



MHRD Chair on Intellectual Property Rights,
Centre for Intellectual Property Rights and Advocacy (CIPRA)
National Law School of India University, Bangalore.
Presents

“Conference on
Standards Settings
Organizations (SSO) and
FRAND”

In association with
Intel Technology India Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore.

Date: 21st and 22nd March 2015
Venue: Conference Hall,
National Law School India University, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore.

CONCEPT NOTE

There is a relentless effort among public and private companies to build products that conform to national and international Standards. Among several advantages of standardization, seamless interoperability between devices from several manufacturers play an important role. Standards play an important role in spurring the Innovation culture of a country and contribute to consumer benefits. Members of the Standards Setting Organizations (SSOs) may contribute their inventions/technology while forming a Standard. Needless to say, the members of the SSOs may have chosen to procure patents for their inventions/technology, which are contributed to formation of Standards. Further, one among (i.e., winning technology) the several available technologies may be chosen as a Standard and the patents covering such winning technology is generally termed as “Standard Essential Patents” (SEPs).

Generally, SSOs have their IPR policies to (a) enable disclosure of such SEPs to the SSOs; and (b) ensure that licenses are available to standards implementers to practice such SEPs. A commonly used model or principle to ensure that licenses are available to standards implementers is generally referred to as FRAND (**F**air, **R**easonable, and **N**on-**D**iscriminatory). Even though FRAND is a widely accepted model there have been at least some genuine legal issues related to practice of FRAND in the SSOs. Legal systems, legal fraternity, and the businesses around the world are attempting to resolve these legal issues related to practice of FRAND.

Issues related to practice of FRAND are equally important to India as we are moving up the innovation value chain and embarking on a “Make in India” journey. This Conference is designed to enhance awareness on issues related to practice of FRAND and probable solutions thereof. This Conference is aimed to bring together honourable members of the judiciary, members of the law firms, legal fraternity, law students, and premier educational institutions to increase the awareness on FRAND related issues in SSOs.

Tentative Programme schedule

DAY- 1

Time	Agenda
8.30 – 9.00 am.	Registration
9.00 – 10.00 am.	Inaugural Session
Welcome Address –	Prof. (Dr.) T. Ramakrishna Chair Professor, MHRD IP – Chair, NLSIU.
Inaugural Address –	Hon’ble Sri. Justice A.K Sikri Judge, Supreme Court of India
Chief Guest –	Sri. Vinod Dhall, IAS Ex-chairperson of CCI
Presidential Address –	Prof. (Dr.) R. Venkata Rao Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU, Bangalore
Group Photo/ Tea break 10:00 – 10.15 am.	
Session I 10:15 – 11:45 am. Standards Settings Organizations (SSOs): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structure of International SSOs;• Standards Scenario in India;• Structure of Consortia and other technology SSOs including TSDSI.	<u>Chairperson</u> Smt. Kalpana Reddy Senior counsel, USPTO <u>Speakers:</u> Dr. Krishna Sirohi, Impact Innovator, GISFI, President, I2TB Sri. S K Murthy Ph. D Scholar, NLSIU Dr. Kumar N Shivarajan CTO, Tejas Networks
Session II 11.45 am – 1.30 pm. IPR Policies of SSOs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction and Disclosure policy;• Licensing Policy	<u>Chairperson:</u> Hon’ble Smt. Justice. Rathnakala Judge, High Court of Karnataka <u>Speakers:</u> Prof. (Dr) T. Ramakrishna MHRD Chair Professor on IP, Sri. John Edward Matheson, Director of Legal Policy APAC, Intel Technology Asia Pte. Ltd., Singapore.
Lunch Break 1:30 – 2:30 pm	

Session III 2.30 – 4.00 pm.	Chairperson: Hon’ble Sri. Justice N. Kumar Judge, High Court of Karnataka
FRAND Licensing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injunctions; • Reasonable Royalty; and • Royalty Stacking 	Speakers: Sri. Sai Krishna Rajagopal Advocate Sri. Scott Gillfian Intel corporation Ltd, USA Sri. Ravi Bhola Partner & Head, K&S Partners, Bangalore
Tea Break 4.00 – 4.10 pm.	
Session IV 4.10 – 5.30 pm.	Moot Court Hon’ble Sri. Justice Manmohan Singh Judge, High Court of Delhi
5.30 – 5.45 pm.	High tea

DAY – 2

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda -</u>
Session I 09:30 – 11:00 am.	Is a condition to receive licenses to non-standard essential patents from a standards implementer an abuse of dominant position or abuse of IP by a SEP holder - Topics for Presentation
Session II 11.00 am –12.30 pm.	Royalty stacking and its effect on the prices of a consumer device - Topics for Presentation
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch Break
Session III 1:30 – 3:00 pm.	Effects of seeking royalty at a system level when the actual SEPs are practiced by a component in a system and its impact on the consumer- Topics for Presentation
3:00 –3.10 p.m	Tea Break
Session IV 3:10 – 4:30	Can a SEP holder seek protection under confidentiality non-disclosure of licensing terms in a contact between a SEP holder and various similarly placed standards implementers – Topic for Presentation
4:30 – 5:30 pm.	Valedictory session

CALL FOR PAPERS

Researched papers on the below mentioned theme are called for paper presentation in the technical sessions of the conference. The themes of the conference [not limited to] are:

1. Is a condition to receive licenses to non-standard essential patents from a standards implementer an abuse of dominant position or abuse of IP by a SEP holder
2. Royalty stacking and its effect on the prices of a consumer device
3. Effects of seeking royalty at a system level when the actual SEPs are practiced by a component in a system and its impact on the consumer.
4. Can a SEP holder seek protection under confidentiality non-disclosure of licensing terms in a contact between a SEP holder and various similarly placed standards implementers.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

- An Abstract of the research paper, not exceeding 250 words, accompanied with a Covering letter containing: **Title of the Paper, Full Name of the Author/authors, Complete Address with Contact Number and E-mail Address** must be submitted as attachment via email to cipra@nls.ac.in addressing to
Prof (Dr) T. Ramakrishna,
MHRD Chair on Intellectual Property Rights,
Head, Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Research and
Advocacy, NLSIU, Bangalore
- The last date for submission of abstract is **1st February, 2015.**
- Notification of the accepted abstracts will be done on **5th February, 2015.**
- The text of the abstract must be in – **MS WORD FORMAT WITH TIMES NEW ROMAN, FONT OF SIZE 12 &WITH 1.5 LINE SPACING.**
- Abstract must be accompanied with key words.

FINAL PAPER SUBMISSION:

- Following selection of the abstract, a final paper must be sent on or before **5th March, 2015** and must be presented in person in the conference.
- The paper must be accompanied with a Covering letter containing: **Title of the Paper, Full Name of the Author/authors, Complete Address with Contact Number and E-mail Address** must be submitted as attachment with an email cipra@nls.ac.in
- Papers will be accepted only through e-mail.
- The submissions received shall be matter of review by the respective law experts of the selection committee. The decision of the selection committee shall be final. The Committee reserves with it the exclusive rights to publish final papers presented in the conference and NLSIU reserves all rights over the paper. All those research paper selected will be published in the centre E-Journal.

Final Paper Submission - Guidelines:

- Papers must be original work of the author/ authors.
- The text must be in – **MS WORD FORMAT WITH TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT OF SIZE 12 AND WITH 1.5 LINE SPACING.**
- The footnotes [no end notes] must be - **TIMES NEW ROMAN WITH FONT SIZE 10 WITH LINE SPACING OF 1.0**
- Length of the paper should be between **4000- 6000 words.**
- Final paper must be accompanied with the **abstract** and **key words.**
- All references should be properly sited and bibliography should be provided.

All submissions (Abstract & Final paper) for the Conference must be sent as attachment with an e-mail to cipra@nls.ac.in

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of Abstract	1st February, 2015
Notification of accepted Abstract	5th February, 2015
Final paper submission	5th March, 2015
Conference	22nd & 23rd March, 2015

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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DETAILS OF THE CONFERENCE

The two days Conference will be held on 22th and 23th of March 2015 at the **Conference Hall, R. Krishnappa Memorial Hall, National Law School of India University, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560242.**

REGISTRATION DETAILS

This conference is open for In-House Councils, Judiciary, Advocates, Law Faculties, Legal Fraternity, Research Scholars, Students and public in General from the area of Law and technology. Prior registration for Conference is compulsory. **There is no Registration Fees**

Duly filled in registration form for the participants and delegates [enclosed herewith] should be sent to cipra@nls.ac.in on or before **5st March 2015.**

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