

Standing Committee on the Law of Patents

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ACCREDITATION OF OBSERVERS

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1. The Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP), at its first session, held in Geneva from June 15 to 19, 1998, approved certain organizational and procedural matters, including according observer status to a number of interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (see document SCP/1/2, paragraph 6).

2. The Annex to this document contains information on the National Inventors Hall of Fame, a non-governmental organization, which has requested to be granted *ad hoc* observer status in the sessions of the SCP.

3. The SCP is invited to take a decision on the request for accreditation of the non-governmental organization referred to in the present document as an ad hoc observer.

[Annex follows]

NATIONAL INVENTORS HALL OF FAME

Name of the Organization

National Inventors Hall of Fame

Mandate and Objectives of the Organization

National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc. (NIHF) is a U.S. nonprofit corporation (501(c)(3)). In partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), it honors individuals whose inventions have made the world a better place, recognizes inventors and invention, inspires creativity, and seeks to advance the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship through programs for students in grades preschool through college, professionals and beyond.

Specific to patents, NIHF promotes the importance of patent protection through its Intellectual Property Power exhibit displayed in its museum at the USPTO. The exhibits display the progression of technology advanced through prior art that would not be available for public inspection if not for the patent system.

In addition, NIHF's education programs teach the process of invention from inception, including recording in inventors logs, through patent filing. Its newest education program for professional innovators and entrepreneurs will provide practical guidance on working in the patent system and tools for intellectual property valuation and strategy.

Finally, NIHF's Collegiate Inventors Competition issues prize money to student inventors. During the award ceremony, students exhibit their invention, discuss their invention with patent examiners and receive feedback from NIHF Inductees.

NIHF seeks *ad hoc* observer status to the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Patents so that it can incorporate international protection into its education programs and further its mission on a global scale.

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