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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 5/2003 of our Newsletter «Legal Information». We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. WTO negotiations: International Meeting of GI Producers on June 10th and 11th, 2003 in Geneva

Hundreds of producers from over twenty countries converged on Geneva June 10th and 11th, 2003 to demand improved protection for geographical indications. The assembly was spearheaded by the Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, the Swiss association for the promotion of AOC's and GI's, French and Italian producers, and diverse Member States of the WTO (see Institute press release from June 4, 2003 in F, G, and I). It was important for the producers to make their difficulties in getting sufficient protection for GI's known to the international press before the next ministerial conference, which will be held in September 2003 in Cancun, Mexico. They also wanted to send a strong message to the highest levels in the WTO and WIPO (see the press release from oriGIn from June 11, 2003). This rally led producers to adopt a declaration (see link below) demanding better international protection for geographical indications and to the creation of an international network for the producers to further their cause. The network organization has been named oriGIn (*Organisation for an International Geographical Indications Network*).

For more information on oriGIn and the assembly on June 10th and 11th, go to their website at <http://www.origin-gi.com>

Institute press release from June 4, 2003

in German: <http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/pdf/j110105d.pdf>,

in French: <http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/pdf/j110105f.pdf>,

in Italian: <http://www.ige.ch/I/jurinfo/pdf/j110105i.pdf>

Press release from oriGIn from June 11, 2003: http://www.ige.ch/E/jurinfo/pdf/Communiqué_ORIGIN_E.pdf

Declaration: http://www.ige.ch/E/jurinfo/pdf/Declaration_ORIGIN_E.pdf

2. Switzerland's Contribution to the Realization of the Community Patent

With a view to the future implementation of the Community Patent into the European Patent Convention (EPC), the Swiss delegation has prepared a contribution suggesting how the points

which are still undecided in the Common Political Approach concerning the Community Patent of 3 March 2003 can be regulated.

<http://www.ige.ch/E/jurinfo/j110105.htm>

3. sic! online

sic! online has a new link! At <http://www.sic-online.ch> you'll find a new search tool to help you find documents faster and direct links from articles to the Swisslex full text.

4. IT System Interruption for July 2003

The Federal Institute of Intellectual Property will be modernizing its data processing system and introducing SAP. The new system allows more efficient data processing and optimal data security.!

In order to make the change-over, our system will be interrupted from June 30 - July 6. During this period there will be minor delays in order processing. However, the delay will have no effect on dates for filing, paying and time limits.

If you have any questions regarding this interruption, please contact our contact center at +41 (0)31 325 25 25.

Thank you for your understanding.

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