

Office of Policy and International Affairs (OPIA) update

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Topics for discussion

- ICANN
- WIPO – Madrid
- TM5
- Requests for authentication
- Trademark training

ICANN updates

- ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) activities that implicate trademark-related matters include:
 - Discussions on access to, and disclosure of, WHOIS domain name registration record information.
 - ICANN Board to act on Final Report on Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) for new generic top-level domains.
 - ICANN Board to assess Subsequent Procedures for New gTLDs, for possible new round.
 - Inter-governmental organizations (IGOs) Work Track seeking public comment on the Initial Report for protection of IGO names/acronyms, through Oct. 24.
 - Review of the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) is expected to begin early next year.
- The ICANN72 23rd Annual General Meeting Virtual Policy Forum will be held on Oct. 23–28, 2021.

Update on Madrid-related developments at the World Intellectual Property Organization

- The annual Madrid Working Group meeting to be conducted on November 15–19, 2021 in a hybrid format (online and in person).
- Agenda items include:
 - Proposals to add Arabic, Chinese and Russian as working languages
 - Dependency: reducing dependency period; reducing grounds for cancellation due to ceasing of effect; eliminating automatic effect of dependency
 - Limitations: examination for scope of goods/services by the office of origin, by the IB and/or by the designated office

TM5

- 2021 TM5 Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 3–5; will be conducted virtually.
 - Two proposed projects will be voted on.
 - Multiple project reports will be presented.
 - User session will be November 5.
- Working level meetings conducted during the summer.
- EUIPO will host the annual TM5 meeting in 2022.
 - TM5 Midterm Meeting scheduled for April 25–26, 2022.

Requests for authentication of documents

OPIA is engaging with the State Department regarding substantial delays that stakeholders experience when requesting authentication of documents.

OPIA training – some highlights

- Webinar on geographical indications for the Specialized Chamber on Intellectual Property (SEPI) of the Federal Court of Administrative Justice of Mexico
- Workshop on Quality and Office Management with Brazil
- Workshop on Telework and Administration with Mercosur
 - Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay
- Webinar on Well-Known Marks and Bad Faith with Association of South Eastern Asian Nations (ASEAN) region countries
- Webinar on Trademarks and the Digital Economy with ASEAN region countries
- Webinar on USPTO Practice Concerning Vienna Classification of Figurative/Designs Elements with Pakistan

