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 (Fair, Reasonable, and Non-Discriminatory). 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.
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Judge, High Court of Karnataka |
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| • Injunctions; | **Sri. Sai Krishna Rajagopal**  
Advocate |
| • Reasonable Royalty; and | **Sri. Scott Gillfian**  
Intel corporation Ltd, USA |
| • Royalty Stacking | **Sri. Ravi Bhol**a  
Partner & Head, K&S Partners, Bangalore |
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| 09:30 – 11:00 am. | 11.00 am –12.30 pm. | **Lunch Break** |
| 12:30 – 1:30 pm | **Session III** | 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 |
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| 3:00 –3.10 p.m | **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** | |

**DAY – 2**

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**Tea Break**  
4.00 – 4.10 pm.

**Lunch Break**  
4.00 – 4.10 pm.

**High tea**  
5.30 – 5.45 pm.

**Valedictory session**  
4:30 – 5:30 pm.
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.

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- Mr. Vivek Anand Sagar, Research Associate, CIPRA, NLSIU.
- Ms. Sadhvi, Research Associate, CIPRA NLSIU.

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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