

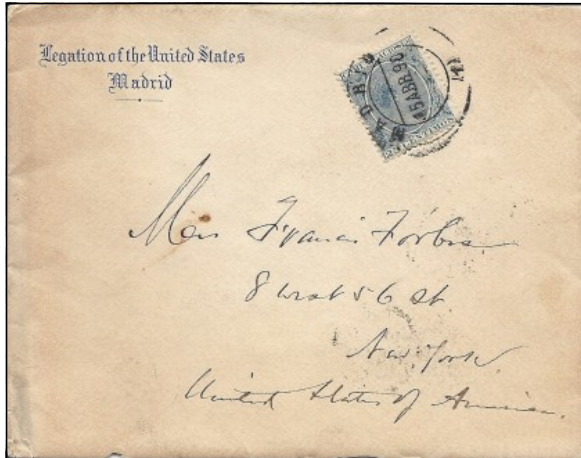
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) & Predecessors

WIPO was established on 1970 & became a UN Specialized Agency in 1974. Its predecessors go back to 1883 when the International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property was created. Then, in 1886, the International Union for the Protection of Literary & Artistic Works was begun. In 1893, both unions shared a common secretariat in Berne, Switzerland, known as the Bureau for the Protection of Intellectual Property (BIRPI). WIPO is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

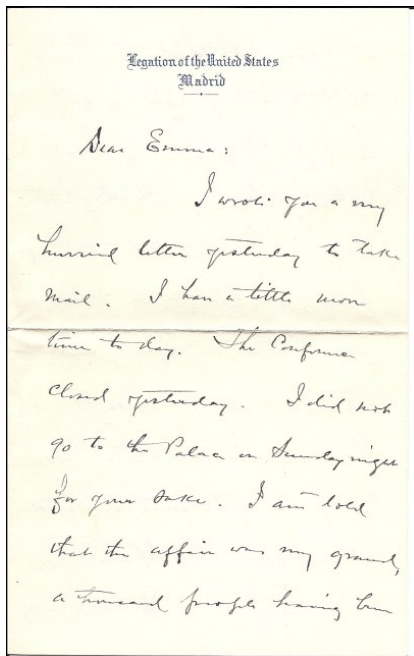
Pre-WIPO Conferences

- P1883/1 Diplomatic Conference on Protection of Industrial Property, Paris, France, ended 20 Mar. 1883
- P1886/1 Diplomatic Conference on Protection of Industrial Property, Rome, Italy, 30 Apr.-11 May 1886
- P1886/2 Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Literary & Artistic Property. Berne, Switzerland, ended 9 Sep. 1886

P1890/1 Diplomatic Conference on False & Misleading Indications of Source, Madrid, Spain, ended 14 Apr. 1890



Service cover from US Delegate to Conference, Francis Forbes, Postmarked Madrid, 15 Apr. 1890



First page of enclosed letter to his wife.

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- P1891/1 Diplomatic Conference on Registration of Marks, Madrid, Spain, ended 14 Apr. 1891
- P1900/1 Diplomatic Conference on Protection of Industrial Property, Brussels, Belgium, ended 14 Dec. 1900
- P1908/1 Diplomatic Conference on Protection of Literary & Artistic Property, Berlin, Germany, ended 13 Nov. 1908
- P1911/1 Diplomatic Conference on Protection of Industrial Property, Washington, DC, USA, May-2 Jun. 1911
- P1925/1 Diplomatic Conference on Protection of Industrial Property, The Hague, Netherlands, ended 6 Nov. 1925
- P1928/1 Diplomatic Conference on Protection of Literary & Artistic Property, Rome, Italy, 7 May-2 Jun. 1928
- P1934/1 Diplomatic Conference on Protection of Industrial Property, London, England, ended 2 Jun. 1934
- P1948/1 Diplomatic Conference on Protection of Literary & Artistic Property, Brussels, Belgium, ended 26 Jun. 1948
- P1967/1 Diplomatic Conference on the Registration of Marks, Nice, France, ended 15 Jun. 1957

P1958/1 Diplomatic Conference on Protection of Industrial Property, Lisbon, Portugal, 6-31 Oct. 1958



UNION INTERNATIONALE
POUR LA PROTECTION DE
LA PROPRIÉTÉ INDUSTRIELLE
CONFÉRENCE DIPLOMATIQUE
DE LISBONNE
1958

H1. Obs. 14-31 Oct. 1958

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Service cover to Geneva, 24 Oct. 1958

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Pre-WIPO Conferences, continued

P1960/1 Diplomatic Conference on Industrial Design, The Hague Netherlands, ended 28 Nov. 1960

P1961/1 Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Radio Broadcast Organizations, Rome, Italy, 10-26 Oct. 1961



CONFERENCE DIPLOMATIQUE SUR LA
PROTECTION INTERNATIONALE
DES ARTISTES INTERPRETES OU
EXECUTANTS, DES PRODUCTEURS DE
PHONOGRAMMES ET DES
ORGANISMES DE RADIODIFFUSION
Rome, 10-26 Oct. 1961

H1. Obs. 17 Oct. 1961

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P1961/2 Diplomatic Conference on Industrial Design, Monaco, ended 18 Nov. 1961

P1967/1 Diplomatic Conference on Protection of Industrial & Literary & Artistic Properties, Stockholm, Sweden, ended 14 Jul. 1967

P1968/1 Diplomatic Conference on Industrial Designs, Locarno, Switzerland, 2-8 Oct. 1968

P1970/1 Diplomatic Conference on the Patent Cooperation Treaty, Washington, DC, USA, 25 May-19 Jun. 1970

WIPO Assemblies

Nineteen assemblies and other bodies of the Member States of WIPO and of the Unions administered by WIPO, traditionally meet in ordinary or extraordinary session at the end of September. These are not listed, since no postal or philatelic history is known. If any such history is found, listings will be added.

WIPO Conferences

1971/1 Diplomatic Conference on International Patent Classification, Strasbourg, France, 15-24 Mar. 1971

1971/2 Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Literary & Artistic Property, Paris, France, ended 24 Jul. 1971

1971/3 Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Producers of Phonograms, Geneva, Switzerland, ended 29 Oct. 1971

1973/1 Diplomatic Conference on Classification of Marks, Vienna, Austria, 17 May-12 Jun. 1973

1974/1 Diplomatic Conference on Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite, Brussels, Belgium, ended 21 May 1974

1977/1 Diplomatic Conference on Deposit of Microorganisms for Patents, Budapest, Hungary, ended 28 Apr. 1977

1980/1 Diplomatic on Protection of Industrial Property, Geneva, Switzerland, 4 Feb.-4 Mar. 1980

1981/1 Diplomatic Conference on Protection of the Olympic Symbol, Nairobi, Kenya, ended 26 Sep. 1981

1981/2 WIPO/SPATU Technology Conference, Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Nov. 1981



Yugoslavia issued Sc. #1552
on 4 Nov. 1981



H1. First Day
4 Nov. 1981

SPATU is the Association of Inventors & Promoters of Technical Progress.

1989/1 Diplomatic Conference on Registration of Audio-Visual Works, Geneva, Switzerland, ended 18 Apr. 1989

1989/2 Diplomatic Conference on Integrated Circuits, Washington, DC, USA, ended 26 May 1989

1994/1 Diplomatic Conference on National & Regional Trademarks, Geneva, Switzerland, ended 27 Oct. 1994

1996/1 Diplomatic Conference on Certain Copyright & Neighboring Rights Questions, Geneva, Switzerland, 2-20 Dec. 1996

2000/1 Diplomatic Conference on Patent Law Treaty, Geneva, Switzerland, 11 May-2 Jun. 2000

2000/2 Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Audiovisual Performances, Geneva, Switzerland, 7-20 Dec. 2000

2006/1 Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Revised Trademark Law Treaty, Singapore, Mar. 2006

2012/1 Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Audiovisual Performances, Geneva, Switzerland, Beijing, China, 20-26 Jun. 2012