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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 7/2009 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. Google Book Settlement

Google has created a 'fait accompli' by building a book database. The US rights owners' class action has led to a settlement, which has an effect on rights owners in other countries including Switzerland, as well. Further information and the necessary document can be found on <http://www.googlebooksettlement.com/>. Most importantly, it is essential to meet the deadlines:

- Filing an objection or opting out of the settlement - must be submitted online or postmarked on or before 4 September 2009.
- Asserting claims - can be done anytime, but in order to be eligible for cash payments for books the claim form must be completed on or before 5 January 2010.

2. Google Book Search Settlement II

On 25 September 2009, the Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York decided that the closing hearing for the settlement approval regarding the Google book search copyright class action will not take place on 7 October 2009 as originally planned, but will now be postponed to a later date. Stating anti-trust law difficulties as well as voiced objections regarding violation of national and international copyright, the US Department of Justice issued a clear refusal regarding the existing settlement proposal.

The American Authors Guild and the Association of American Publishers want to completely revise the settlement. In order to define a new schedule, the parties suggested to the court that they hold a "Status Conference" on 6 November 2009. Further developments are therefore ongoing.

3. Article on the Swiss IPI's new unit "Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development"

The Bridges Trade BioRes Review (Volume 3, Issue 2) of October 2009 includes an article on the Institute's new unit "Intellectual Property & Sustainable Development". As described in the article, this unit is concerned with the intellectual property aspects of, among others, biodiversity, traditional knowledge, climate change and food security as well as with the future scenarios of intellectual property. Additionally, the article discusses existing international activities and proposals of Switzerland and the Institute in this context. Article: <http://ictsd.net/downloads/bioresreview/biores3-2.pdf> (pages 14-15).

Yours sincerely,

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