

The CEIPI: International Center of Excellence in Intellectual Property



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The role of the CEIPI

Founded in Strasbourg in 1963, the CEIPI (Center for international intellectual property studies) is today known as one of the most important academic centers in Europe for teaching and research in intellectual property law. Each year the CEIPI trains more than 2500 specialists in the various IP professions: French or European representatives, patent attorneys, civil servants in national, European and international offices and organizations, academics.

The strengths of the CEIPI: high quality training and strong research

As part of the University of Strasbourg, the CEIPI offers a wide range of courses and brings together a body of almost 400 academics and eminent practitioners in 37 European cities, so as to meet the challenges of the continually evolving international landscape of intellectual property.

Through its full range of courses covering all aspects of intellectual property, the CEIPI trains tomorrow's IP professionals, be they students or professionals. Its four university diplomas and five Master of Laws programs (LLM), one of which is research oriented, emphasize the Europeanization and the internationalization of intellectual property issues. Furthermore, CEIPI courses and seminars prepare future French and European patent representatives for the French and European qualifying examinations (the EQF and the EQE).

The CEIPI, in parallel to its academic program, concentrates on research. This plays a fundamental role in adapting to the on-going changes in the IP field.

The research program at the CEIPI, founded five years ago, has therefore undertaken an important review of intellectual property law in the knowledge based society through publications, participation in European and international projects as well as through the organization of one-day legal news seminars and of conferences. The main objective of this activity is to participate in the European construction of intellectual property law.

An international center: at the heart of a network of partners

By developing partnerships with the principal intellectual property organizations and with numerous international universities and research centers, the CEIPI plays a role in the evolution of the intellectual property field and develops joint academic and research programs, as well as student and teaching staff exchanges throughout the world.

Besides close cooperation with the different entities of the University of Strasbourg, as well as with national intellectual property institutions such as the INPI (Institut national de la propriété industrielle), and the main professional associations, the CEIPI demonstrates its international ambitions through cooperation agreements with the principal European and international organizations in intellectual property.

The WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization), the EPO (European Patent Office), and the African Intellectual Property Organization are among the international partners of the CEIPI, partners with which the CEIPI has developed a special relationship. The CEIPI, as a non-governmental organization, has observer status with the WIPO and it extends its expertise in the training of future European representatives to the EPO.

The CEIPI also acts as a consultant for community institutions and, last July, was appointed expert to the European Parliament.

More information at: www.ceipi.edu

The link to the CEIPI EQE brochure:
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