



Leadership Role of FICPI

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Representative Issues

- Substantive Patent Law Harmonization
 - Grace Period without mandatory Declaration for graced disclosures
- Inventive Step at the European Patent Office
 - “Enhance quality of examination” instead of “raising the bar”



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- Continuation/divisional applications
 - Preserve the right to file all applications needed to provide appropriate protection
- IP Help Desks
 - Maintain appropriate division of responsibility between IP attorneys and Patent Offices



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- Maintain the Independent Status of Patent Attorneys from the remainder of the Legal Profession
- Encourage Madrid Trademark System Improvements
- Encourage creation and adoption of an International Protocol to provide for the protection of Attorney-Client Privilege communications



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- See the Library tab at www.ficpi.org for position papers on numerous topics.