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News Highlights



1. Digital Content on the Internet

UNESCO, U.S. Library of Congress and Partners Launch World Digital Library

Paris / Washington, 21 April 2009

UNESCO and 32 partner institutions today launched the World Digital Library, a Web site that features unique cultural materials from libraries and archives from around the world. The site includes manuscripts, maps, rare books, films, sound recordings, prints and photographs. It provides unrestricted public access, free of charge, to this material.

Full Text (http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=45144&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)



Digital Assets Repository (DAR)

The Digital Assets Repository (DAR) is a system developed by the International School of Information Science (ISIS) at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA) to create and maintain the Library's digital collections. DAR acts as a repository that preserves and archives all types of media (including books, slides, negatives, manuscripts, maps, audio and video) and provides public access to these digitized collections through web-based search and browsing facilities. The system is easy to integrate with any web-based interoperable digital library as it is based on evolving standards.

Full Text

(<http://www.bibalex.org/ISIS/FrontEnd/Projects/ProjectDetails.aspx?th=XXcd39qSOgW6ylMIXyXekw==&id=dU7FrdXzGPO1AdBn2/hNfg==>)

View DAR Website

(<http://dar.bibalex.org/#HomePage>)





2. H1N1 Flu and Intellectual Property

11 May 2009

WHO Monitoring Swine Flu, Responses And Preparedness

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[\(<http://www.twinside.org.sg/title2/health.info/2009/twnhealthinfo20090501.htm>\)](http://www.twinside.org.sg/title2/health.info/2009/twnhealthinfo20090501.htm)

18 May 2009

WHO Members Fail To Finish Pandemic Flu Preparations

View Article (<http://www.ip-watch.org/weblog/2009/05/18/who-members-fail-to-finish-pandemic-flu-preparations/>)

26 May 2009

WHO: Key Elements Of Virus And Benefit-Sharing Framework Still Unresolved

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[\(\[http://www.twinside.org.sg/title2/intellectual_property/info.service/2009/twn.ipr.info.090506.htm\]\(http://www.twinside.org.sg/title2/intellectual_property/info.service/2009/twn.ipr.info.090506.htm\)\)](http://www.twinside.org.sg/title2/intellectual_property/info.service/2009/twn.ipr.info.090506.htm)

27 May 2009

WHO: Negotiations To Continue On Influenza Virus And Benefit-Sharing

View Article

[\(\[http://www.twinside.org.sg/title2/intellectual_property/info.service/2009/twn.ipr.info.090507.htm\]\(http://www.twinside.org.sg/title2/intellectual_property/info.service/2009/twn.ipr.info.090507.htm\)\)](http://www.twinside.org.sg/title2/intellectual_property/info.service/2009/twn.ipr.info.090507.htm)





3. Development Agenda

WIPO Members Move Ahead On Development Agenda Implementation

By William New on 4 May 2009

Members of the World Intellectual Property Organization in difficult negotiations last week approved a new plan for implementation of recommendations for deepening WIPO's development focus, according to participants.

The WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) met from 27 April to 1 May.

Members loosely decided to proceed in a flexible thematic way on the 45 Development Agenda recommendations approved at the 2007 WIPO General Assemblies. They discussed three themes, opening the way for the WIPO secretariat to seek funding for the recommendations under those themes in its next budget proposal.

Full Text (<http://www.ip-watch.org/weblog/2009/05/04/wipo-members-move-ahead-on-development-agenda-implementation/>)

24 April 2009

The WIPO Development Agenda and the MDGs

View Article (<http://www.iqsensato.org/blog/2009/04/24/the-wipo-development-agenda-and-the-mdgs/>)



4. WIPO SCCR 18th

8 May 2009

Public Domain Fosters Innovation, More Limitations & Exceptions Needed

View Article (<http://www.ip-watch.org/weblog/2009/05/08/panel-public-domain-fosters-innovation-more-limitations-exceptions-needed/>)

27 May 2009

Brazil, Ecuador And Paraguay Submit Proposal On A WIPO Treaty For Reading Disabled Persons

View Article (<http://www.keionline.org/blogs/2009/05/27/brazil-ecuador-paraguay/>)

30 May 2009

WIPO Limitations & Exceptions Treaty Advances; Audiovisual Treaty Gets New Life

View Article (<http://www.ip-watch.org/weblog/2009/05/30/wipo-limitations-audiovisual-treaty-gets-new-life/>)

Promoting and Advocating A2K

Events

The BAA2K project co-organized an event in Cairo

The Third Regional Conference On the Challenges Facing the Application of the Intellectual Property Laws in the Arab World (LAS)

The BA participated in “the Third Regional Conference On the Challenges Facing the Application of the Intellectual Property Laws in the Arab World”. On the occasion of the World Intellectual Property Day, the Conference was co-organized by the League of Arab States, the Regional Institute of Intellectual property, the Faculty of Law, Helwan University, in collaboration with the Union of Arab Lawyers and the BA, on 27 and 28 April 2009.

The Conference was attended by a number of specialists and researchers from the Arab World and abroad. Participants discussed the impacts of intellectual property on culture, education, food, agriculture, public health and monopoly.

For more information please visit the following links:

(<http://www.arabipcenter.com/eDefault.aspx>)

(<http://www.arabipcenter.com/Events/eEventList.aspx?ID=11>)

Recent Publications

1. Translated Material

- QUNO Occasional Paper19: Assessing the Development Impacts of Intellectual Property Negotiations, Proposals, Reforms and Agreements: A concept note

View paper:

English version

(<http://www.quno.org/geneva/pdf/economic/Occassional/OP19-Dutfield.pdf>)

Arabic version

(<http://www.bibalex.org/a2k/attachments/TranslatedMaterials/TMfilednv3ta553kclwp45froav2ve.pdf>)

- TRIPS Issues Papers 3: Multilateral agreements and a TRIPS-plus world: The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

View paper:

English version:

(<http://www.quno.org/geneva/pdf/economic/Issues/Multilateral-Agreements-in-TRIPS-plus-English.pdf>)

Arabic version:

(<http://www.bibalex.org/a2k/attachments/TranslatedMaterials/TMfileu2x2jl454dqyogfcgj0zbxfc.pdf>)

- World Blind Union Proposal

View treaty:

English version:

(http://www.keionline.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=206)

Arabic version:

(<http://www.bibalex.org/a2k/attachments/TranslatedMaterials/TMfilerg445v452pi5bhvmdj5ete55.pdf>)

2. Access to Knowledge Toolkit

Free and Open Source Software

An Introduction For Practitioners

Anas Tawileh

Introduction

The fundamental transformations brought about by the increasingly rapid developments of science and technology have changed the way we work, communicate, learn, grow and prosper. Probably one of the most significant of these developments is the advent of the digital computer and the global Internet. Computers and the Internet enabled information to be collected, stored, processed, searched for, retrieved and transmitted at a speed and scale that could not be imagined few decades ago. These capabilities empowered human kind to invent applications that facilitate the undertaking of everyday activities. It can be argued that virtually all aspects of human life have been affected one way or another by the rapid developments in digital computing.

To View Paper, Please Visit A2K Toolkit Page 39:

(<http://www.bibalex.org/a2k/attachments/references/reffilen0hjhc55jmfucket5l0k1rzzr.pdf>)

A2K Website



A2K Website Highlights



An addition was made to the

Useful Links:

Consumer Protection

View link (http://www.bibalex.org/a2k/ImportantLinks/ImpLinks.aspx#Consumer_P)

In A2K website you will find:

Events:

Organized by BA

View link (<http://www.bibalex.org/a2k/Event/BAEventList.aspx>)

A2k and IP Events

View link (<http://www.bibalex.org/a2k/Event/A2KIPEventList.aspx>)

Suggested Reading: *(More to Read)*

View Link (<http://www.bibalex.org/a2k/Home/StaticPage.aspx?page=21>)

Coming Soon:

- **More Translated Material:** *“Conceiving an International Instrument on Limitation and Exception to Copyright”, P. Bernt Hugenholtz & Ruth L. Okediji.*
- **A New Chapter for the BA A2K Toolkit:**
“The Access to Knowledge Movement: Opportunities, Challenges and the Road Ahead”

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