



## Activity Report 2005 Egyptian National Group

The Board of the Egyptian Association for Protection of Intellectual Property (AEPPI) would like to present the activities of the Association during the year ending on December 31, 2005.

### 1) Board Meetings

The Board held nine (9) meetings during 2005 to discuss all matters related to the Association's activities and its role in activating the protection of intellectual property and contacting the governmental bodies supervising IPR's matters in Egypt. The Board further attended to the updating of the Association's web site.

Following the board elections that took place on May 31, 2005 according to the one-third-term renewal elections for five (5) seats, the Board has confirmed its composition as follows:

1)	Mrs. Hoda Serageldine	President
2)	Dr. Nader Riad	Vice President
3)	Mr. Samir Hamza	Vice President
4)	Mr. Ahmed Abou Ali	Secretary General
5)	Mr. Tarek Abu Ragab	Treasurer
6)	Mrs. Hoda Ahmed Abdel Hadi	Member
7)	Dr. Ahmed El-Hakim	Member
8)	Mrs. Nadia Haroun	Member
9)	Mr. Redallah Helmi	Member
10)	Prof. Dr. M. Hossam Loutfi	Member
11)	Mrs. Magda Saad	Member
12)	Dr. Negad Shaarawi	Member
13)	Mr. Mohamed Selim Zaki	Member

### 2) General Assembly Meeting

Ordinary General Meeting (May 31, 2005)

The Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Association was held in accordance with Law 82 of 2002 and its Executive Regulations and the Association's Statutes. Elections were held to occupy five (5) seats on the Board of Directors out of eight (8) candidates. The General meeting resolved to approve the results of the elections and to confirm the election or re-election of the following members:

1)	Mrs. Hoda Ahmed Abdel Hadi
2)	Dr. Ahmed El-Hakim
3)	Prof. Dr. M. Hossam Loutfi
4)	Mrs. Magda Saad
5)	Mrs. Hoda Serageldine

### **3) International Conferences and Meetings**

- 1) The Board organized the WIPO/AEPPI INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: A STRATEGIC TOOL FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH. This Symposium was held on April 4 -5, 2005, in the Cairo Grand Hyatt Hotel and was attended by 128 local & foreign participants, including practitioners, law professors, businessmen, Cabinet members and representatives of international organizations among whom were Dr. Salah El-Beshir, Jordanian Minister of Justice and Mr. Sherif Saadallah, Executive Director, Intellectual Property and Economic Development Department, WIPO, Geneva. The Symposium included five sessions covering: The Economic Value of Intellectual Property Rights, National Strategies and Policies for Intellectual Property leading to Growth and Development, Intellectual Property Rights and Preferential Trade Agreements, Intellectual Property Rights and the Public Policy Domain and Intellectual Property Rights in the Digital Age.
- 2) The Board and some of the Association's members attended several international conferences and seminars, including AIPPI EXCO Meeting held in Berlin during September 2005. The EXCO was attended by: Mrs. Hoda Serageldine, President of the Egyptian National Group, Mr. Samir Hamza (Vice President), Mrs. Hoda Abdel Hadi and Mr. Ahmed Abou Ali (Secretary General ).

### **4) Local Seminars**

The Association held a seminar for the members on December 18, 2005 in which it hosted Dr. Eng. Mohamed Omran, Chairman of the Information Technology Industries Development Authority together with the Head of the Intellectual Property Unit to explain to the members of AEPPI the role of the Authority and the Unit as new government entities.

### **5) Scientific Reports**

The Association responded to questions received from the Committees of the International Association for Protection of Intellectual Property. These were:

- Q185 - Enforcement of IP Rights
- Q186 - Questionnaire on Punitive Damages.
- Q187 - Limitations on exclusive IP Rights by Competition Law.

The Board formed sub-committees to examine the raised questions and send a report to the international organization. These reports were prepared by Mrs. Hoda Serageldine, Mrs. Hoda Abdel Hadi, Mrs. Nadia Haroun, Mrs. Magda Saad, Prof. Dr. Hossam Loutfi, Mr. Samir Hamza and Mr. Ahmed Abou Ali.

### **6) Meetings with Official and Governmental Bodies**

A memorandum dated September 7, 2005 was submitted by the AEPPI Board to his Excellency Dr. Hassan Khedr, Minister of Supply and Internal Trade on the problems and obstacles facing members and those working in the field of Trademarks & Designs.

The Board held a meeting with his Excellency Dr. Hassan Khedr, Minister of Supply and Internal Trade on September 11, 2005 to discuss a number of issues, including the handling of priority rights in trademark registration by the Trademark Office.

Mr. Ahmed Abou Ali attended the Meeting of the Regional Union of National Associations in Giza, Egypt.

## **7) Membership Development**

The Association accepted seven (7) new members during 2005. The total membership of the Association reached at the end of 2005 one hundred twelve (112) members, including: 98 active members (55 of whom are also members of AIPPI) and 14 affiliated members.