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# Your CITMA newsletter - July 2017

Dear Richard,

Happy British IP Day and welcome to the July edition of your CITMA e-newsletter. Thank you to everyone who attended CITMA's Summer Reception last night, we hope you enjoyed the views and the networking opportunities.



# **Queen's Birthday Honours list**

Congratulations to CIPA Immediate Past-President Andrea Brewster, who was awarded an OBE; and Professor Ruth Annand who was awarded a CBE.

Both awards were included in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours list for their contribution to intellectual property.

# **CITMA Summer Reception 2017**

We welcomed some 200 IP professionals to network at Sea Containers, overlooking the Thames last night.

While Brexit was once again a hot topic of conversation there was plenty of discussion surrounding the developments within the IP profession over the past year.

Our photographer was busy once again last night, click here to see the best pictures

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#### **WIPO – Madrid amendments**

The first of several amendments to the Madrid System's Common Regulations took place on 1st July, making it easier for holders to introduce changes concerning their legal nature.

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#### Jo Johnson remains Minister for IP

It has been announced that Jo Johnson MP will continue as the UK Minister for Intellectual Property. Alongside intellectual property his role includes industrial strategy, universities and higher education reform and science and research.

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#### **CITMA** video

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our recently released video on the role of a Chartered Trade Mark Attorney.

We hope that you will continue to share this resource on your websites and through social media to highlight the important role you have in protecting organisations' intellectual property.

# WIPO update

Our WIPO liaison working group has prepared some news, reminders and practice points about WIPO and the Madrid System.

It contains useful information and links to ensure you are up-to-date with the latest developments.

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# **IP Inclusive**

IP Inclusive has recently launched a support group - IP & ME. The group is open to all IP professionals who share IP Inclusive's values and statement of intent.

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# Public affairs agency appointed to continue Brexit work

We are is pleased to announce that Freshwater UK, a public affairs and communication agency, has been appointed to continue and push forward our work on Brexit.

It is imperative we continue to put our case forward and influence key stakeholders, and as negotiations get underway it becomes even more important that the views of our profession are made clear.

#### Read more about Freshwater



### **CITMA London lectures new home**

After many years at the Royal College of Surgeons, our London Lectures are moving to a new temporary home – 58 Victoria Embankment, near Blackfriars Bridge.

58 Victoria Embankment, known as 58VE, is a modern events and office space and we'll be occupying a 120-capacity room for our London Lectures, starting with our lecture in July.

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# Change of head at the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

Following the resignation of Michelle K. Lee, Joseph Matal will serve in this role during the nomination and confirmation process for a new Director.

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# New General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

There are less than 12 months until "the biggest change to data protection law for a generation" is introduced. Now is a good time to ensure you are aware of the changes that will take place and the impact it will have on the way data is held by organisations.

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## IP (Unjustified Threats) Act 2017

The IPO has recently published guidance related to the Intellectual Property (Unjustified Threats) Act 2017 which received Royal Assent in April.

The document sets out the changes that have been made to the legal framework, and the expected impacts on IP rights holders, and third parties, as well as businesses, including legal services.

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#### Best practices in domain management

The most recent London Lecture looked at the importance of domains as part of the work of a trade mark practitioner. Julius Stobbs spoke about best practices around domain management and enforcement.

#### Listen to the lecture on our online CPD

#### Case comments

All CITMA Review case comments since 2016 are available online.

A recent court case between Apple Inc and Arcadia Trading Ltd explored the boundaries of 'descriptive'.

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### **Upcoming Events**

CITMA Administrators Webinar - 6th July

CITMA - Lecture - Birmingham - 11th July 2017

CITMA Lecture – London – 18th July 2017

IP Inclusive event – 18th July 2017

\*Save the date\* CITMA Autumn Conference - Thursday 12th October

\*Save the date\* CITMA London Christmas lunch - Friday 8th December

#### Jobs board

The latest vacancies posted on our jobs board:

Newly qualified of part qualified Trade Mark Attorney - Watford - Dolleymores

Trade Mark Attorney - Cheltenham - Superdry

Formalities Assistant - London - Fieldfisher

Chartered Trade Mark Attorney/Solicitor - London - Harbottle & Lewis

Trade Mark Attorney - Leeds/Newcastle/London - Bond Dickinson

Best wishes, Luke O'Neill Membership & Engagement Officer





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