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Your CITMA newsletter - March 2017

Dear CRM,

Welcome to the March edition of your CITMA e-newsletter. This month we have included extended coverage from our Spring Conference, so even if you couldn't make it you can get a flavour of the main discussion points.



Photos from our Spring Conference

Our resident photographer has been busy capturing the best of our Spring Conference in central London and Gala Dinner aboard the Cutty Sark.

[Click here to view our gallery](#)

Co-operation and reassurance – a global perspective on Brexit

Experts from the US, Norway, Germany, former Yugoslavia and the UK provided a worldwide perspective on Brexit at our Spring Conference. They highlighted how other jurisdictions are approaching the topic of the UK's EU exit.

Offers of co-operation and reassurance were the key messages.

[Read what they had to say](#)



How did former Yugoslavian countries handle trade mark re-validation?

Djura Mijatovic had first-hand experience of how IP rights following the break-up of former Yugoslavia into seven jurisdictions were handled.

He shared this at our Spring Conference with insight into what happened and the lessons the UK and EU can learn.

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New IPO Chief Executive

The UK's Intellectual Property Office has

Hague now even more important

"Brexit makes it even more important for the UK to accede to the Hague agreement," David Stone told Spring Conference delegates.

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Record breaking year for WIPO

WIPO's Marcus Höpperger told Spring Conference delegates of a record breaking year for Madrid System international trade mark applications.

This included a 69% increase in applications originating in China, and 10% in the UK.

The US and Germany remained the most prolific filers.

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Hitting the headlines

The talks at our Spring Conference attracted plenty of media coverage. Including: ['How counterfeiting is changing' in Managing IP](#); ['UKIPO 'working hard' to push IP issues in Brexit negotiations' in IP Pro](#); and ['Fashion houses need new 'strategy' for designs post-Brexit' in WIPR](#).



UK tops index for best IP system

The UK has been ranked best in the world

appointed Tim Moss as its new Chief Executive. He will move over from Companies House and is expected to take up the post at the beginning of May.

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for IP enforcement and second for overall IP system.

The UK was second, behind the US, with Germany, Japan and Sweden also making the top five.

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Webinar on US trade marks

You can now catch up on our recent webinar on US trade marks, featuring TTAB disputes.

Nicholas Wells, an experienced attorney at Legends Law, shared his insight on significant changes occurring in US procedures.

[Watch the webinar](#)

(click 2017 recordings and log in to view)

IP Inclusive award

Equality and diversity initiative IP Inclusive was awarded a corporate social responsibility award at the recent Managing Intellectual Property Awards.

The accolade was in recognition for its ongoing efforts to ensure greater diversity and inclusion in the IP industry.

[Read more here](#)

Quiz winners

Congratulations to our London quiz champions Taylor Wessing, and our Edinburgh quiz winners Brodies.

Read more about the [London](#) and [Edinburgh](#) quiz events.

Designs examination practice guide

The Intellectual Property Office has published a guide to UK registered design examination practice.

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Upcoming events

- [CITMA AGM](#) - Wednesday 29th March
- [CITMA/CIPA Lecture - Leeds](#) - Thursday 30th March
- [CITMA Lecture - Birmingham](#) - Thursday 6th April
- [CITMA Lecture - London](#) - Tuesday 25th April
- ***Save the date*** CITMA Summer Reception - Tuesday 4th July
- ***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](#):

- [Trade Mark Partner](#) - SaccoMann
- [Trade Mark Attorney](#) - HGF Birmingham
- [Operations Lead, Paralegal & Docketing Support Manager](#) - Law Support Group
- [Trade Mark Partner, London Private Practice](#) - Fellows and Associates
- [Trade Mark Paralegal](#) - Carpmaels & Ransford
- [Qualified Trade Mark Attorney, Bristol](#) - Withers & Rogers

Best wishes,
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