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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 4/2007 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. The Committee for Legal Affairs of the National Council approves the ratification of the WIPO internet treaties and the subsequent adaption of the national law

The Committee for Legal Affairs of the National Council held the detailed consultation on the revision of the Federal Copyright Act at their meeting on May 31, 2007. Press release in German (http://www.parlament.ch/mm-medienmitteilung.htm?m_id=2007-06-01_999_05) and French (http://www.parlament.ch/f/homepage/mm-medienmitteilung.htm?m_id=2007-06-01_999_05).

2. Promotions in the Executive Board of the Institute

The Institute Council has approved the following promotions as of 1 July, 2007:

- Promoted to Deputy Directors General: Dr. Felix Addor, Head of International Affairs and Law Division, and Dr. Christian Bock, Head of Resources and Services Division.
- Promoted to Vice-Director General: Dr. Eric Meier, Head of Trademarks Division and Executive Board Member.
- Promoted to Executive Board Member and Vice-Director General: Dr. Alban Fischer, Head of Patent Division.

3. Second part of the patent law revision approved by parliament

The Council of States, in his role as second Chamber, gave its approval to amend the patent law and passed the patent law treaty (including the execution regulations) at its June 11, 2007 session. It agreed to the decisions by the National Council:

http://www.parlament.ch/ab/frameset/d/s/4717/246656/d_s_4717_246656_246924.htm.

Bills put up for final vote (in German and French):

Bundesgesetz über die Erfindungspatente: <http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/ff/2007/4593.pdf>

Bundesbeschluss über die Genehmigung des Patentrechtsvertrags und der Ausführungsordnung: <http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/ff/2007/4701.pdf>

Loi fédérale sur les brevets d'invention: <http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/ff/2007/4363.pdf>

Arrêté fédéral relatif à l'approbation du Traité sur le droit des brevets et du Règlement d'exécution: <http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/ff/2007/4473.pdf>

4. Change in Procedure for Publication of Designs

There is now a single publication fee for all publication types. It is important to note that the illustrations of the design should be submitted in the color in which they are to be registered: <http://www.ige.ch/E/design/d13.shtm>.

5. New training module at the Institute: "Intellectual property: a practice-oriented course"

For the first time the Institute will be offering a training module specifically for employees responsible for the administrative procedures involved in protective titles. The course is appropriate for employees of trademark, patent, and law offices as well as for those working in the IP divisions of SMEs or industry. It is three and one-half days long and covers all practical aspects of filing, registering, and transferring the various types of intellectual property titles (both national and international). For more information see: <http://www.ige.ch/training/igrd.shtm> (In German and French).

Yours sincerely,

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