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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 10/2007 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Conference at the University of Geneva

The Law Faculty at the University of Geneva in collaboration with the STOP PIRACY Association (of which the Federal Institute of Intellectual Property is also a founding member) has organized a one-day conference on the topic of counterfeiting and piracy. The schedule and program (French only: <http://www.unige.ch/formcont/PI08.pdf>) for the February 15th, 2008 conference is available online in a printable version. To register online, click here: <http://www.unige.ch/formcont/PI-inscription.html>.

2. Effective legal protection in patent matters

At its session of December 7, 2007 the Federal Council approved the dispatches to the acts for a patent court and patent attorneys (in German (<http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/j100.shtm#a03>), French (<http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/j100.shtm#a03>) or Italian (<http://www.ige.ch/I/jurinfo/j100.shtm#a03>)). Both bills assure effective and qualitatively high legal advising and judicature in the area of patents. They encourage innovation and contribute to the strength of Switzerland as a center of innovation.

3. EPC 2000 and language agreement

The revised European Patent Convention (EPC 2000) and the corresponding adaptations of the patent law, enter into force on 13 December 2007 (s. documents in German (http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/as/2007/index0_50.html), French (http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/as/2007/index0_50.html) or Italian (http://www.admin.ch/ch/i/as/2007/index0_50.html)). The language agreement will enter into force on the first day of the fourth month after the deposit of the instrument of ratification by France (s. Status: <http://www.epo.org/patents/law/legislative-initiatives/london-agreement/status.html>). France has not deposited it yet. It is intended to simultaneously put into force the amendments of the patent law (s. documents in German (<http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/ff/2005/7495.pdf>), French (<http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/ff/2005/7015.pdf>) or Italian (<http://www.admin.ch/ch/i/ff/2005/6673.pdf>)).

Yours sincerely,

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