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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 5/2008 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. Amended Patent Act goes into force

The Federal Council has decided to put the amendment of the Patent Act into force as of 1 July 2008. The Patent Cooperation Treaty of 1 June 2000 will also go into effect for Switzerland at this time. See the press release in German (<http://www.ige.ch/d/jurinfo/documents/j10074d.pdf>), French (<http://www.ige.ch/f/jurinfo/documents/j10074f.pdf>) or Italian (<http://www.ige.ch/i/jurinfo/documents/j10074i.pdf>) and fact sheet (<http://www.ige.ch/e/news/2008/documents/n101e.pdf>).

2. Amended Copyright Act and Ordinance to go into Effect

The amended copyright act (German: BBI 2007 7149 (<http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/ff/2007/7149.pdf>) und 7201 (<http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/ff/2007/7201.pdf>), French: FF 2007 6753 (<http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/ff/2007/6753.pdf>) et 6805 (<http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/ff/2007/6805.pdf>), Italian: FF 2007 6495 (<http://www.admin.ch/ch/i/ff/2007/6495.pdf>) e 6547 (<http://www.admin.ch/ch/i/ff/2007/6547.pdf>)) and adapted copyright ordinance go into effect on 1 July 2008. See the press release in German (<http://www.ige.ch/d/jurinfo/documents/j10319d.pdf>), French (<http://www.ige.ch/f/jurinfo/documents/j10319f.pdf>) or Italian (<http://www.ige.ch/i/jurinfo/documents/j10319i.pdf>). Based on the response to the copyright ordinance by interested parties, the Federal Council has decided to appoint an independent observer to the special office for technological measures. The position will include a secretariat which will be located at the Institute. The consultation indicated that the special office should be set up by the Institute, but not necessarily managed by it. Appointing an experienced observer to lead the special office guarantees a certain independence which can only be an advantage in fulfilling its role as arbitrator between those who make use of technological measures and those who use copyright protection. Adapted copyright ordinance (draft): German (<http://www.ige.ch/d/jurinfo/documents/j10320d.pdf>), French (<http://www.ige.ch/f/jurinfo/documents/j10320f.pdf>), Italian (<http://www.ige.ch/i/jurinfo/documents/j10320i.pdf>).

3. EURO08 - Restricted Access to Institute

On June 9, 13 and 17, 2008, EURO 08 matches will be played at the "Stade de Suisse" in Bern. On these days, access to the entire area surrounding the football stadium – including the Institute – will be restricted. Access with a motor vehicle will be possible only with a permit. Access via the train, tram, bus, bicycle and foot will be completely open, however, there might be delays or obstacles. We recommend planning your visit to the Institute on some other day. More information in German about the event can be found at www.euro08-bern.ch/upload/content/Zufahrtsregelung_Nordquartier.pdf.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Yours sincerely,

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