DesignEuropa Awards - call for creative Swiss designers

Up until 20 April, designers can submit entries for the DesignEuropa Awards. The Awards celebrate outstanding achievements in the field of design and design management. Organised every two years by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), the Awards have two categories open for applications and nominations: Small and Emerging Companies and Industry. There is an additional...

Switzerland sets a new record for European patent applications

In 2019, the number of patent applications originating from Switzerland filed with the European Patent Office (EPO) increased by 3.6% to reach a record high of 8,249 (2018 – 7,961). These figures can be found in the EPO’s Patent Index 2019, published today. The increase in applications from Switzerland last year was more than three times higher than the EU average of 0.9%. In 2019, Switzerland...

Workshop on protecting competition project work

In Bern, young people recently competed to reach the final of the national Swiss Youth in Science competition. In the process, they also learned about protecting their intellectual property. On 18 January at the Neufeld grammar school in Bern, the foundations were laid for the final of the Swiss Youth in Science competition. The young people presented their competition entries in seven...

Study: How important IP rights are for the Swiss economy
Industries in Switzerland that make intensive use of intellectual property rights (IPR) contribute significantly to employment and the gross domestic product (GDP). This is the conclusion of a European study that has just been published. The European Patent Office (EPO) and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) have examined the role IP rights play in economic performance,...

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**Conference on the Future of IP**

From 11 to 13 September, IP experts from around the world gathered in Zurich for the European Policy for Intellectual Property (EPIP) Conference. The topic: the future of IP. Over the course of three days at ETH Zurich, attendees took part in lectures, panel discussions and workshops on IP rights. Well-attended IPI panel As one of the conference sponsors, the IPI organised a panel entitled...

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**How SMEs can benefit from a design strategy**

How do I develop a design strategy? At the Swiss Innovation Forum in Basel, the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) is holding a breakout session on this topic. Under the motto "Try", inspiring projects will be presented at the Swiss Innovation Forum (SIF) in Basel on 21 November. In addition to keynotes, participants can take part in breakout sessions and...

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**Roundtable on the protection of computer-implemented inventions**

On 19 September in Bern, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) will host a roundtable on “Patenting procedures relating to computer-implemented inventions.” The free seminar will focus on the patentability of software in Europe. Computer programs are, as such, protected under copyright. However, thousands of patents are granted for...

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**Nominations are open for the European Inventor Award 2020**

The nomination period for the European Inventor Award 2020 is now open. Up until 30 September, participants can help determine who should receive the coveted award by nominating an inventor. Participation is not limited to inventors. Anyone
working in business, research, intellectual property associations, universities and members of the general public can submit a nomination. You can find...

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**Switzerland is the most innovative country**

Switzerland has once again retained its spot at the top of the Global Innovation Index (GII). Sweden and the USA also made it onto the podium. Each year, the GII evaluates the innovation performance of countries. The rankings are based on 80 indicators such as investment in research and development, trade mark and patent protection and high-tech exports. The World Intellectual Property...

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**Changes to patent practice**

From 1 August, five changes will take effect in the field of patents in Switzerland. They concern, for example, the procedure for multiple changes to the register and for applications which are submitted too early. You can find details of the changes to practice in our newsletter (only available in German or French).