



IPR Saint-Petersburg Enhancing Intellectual Property Rights Competence and Cooperation in Russia (Saint-Petersburg), Finland, Denmark and Sweden

Minutes

Date: 8-12 December 2008

Place: Helsinki (Finland), Stockholm (Sweden) and Copenhagen (Denmark)

The study tour for the Russian authorities was organised according to the plans on 8-12 December 2008. The tour covered Helsinki, Stockholm and Copenhagen and was partially financed by the Ministry of Employment and the Economy of Finland. The goal of the study tour was to launch collaboration between key IPR authorities from all partner countries to create a sustainable framework for IPR cooperation development, to exchange experiences and lessons learnt on IPR system development in partner countries. The tour started in Helsinki, where the Russian participants arrived on 8 December. On the same day the National Board of Patents and Registration hosted a seminar "IPR Practices in Finland and in Russia", with presentations covering IPR activities of Customs, the NBPR, the police, the court and the government of Finland, and offering the participants a comprehensive overlook on the authority level activities in this field. Also future cooperation was covered in the seminar programme with a presentation of a potential financing programme for IPR related cooperation.



Mr Martti Enäjärvi, President, National Board of Patents and Registration (NBPR) greeted the participants on behalf of Finnish delegation

Mr Ivan Burlakov, vice-president, Committee for Justice, Legal Order, and Safety, Administration of Saint-Petersburg City greeted the participants of the seminar on behalf of Russian delegation.





Santa Claus greeted the participants of the seminar and gave some nice presents.





During the second day in Helsinki, the tour included visits to the Customs laboratory and the recently opened Vuosaari port, where the participants had a chance to familiarise with the Customs activities on a concrete level. These two visits gave a good ground to discuss the concrete pilot activity in more detail in a workshop organised also on 9 December. Representatives of Finnish and Russian Customs as well as Ministry of the Interior Affairs and the militia discussed such issues as information exchange, which was seen as one of the main fields for developing cooperation between Customs. Country specific challenges in IPR crimes were introduced and discussed, such as fake companies in Russia, receiving deliveries of counterfeit products.



Director of custom laboratories Mr Janne Nieminen

Presentation of Mr Janne Nieminen on custom laboratories activities.



Presentation of Vuosaari port.





Ms Julia Lihhatsjova at Vuosaari port.

Regarding the concrete pilot activity, it was agreed that it would be implemented in the spring-autumn 2009 and that it would focus especially on developing information exchange on transfer of counterfeit products across the Finnish-Russian border. It was also agreed that the success and lessons learnt of the pilot activity would be discussed in a debriefing meeting late spring or early summer 2009, organised in the framework of the larger Nordic-Russian cooperation project. Representatives of Finnish and Russian Customs agreed to meet to further elaborate the plans for the pilot activity, and BIF will be responsible for organising this meeting.



Workshop with the Customs, the Police and other law enforcement bodies.



From left to the right: Mr Aleksandr Poigin, Municipal Department of Internal Affairs in Saint-Petersburg and Leningrad region; Ms Anastasia Anosova, North-West operative customs of Russian Federation; Mr Aleksandr Ovtinnikov, North-West operative customs of Russian Federation; Ms Marina Verevkina, North-West Customs of Russian Federation.





The study tour continued to Stockholm, where the Russian delegation met with representatives of the Swedish Patent and Registration office, Swedish Customs and Swedish Police on 10 December. The meeting was hosted by the Swedish Patent and Registration office. The delegation was introduced to Swedish practices and experiences on fight against counterfeit production, and both sides had an opportunity to discuss possibilities to deepen the cooperation in this field.



Mr Bo Hallgren, Director, International Cooperation, Swedish Patent and Registration Office greeted the participants of the seminar.



Seminar at the Swedish Patent and Registration office.



From left to the right: Mr Bo Hallgren, Swedish Patent and Registration Office; Mr Valentin Chmile, The Committee of economic development, Administration of Leningrad region; Ms Julia Lihhatsjova, The Baltic Institute of Finland.





On 11 December the Russian delegation visited the Danish Patent and Trademark Office (DKPTO), where they were introduced to the activities of DKPTO and Danish Customs and Police. As part of the study tour programme, the Russian delegation was familiarised with the division of responsibilities among different organisations operating in the IPR protection field: what is under jurisdiction of Governmental bodies, as Ministries, Committees, what is under jurisdiction of police and custom officers, and what is under jurisdiction of Danish Patent and Trademark Office. The delegation also visited the Copenhagen Free Harbour before returning to St. Petersburg on 12 December.



Ms Julia Lihhatsjova, The Baltic Institute of Finland.

Mr Keld Nymann Jensen, The Danish Patent and Trademark Office greeted the participants of the seminar.



Seminar at The Danish Patent and Trademark Office.

On the street of Copenhagen. Last evening before returning back to Russia.

