

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

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| Type of the Committee | Standing Committee  |
| Name of the Committee | <p><b>Biotechnology</b></p> <p>Biotechnologie</p> <p>Biotechnologie</p>   |
| Responsible Reporter  | <p>Ralph Nack<br/>           First Deputy Reporter General<br/>           (<a href="mailto:r.nack@aippi.org">r.nack@aippi.org</a>)</p>  |
| Scope of work         | <p>To monitor, comment and advise AIPPI on policy, regulatory and legal frameworks relating to intellectual property protection for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application of cellular and molecular biology to make or modify processes for specific use (biotechnology)</li> <li>• plant varieties;</li> <li>• biotechnological products;</li> </ul> <p>including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policy initiatives, and proposed regulatory and legislative changes at national and regional levels;</li> <li>• legislation, and regulatory and judicial decisions at national and regional levels; and</li> <li>• the scope of protection under international instruments, eg TRIPs, the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) Convention, and the European Patent Convention,</li> </ul> <p>but excluding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the scope of work of the Standing Committee on IP and genetic resources / traditional knowledge;</li> <li>• the scope of work of the Standing Committee on</li> </ul> |

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|  | <p>Pharma; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• medical devices, other than to the extent this committee may be able to provide expert input should that subject matter be considered within the scope of work of the Standing Committee on Patents,</li></ul> <p>(the <b>Field</b>).</p> <p>To advise the Bureau of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• developments in the Field meriting an AIPPI position, including any further study or analysis necessary or desirable to determine an AIPPI position;</li><li>• possible avenues for cooperation with other NGOs in the Field.</li></ul> <p>To identify, select and provide to the Bureau key documentation relevant to the Field, including documentation of UPOV, and national and regional Patent Offices.</p> <p>To serve as a resource for AIPPI when positions relevant to the Field are conveyed by AIPPI including, in the absence of an existing AIPPI position, to formulate a position, if requested by the Bureau.</p> <p>At the request of the Bureau, submit or represent, or instruct other AIPPI representatives, as to AIPPI's position in international fora, including meetings of WIPO, WTO and other meetings of GOs and NGOs.</p> <p>To co-ordinate with other AIPPI committees as specified in item 6 below.</p> |
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| <p>Required coordination with other Standing Committees</p> | <p>Standing Committee on Patents (for matters relevant to the Field or where the Field may be relevant to the work of the Standing Committee on Patents)</p> <p>Standing Committee on Pharma (for matters relevant to the Field or where the Field may be relevant to the work of the Standing Committee on Pharma)</p> |
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