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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 6/2010 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. Extent of the use of unlicensed offers over the internet

On 10 June 2010, the Council of States mandated the Federal Council to compile a study investigating the extent of the use of unlicensed music offers and to show possible courses of action.

10.3263 – Does Switzerland need a law against the illegal downloading of music?

In German: http://www.parlament.ch/D/Suche/Seiten/geschaefte.aspx?gesch_id=20103263

In French: http://www.parlament.ch/f/suche/pages/geschaefte.aspx?gesch_id=20103263

More information on this topic: <https://www.ige.ch/en/legal-info/legal-areas/copyright.html>.

Published on 02.07.2010

2. Anti-Counterfeiting and Trade Agreement (ACTA) – Ninth formal round of negotiations

The ninth round of negotiations for the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) took place from 28 June to 1st July 2010 in Lucerne. The discussions were intensive and concentrated on civil and criminal enforcement measures for infringement of intellectual property rights, border measures, enforcement in the digital environment as well as the scope of the Agreement. Draft agenda

https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Juristische_Infos/e/acta_agenda_9th_round_lucerne_june_2010_e.pdf and press release

https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Juristische_Infos/e/press_releases/acta_press_release_9th_round_lucerne.pdf. The next round of negotiations will take place this summer in the USA.

Published on 07.07.2010

3. Easy, quick and practical - The Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) introduces legally binding submissions by e-mail

Registered post is history! The Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) has recently introduced electronic submissions by e-mail. It is now possible for all users of intellectual property rights systems to easily submit legally binding applications and re-sponses in electronic format. For our clients, this means the path to the IPI is now shorter. For more information:

<https://www.ige.ch/en/institute/news/news-details/news/einfach-schnell-und-praktisch-das-eidgenoessische-institut-fuer-geistiges-eigentum-ige-fuehrt/148.html>.

Published on 06.08.2010

4. Google Book Search: Settlement III

On 18 February 2010, an impartial hearing took place in order to decide whether the modified Google Books Settlement was fair and correct. The American Department of Justice considered that the settlement still gives Google significant and potentially anti-competitive advantages, as they have been granted the rights of distribution and the exploitation of a large variety of works in various formats. For more information: <https://www.ige.ch/en/legal-info/news/news-details/news/google-buchsuche-vergleich-iii/161.html>

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5. Reduction of copyright fees for school use

Mr NR Gerhard Pfister submitted a motion on 16 June 2010, which aims at a change to the Copyright Act. The existing reduced tariffs for school use should be specified and a reduced rate of 65% adopted in the Copyright Act.

10.3612 - Relieve education. Change to the Copyright Act

in German http://www.parlament.ch/d/suche/seiten/geschaeft.aspx?gesch_id=20103612

French http://www.parlament.ch/f/suche/pages/geschaeft.aspx?gesch_id=20103612

Italian http://www.parlament.ch/i/suche/pagine/geschaeft.aspx?gesch_id=20103612

Published on 23.08.2010

6. Anti-Counterfeiting and Trade Agreement (ACTA) – Tenth formal round of negotiations

The 10th round of negotiations for the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) took place from 16 to 20 August 2010 in Washington D.C. (USA). Participants discussed all the themes of the Agreement, namely: initial provisions, civil and criminal enforcement measures for infringement of intellectual property rights, border measures, enforcement in the digital environment, enforcement practices, international cooperation, institutional arrangements as well as final provisions. Agenda https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Juristische_Infos/e/acta_agenda_10th_round_washingt_on.pdf and press release

https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Juristische_Infos/e/press_releases/acta_press_release_10th_round_washington.pdf. The next round of negotiations will take place this autumn in Japan.

Published on 23.08.2010

7. SME and intellectual property – A double success factor for the Swiss economy

Thanks to their innovative strength, small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) form the backbone of the Swiss economy. Nevertheless, in many companies there is a huge amount of catching up to be done particularly with regards to the protection of intellectual property. The Swiss Federal Institute for Intellectual Property (IPI) wants to combat this deficiency with an extensive package of measures under the motto “Envisioned. Created. Protected.” as Director General Roland Grossenbacher explained at a media conference in Bern today.

Media release in German https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Institut/kmu-ip/01_Pressecommuniqu%C3%A9_10-08-23.pdf,

French https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Institut/kmu-ip/01_Pressecommuniqu%C3%A9_10-08-23_F.pdf

and Italian https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Institut/kmu-ip/01_Pressecommuniqu%C3%A9_01-08-23_I.pdf

More information about the project SME-IP: <https://www.ige.ch/en/institute/institute/projects-and-cooperation/sme-ip-project.html>

Web Portal SME-IP: <https://kmu.ige.ch/en/home.html>

Training

Module: "A basic knowledge of protective rights" in autumn of 2010 in Bern

This year, the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) will be offering the module "Basic knowledge of protective rights" on two occasions. The module is comprised of six half-day courses that can be individually booked. The course is aimed at all those who have little or no previous knowledge of intellectual property rights and are interested in acquiring a basic knowledge of this field. This course is different to the module "Intellectual Property Law: a practice-orientated course" in that the main focus is not on the technical aspects of the filing and registering of various protective rights but rather the function, purpose and scope of trademark, patent, design and copyright as well as their meaning for SMEs. The dates for these modules as well as a detailed course programme and the corresponding course fees can be found here, in German only: <https://www.ige.ch/schulung/uebersicht-basismodul-schutzrechte.html>.

Lecture series ip4lunch by Stefan Bechtold: "Google Book Search: Option models and private regulation in copyright" – 29 September 2010 in Berne

The American legal dispute concerning the Google Book Search project shows the big challenges for copyright with regards to mass digitisation projects. These challenges concern the question of how an appropriate balance of interests between authors, publishing houses, users and developing intermediaries can be found and how this balance should be legally embodied. The talk gives an overview of the legal problems concerning the "Google Book Search" project and integrates the debate into the general question of the role of option models and private regulation in copyright.

More information and a registration form can be found here in German:

https://www.ige.ch/schulung/programm/detailansicht/calendarlastview/month-220/calendarview/event/calendartype/tx_cal_phpicalendar/calendarevent/152.html.

"Patent Protection for Innovations: What an SME Needs to Know!" Seminar

This seminar will take place during the European Patent Information Conference from 19th-21st October 2010. Participants of this event will gain an overview of intellectual property law with the main emphasis being on patent protection. In addition, they will also be given the possibility of carrying out a two-hour long assisted patent search together with a patent expert from the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property on one of the days following the seminar. Participants will also be able to get an idea of the various offers available regarding patent information, which will be shown during the course of the event.

You can find the daily programme and further information here in French:

https://www.ige.ch/schulung/programm/detailansicht/calendarlastview/month-220/calendarview/event/calendartype/tx_cal_phpicalendar/calendarevent/153.html.

Yours sincerely,

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