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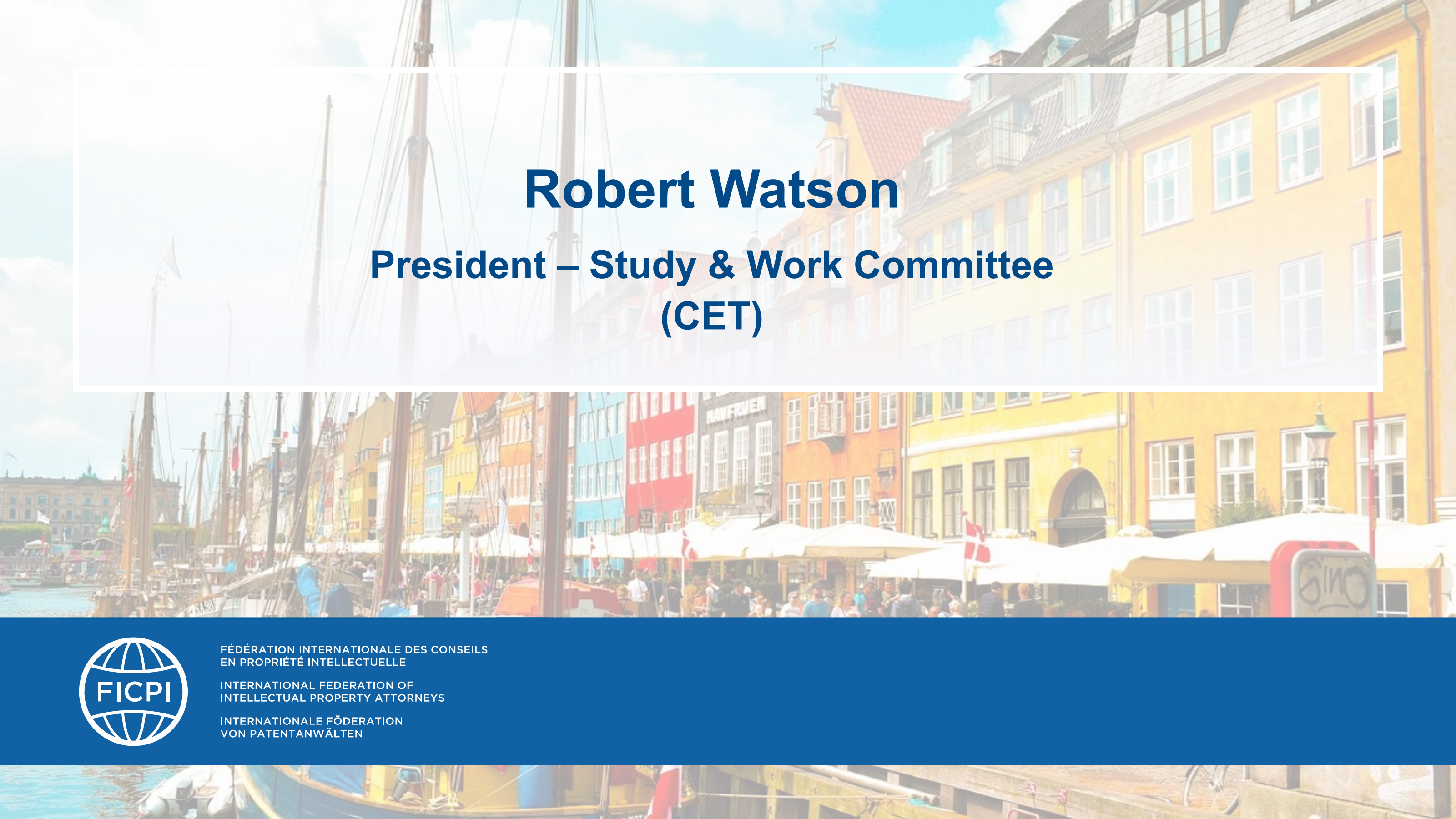
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“As our name suggests we study current IP laws, rules and practices, as well as changes and then lobby to improve the system.”

Study & Work Committee (CET)



The Study & Work Committee (CET) is the largest of FICPI's committees with more than 200 members active in one or more of seven specialised sub-groups.

Group 1: Trade Marks

Group 2: Designs

Group 3: International Patent Matters

Group 4: European Patents

Group 5: Biotech & Pharmaceuticals

Group 6: Software, High-tech & Computer Related Issues

Group 7: IP Enforcement & Alternate Dispute Resolution



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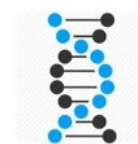
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A few “recent” projects include:

- Substantive Patent Law Harmonisation
- Client-Patent Attorney privilege
- Design Law Treaty
- New formats of design drawings
- Full text filing of patent applications
- Colour drawings in patent application
- Divisional applications
- Classification of virtual goods
- Letters of consent

Study & Work Committee (CET)



- Lobby by passing resolutions, which we:
 - Use directly when we visit major offices
 - Use indirectly via our National Groups
- Participate in committee meetings at WIPO (SCP, SCT), EPO (SACEPO) and EUIPO



Study & Work Committee (CET)



The CET Group Chairs are Elena Miller, Jurgen Buchhold, Katsumori Iseki, Christian Wende, Rowan Joseph, Brett Slaney and Mauro Eccetto.

CET Group meetings will take place at the World Congress on Thursday 16 October at 3:45pm.



Swarup Kumar

Deputy Secretary General



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International stature, court interventions & amicus briefs



FICPI led a recent intervention in the *Aristocrat* dispute in Australia, [2022] HCA 29, relating to the patentability of computer implemented interventions, and are currently intervening in the *Pharmascience vs Janssen* case in the Supreme Court of Canada, relating to the patentability of dosing regimens.

We regularly file amicus briefs in cases pending at the EPO Enlarged Board and U.S. Supreme Court. FICPI's briefs are often cited explicitly (e.g. Memorandum C in G1/15 Partial Priority).

FICPI regularly lobbied SIPO/CNIPA to consider post-filing data, which is now accepted in the Guidelines.

FICPI averted disastrous Indian guidelines on exemplification of Markush claims.

At the PLT Diplomatic Conference, a last gasp effort from FICPI led to the preservation of an option for member states to require a local address for service.

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FICPI is working with WIPO assiduously to influence any initiatives for centralised national phase entry or “one click” filings.

These interventions illustrate the international efforts of FICPI to influence the debate on subjects such as patentability, plausibility and double patenting, as well as how our profession is practised (e.g. oral proceedings by videoconference at the EPO).

FICPI was a founder member of the ICANN IPC and retains a board position.

Recent examples of EPO amicus briefs



- G1/24 “Heated Aerosol”
- G1/23 “Solar Cell”
- G 2/21 “Reliance on a purported technical effect for inventive step (plausibility)”
Decision: <https://www.epo.org/en/boards-of-appeal/decisions/g210002ex1>
- G 1/21 “Oral proceedings by videoconference”
Decision: <https://link.epo.org/web/G 1 21 Decision of the EBoA of 16 July 2021 EN.pdf>
- G4/19 “Double patenting”
Decision: <https://link.epo.org/web/G 4 19 decision of the Enlarged Board of Appeal of 22 June 2021 en.pdf>
- G3/19 “Article 164(2) EPC/Pepper”
Decision: <https://link.epo.org/web/G0003 19 Opinion of the EBoA of 14.05.2020.pdf>

A global voice for the profession



FICPI regularly meets with major IP Offices globally to lobby them based on our resolutions, and on practice issues, such as full-text filings.

In 2024, we met with:

- **IP India** in March 2024
- **USPTO** in April 2024
- **WIPO** in September 2024
- **EUIPO** in October 2024
- **EPO** in October 2024
- **EPO Boards of Appeal** in October 2024

Meetings with IP Offices around the world



In 2025 FICPI met with:

- KIPO
- JPO
- CNIPA
- USPTO

We are seeing progress on the topic of full-text filings, and for example, on colour drawings in patent applications, having passed our resolution in 2015.



Presenting the views & perspectives of the membership



FICPI supplies all major IP offices with copies of its recent Resolutions and Position Papers.

Recent examples include:

SPLH position papers

Resolutions on:

Full-text applications (March 2024, Goa)

Complete examination of trade mark applications (Sept. 2023, London)

Accessibility of trade mark priority documents (Sept. 2022, Cannes)

Post-published data (Sept. 2022, Cannes)

Flexible approaches to missed deadlines & extensions of time (Sept. 2022, Cannes)

Guidance for protecting NFTs as trade marks (Sept. 2022, Cannes)

Involvement with IP organisations



EUIPO: FICPI is an Observer at the EUIPO and holds a rotational observer seat on the Management Board and the Budget Committee (MBBC): <https://www.euipo.europa.eu/en/about-us/governance/cooperation>

EPO: FICPI has representatives on the Standing Advisory Committee to the EPO (SACEPO) and its working parties: <https://www.epo.org/en/about-us/services-and-activities/consulting-our-users/sacepo>

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Anne Lévy

President
Practice Management
Committee

"IP is a business, we are managers, PMC is unique because it's meant to help you manage your firm."

Practice Management Committee (PMC)



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PMC helps by identifying trends in the profession and IP marketplace as well as challenges faced by the profession and offers targeted advice.

Practice Management Committee (PMC)



PMC takes the lead in FICPI in matters of continuing professional development, the promotion of the best practices, and the profession as a business.

PMC provides practical information and guidance to FICPI members about practice management, to support firms in their everyday business life and development.

PMC produces a range of IP Practice Management Guides which are available to all FICPI members.

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Quarterly symposia on various issues related to profitability

No. 1 Pricing legal services for competitive advantage and profitability on April 5 and April 12, 2024

No. 2 Fully-loaded operating costs on June 7 and June 14

No. 3 Leverage and profitability on September 6 and 13

No. 4 Where are the best opportunities in your client base for profitable pricing? on Nov. 29 and Dec. 6

Practice Management Committee (PMC)



Tools for the digital nomad – webinar + article

FICPI Focus45 series

Renowned moderator Louis-Pierre Gravelle

Speaker Louis Lagler

Discussed the essential tech tools for the digital nomad for external use that an ever-increasing mobile and flexible workforce needs.



Practice Management Committee (PMC)



Book Club

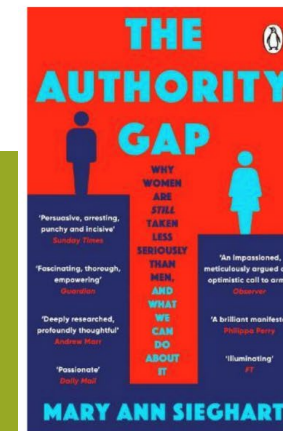
Our **PMC Book Club** has been up since early 2023

Plenty of recommendations for interesting reads around a variety of topics

Approx. 20 books commented by our members

It's here:

<https://ficpi.org/books>



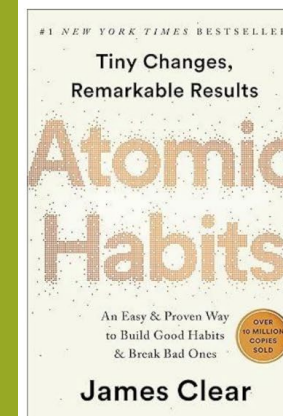
THE AUTHORITY GAP

Posted By Ian Gill 📅 01 Jul 2024

Accountability Gender Equality PMC

Mary Ann Sieghart's "The Authority Gap" deals with gender-based discrimination in the work place.

[READ MORE](#)



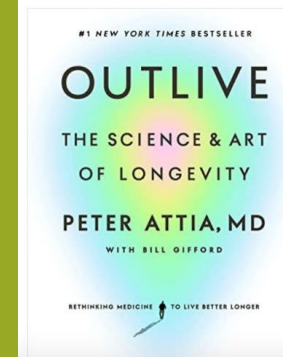
ATOMIC HABITS: AN EASY & PROVEN WAY TO BUILD GOOD HABITS & BREAK BAD ONES

Posted By Martín Bensadón 📅 17 Sep 2023

Management Psychology Firm Management PMC

According to the author, our current habits can, in a way, predict our future. For instance, good financial habits could be instrumental in achieving a pleasant retirement. Likewise, good fitness and nutrition habits are essential for our future health. The author highlights the importance of small habits projected over time.

[READ MORE](#)



OUTLIVE - THE SCIENCE AND ART OF LONGEVITY

Posted By Bastiaan Koster 📅 02 Sep 2023

Work-Life Balance Efficiency Productivity PMC

The book focuses not only on lifespan but also on health span. With the aim not only to increase your lifespan but also increase the longer health span during your lifespan.

[READ MORE](#)

Practice Management Committee (PMC)



PMC organises the IP Practice Management stream of FICPI's conferences, including sessions on the profession as a business.



Find out more at ficpi.link/pmc

Join the PMC in-person meeting

at the World Congress on

Thursday 16 October

IPPM 1 // Exploring conflicts of interest in IP firms

IPPM 2 // Stress Less, Succeed More

IPPM 3 // From Chaos to Clarity



Sharon Crane

Deputy Secretary General



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Bastiaan Koster

Past President
(2012-2015)

*As IP attorneys we participate in the innovation playing field of our clients. Don't forget your own playing field. Join the **Young FICPI IP Professional** initiative and share and learn from other IP professionals to make the most of your career and your own growth as an IP professional.*

Young FICPI IP Professionals



FICPI has decided to launch an initiative to provide a platform for young FICPI IP professionals.

To qualify you must be a FICPI member and 40 years or younger, or at least not too many years older.

Bastiaan Koster, past president of FICPI has agreed to spearhead this initiative.



Young FICPI IP Professional

Please scan the QR code and join our dedicated WhatsApp channel.



<https://ficpi.org/about/inclusion-project>

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Catherine Dhanjal

FICPI Editor

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- Longer articles for our yearly FICPI Journal (1500-3000 words)

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Elia Sugrañes

Secretary General

“We provide support to every commission. We coordinate within the groups and we try to get the best outcome”

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Roberto Pistolessi

President

*"It was only when I became an active member of CET5 that I realised what I could give to **FICPI** and what **FICPI** could give to me and, more importantly, how much fun it was...."*

Why FICPI?



The FICPI business family makes the world a little bit smaller, bringing independent IP attorneys from around the globe together to connect, share knowledge and grow - with a focus on developing the professional excellence of individual members and the business and management aspects of their firms.



- FICPI uniquely combines education and advocacy on topics around patents, trade marks, designs, copyrights and trade secrets.
- FICPI provides platforms to build strong relationships by connecting groups of people who share common goals, concerns and a commitment to quality.
- FICPI conferences, committees and meetings are opportunities to gather insights from the international IP attorney community on IP practice-related issues or topics of IP law.



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