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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 10/2009 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. Expert conference on "The future of copyright – a balancing of interests or a paradigm shift" on 2 March 2010 in Bern

The Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) is organising together with the Swiss Forum of Communications Law (SF-FS) a seminar on "The future of copyright – a balancing of interests or a paradigm shift?".

Traditionally, there exists varying lines of reasoning for copyright. In the Anglo-American region in particular, it is seen as a way of promoting culture, whereas legal protection in the continental-European region is understood as a consequence of the act of creating. These justifications are today being confronted with the perception that copyright prevents new works rather than fostering their creation. Many circles consider legal protection within the context of the internet as an anachronism and therefore react by not observing it. Nevertheless, copyright protection in the western world is experiencing a steady expansion albeit in the form of extended terms of copyright. Where is this leading to? Are the usual justifications regarding copyright still appropriate today? Would it be advisable to either completely or partially replace or exchange traditional copyright with other systems? Could, for example, a general 'culture tax' cause a balance of interests? In the first part of the seminar, the fundamental issues will be looked at and potential solutions presented. Following this, stakeholders from the entertainment industry and the academic sector will state their views. Why not discuss your experiences too? You can find the programme for the day and further information here (in German):

https://www.ige.ch/schulung/programm/detailansicht/calendarlastview/month-220/calendarview/event/calendartype/tx_cal_phpicalendar/calendarevent/96.html.

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2. Federal patent court soon to be reality

The institutional and organisational provisions for the new Patent Court Act will come into force on 1 March 2010. With this decision, the Federal Council gave the go-ahead for the selection of the Federal patent court judges in 2010. The Federal patent court is to take up its activities at the beginning of 2011.

Press release in German:

https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Juristische_Infos/d/medienmitteilungen/Medienmitteilung_Bundespatentgericht_20091214.pdf

Press release in French:

https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Juristische_Infos/f/communiqués_presse/communiqué_presse_tf_brevets_20091214.pdf

Press release in Italian:

https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Juristische_Infos/i/comunicato_stampa/comunicato_stampa_tf_brevetti_20091214.pdf

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3. Annual Report

Annual Report for the 13th Business Year is online: <https://www.ige.ch/en/institute/institute/annual-report.html>.

Published on 24.11.2009

4. Holiday schedule for 2009/10

Our Institute will be closed during the holidays as follows:

- Thursday, December 24th 2009 at 12 noon
Friday, December 25th 2009 the all day
- Thursday, December 31st 2009 at 12 noon
Friday, January 1st 2010 the all day

The Institute will be open during the usual business hours, December 28th to December 30th 2009 and from January 4th 2010.

Season's greetings and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Federal Institute of Intellectual Property
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