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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 7/2004 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. Discussion of co-operation within the European Patent Organisation under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

In the context of recent developments, such as the introduction of the ISA by WIPO or the granting of ISA status to the Finnish Office, the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation has decided to launch a strategy debate on co-operation within the Organisation under the PCT at its June 2004 meeting. The President also opened the discussion for external contributions in the interest of transparency: http://ac.european-patent-office.org/pct_consultation_process/index.en.php.

2. Electronic Priority Documents for Patents from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

As of July 30, 2004, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) only provides priority documents for patents as electronic files with an imaged certification statement. All other types of priority certificates are still issued in paper form. For the time being, the Institute will not accept electronic priority certificates.

<http://www.ige.ch/E/jurinfo/documents/j10016e.pdf>

3. sic! online

An overview of all of editorials and court decisions published by sic! (the Swiss journal for intellectual property, information and competition law) since 1997 can be found at <http://www.sic-online.ch/>. All of the court decisions as well as any issues published since January 2000 have been collected in an index ("Register of Decisions" or "Bibliography"). A new tool allows searching with key words or author names. Also new is that decisions which appeared in sic! print only as topic sentences are now available in full text at sic! online.

Subscribers to Swisslex-Westlaw, the legal database, can now go directly to the full sic! text from sic! online.

sic! online is published only in German or French.

4. Outreach Training at the Institute

The IPI as a competence center in patents, trademarks, design and authors rights has organized a series of courses treating both the protection titles and the informations contained. The protection you are entitled is presented trough examples as well as the informations and the way of access.

The next block of courses will take place in November 2004. One day will particularly concentrate on enforcement of intellectual property rights. For more information go to:

<http://www.ige.ch/E/schulung/s1.shtm>

5. WTO/ Geographical indications

On geographical indications, the main results to report from the General Council "July package" decision (agreed on 1 August 2004) are that the Director General of WTO was mandated to continue consultations on the extension of the protection of geographical indications provided for in Article 23 of the TRIPS Agreement to products other than wines and spirits; further, WTO Members reaffirmed their commitment to progress in the negotiations on the establishment of a multilateral register for geographical indications for wines and spirits.

For more information: <http://www.ipi.ch/E/jurinfo/j104.shtm#1>

Yours sincerely,

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