

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23.11.2023 | [IPI](#), [Swissness](#), [Piraterie](#)

## **Stop Piracy gives tips for safe online shopping**

Amidst the Black Friday and Christmas season, STOP PIRACY shares crucial advice to distinguish reliable online shops from scams. The Federal Customs and Border Protection Agency recorded a concerning 30% increase in counterfeit goods online in 2022. With clear pointers such as correct web addresses, complete legal information, reviews, verification of the authenticity of quality labels, return...

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18.09.2023 | [IPI](#)

## **STOP PIRACY has elected a new president**

The general meeting of STOP PIRACY, the Swiss anti-counterfeiting and piracy platform, took place on 15 September at the company USM in Münsigen. The attendees unanimously elected Marc Wullschleger as the new president. He replaces Anastasia Li-Treyer, who announced her resignation last year after a lengthy period in office. Marc Wullschleger is a trade mark attorney at Isler & Pedrazzini AG,...

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28.06.2023 | [Patents](#), [Trade Marks](#), [Designs](#)

**Harmonisation and partial revision of guidelines as of 1 July 2023**

As the various procedures and register maintenance work in the fields of trade marks, designs and patents have been harmonised, the IPI has drawn up new guidelines to reflect this harmonisation. These harmonised guidelines concern the sections ‘General section’, ‘Registration/grant procedure’ and ‘Register maintenance’. They were submitted to stakeholders for consultation. The IPI has also...

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