

SFIR & AIPPI SWEDEN 100 YEARS

WELCOME to the CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION on 26-27 August in Stockholm to celebrate the one hundred year anniversary of the Swedish Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (SFIR) and the Swedish AIPPI Group!



- INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE ROLE OF THE IP SYSTEM – TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE
- CENTENNIAL BANQUET AT STOCKHOLM CITY HALL
- GOLF COMPETITION OR BOAT EXCURSION TO THE DROTTHINGHOLM PALACE
- BUFFET DINNER
- OPENING OF THE CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION “INNOVATION, CREATIVITY AND PLAGIARISM”

FOR REGISTRATION VISIT: www.sfir.org/registration

SFIR



100th Anniversary

Welcome to the Centennial Celebration

26–27 August 2008 in Stockholm

One hundred years ago the Swedish Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (SFIR), including the Swedish Group of AIPPI, was founded in connection with the AIPPI Congress held in Stockholm on 26–30 August 1908 for a total of 300 participants. Since then SFIR and AIPPI has gathered around 800 active members. This calls for celebration and also gives good reasons to look ahead.

Therefore, on 27 August 2008 we have arranged a special International Centennial Conference on *The role of the IP-system in society – today and the future*. Together with internationally renowned IP specialists and visionaries we will sound out present and coming IP developments. What can be expected in view of geopolitical, technological and political developments? Are the legal and economical foundations for IP still valid? How will patent offices cope with ever increasing number of applications and at the same time improve the quality of patents? Will the WIPO Development Agenda revive the global harmonisation, or will fragmentation continue? Will IP remain in its present forms and perhaps play an even greater role, or will other solutions take over?

There are many old and new challenges to deal with, and we do hope you want to participate in these important discussions!

On 26 August the *Centennial Banquet* takes place in Stockholm City Hall, the venue of the Nobel Prize Award Banquets, where we will have an enjoyable evening together with Nordic and international IP friends.

As the special Centennial Celebrations in Stockholm are held in conjunction with a traditional bi-yearly Nordic IP meeting in Stockholm on 24–26 August, we cordially invite you to participate in the social events at this occasion: On 24 August, there will be a *boat excursion to the Drottningholm Palace* with a visit to the famous 18th century theatre, or alternatively a *golf competition*, both followed by a *Buffet dinner*. On 25 August the *Centennial exhibition, “Creativity, Innovation and Plagiarism”* will be officially opened at the *National Museum of Science and Technology*.

We look forward to seeing you in Stockholm in August!

Marianne Levin
Chair of SFIR

Ivan Hjertman
President AIPPI Sweden

Social events

Sunday 24 August

12.00-19.00 Golf competition

13.00-18.30 Boat excursion to Drottningholm and the Chinese Pavilion

19.00-21.00 Buffet dinner

Monday 25 August

17.30-20.00 Opening of Centennial Exhibition: “Innovation, Creativity and Plagiarism”

Tuesday 26 August

19.00 Centennial Banquet at Stockholm City Hall

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19.00 Centennial Banquet in the Golden Hall of Stockholm City Hall

Keynote speaker: Professor **Arvid Carlsson**,
Nobel Laureate in medicine in 2000

Dress code: business dress or black tie
optional



INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL SYMPOSIUM

The role of the IP-system in society – today and the future

Wednesday 27 August 2008

9.00–12.00

Session I: The legal and economic foundations for exclusive IP rights – can they still be defended?

Moderator: **Marianne Levin**, Professor, LL.D., Ph.D. h.c., Chair of SFIR

Speakers: **Ulf Bernitz**, Professor, LL.D., LL.D. h.c., Stockholm University, **Rasmus Fleischer**, BA, Doctoral candidate, Södertörn University College, collaborator of the Pirate Bureau, and **Keith E. Maskus**, Professor, BA, MA, Ph.D., University of Colorado, Boulder

In the last decade the IPR system has been criticised, challenged and called into question. Has the general public lost confidence in the system as such? Do exclusive rights have a place in today's society? Is it possible – or desirable – to redefine an efficient balance in view of the original and future objectives?

Session II: Patent offices in the future – centralisation, cooperation or competition?

Moderator: **Gun Hellsvik**, Swedish member of the EPO Administrative Council, former Director General of the Swedish Patent Office and former Minister of Justice

Speakers: **Wim van der Eijk**, Principal Director, International Legal Affairs and Patent Law, EPO, and **Joo-ik Park**, Director Intellectual Property Promotion Team, Korean Intellectual Property Office

How can quality of patents be ensured, including the assessment of novelty and inventive step in new areas of technological developments? How can backlogs be curbed, with patent applications growing at about 5 per cent per year, and even faster among Asian economies? It is time for overarching regional solutions and new forms of international co-operation.

Lunch

13.00–17.00

Session III: WIPO Development Agenda – the possible impact on international harmonization

Moderator: **Henry Olsson**, LL.D. h.c., former chief judge of Svea Court of Appeal, special advisor to the Swedish government

Speakers: **Usman Sarki**, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegation of the African Union, Geneva, **Joseph Straus**, Professor, Dr. Dres. h.c., Director, Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law, Munich, and **Thu-Lang Tran Wasescha**, Counsellor, Intellectual Property Division, World Trade Organization

Discussions on international harmonization of patent laws have been blocked due to various political disagreements during the last decade. Will this change after the two meetings in 2008 with the new WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property? What role will the many new active stakeholders play in the process to re-formulate traditional IP notions and concepts?

Session IV: The position of exclusive rights in future scenarios – stronger, same or eroding?

Moderator: **Ove Granstrand**, Professor, M.Sc. M.B.A., Ph.D., Chalmers University of Technology

Speakers: **Graeme Dinwoodie**, Professor, LL.M., J.S.D., Chicago Kent College, Illinois/Queen Mary, University of London, **Joakim Palme**, Professor, Ph.D., Director, Institute for Futures Studies, Stockholm, and **Thierry Sueur**, M.Sc., Vice-president Intellectual Property Air Liquide, Chairman of the Programme Committee of AIPPI

The traditional harmony between technical developments and IPRs has been provoked by new technologies and global networks. Future scenarios point in different directions and to new attitudes towards the exclusive rights system. What can be expected from the new geopolitical balances? What powers will count in the end: private, institutional, or political? What solutions are needed in a net-based environment?

Closing remarks/ Summary by **Marianne Levin** and **Henry Olsson**

17.00 End of Conference

REGISTRATION SFIR & AIPPI Centennial Celebration

Clarion Hotel Sign, Stockholm 24-27 August 2008

Please register online at www.sfir.org/registration, or send the form to: Aron Verständig, Faculty of Law, Stockholm University, S-106 91 Stockholm or fax +46 (0)8 612 41 09

Note: Hotel rooms are booked directly at Clarion Hotel Sign, see below.

Name and title of participant: _____

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Name(s) of accompanying person(s): _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Conference:

Conference SEK 6,500

Accompanying person SEK 2,100

Please tick the relevant boxes below and state the number of persons:

Sunday 24 August 2008, 19.00-21.00 Buffet dinner at Clarion Hotel Sign

Number of persons: _____

Monday 25 August 2008, 17.30-20.00 Opening of exhibition and reception at the National Museum of Science and Technology

Number of persons: _____

Tuesday 26 August 2008, 19.00 Centennial Banquet at Stockholm City Hall

Number of persons: _____

Optional Social Programme Sunday 24 August 2008

Golf competition, 12.00-19.00, Kungsängen Golf Club (incl. lunch and green fee) - SEK 900/person

Number of persons: _____

Boat excursion, 13.00-18.30, to the Drottningholm Palace (incl. lunch) - SEK 690/person

Number of persons: _____

Note: Registration time ends Monday 30 June 2008

PAYMENT

Registration fees and fees for the social programme must be paid in advance to Nordea Bank Sweden AB, S-105 71 Stockholm, BIC: NDEASESS, IBAN: SE4795000099604208355224. Please indicate the name of the registered person(s).

HOTEL

Hotel reservations are made directly with the hotel, Clarion Hotel Sign. Cite the reservation code SFIR 080825.

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Single: Moderate SEK 1,750 Standard SEK 1,895 or Standard Park View SEK 2,370

Double: Moderate SEK 1,950 Standard SEK 1,995 or Standard Park View SEK 2,570