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9-11 November 2011	13 <sup>th</sup> Open Forum	Rome Italy	<a href="#">Forum Details</a> <a href="#">Forum Registration</a>

FICPI's 13th Open Forum is open to members and non-members of FICPI, intellectual property practitioners, and colleagues from industry and official bodies. Featuring FICPI's multi-stream working programme, the Forum will deal with topics of interest and relevance to all attendees, including privilege, patent filing and prosecution strategies, new opportunities for the IP profession in IP audits and intellectual asset management, and standards of professionalism.

An exciting social program will feature a gala dinner at the historic Santo Spirito in Sassio, a "Gladiator Tour" of ancient Rome for the accompanying persons, and an optional guided visit to the Galleria Borghese.

1-2 December 2011	Korea Symposium 2011	Seoul Korea	<a href="#">Click here</a>
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Following FICPI's success with the Symposia in Beijing, Yokohama and Delhi, FICPI continues to offer opportunities to meet professionals from all over the world. This event has been organised together with the Korean national section of FICPI.

### PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- a panel of experts from Korean industry will debate the IP issues of concern to them today
- Using a FICPI-designed 'smartphone' as an example, IP specialists from around the world will review:
  - the challenges presented by the change of emphasis from hardware to software;
  - ways to protect user interfaces and user functionality;
  - the future of patent prosecution highways;
  - the protection of the virtual world, including virtual designs;
  - recent trends in patent enforcement, including mediation as an alternative to litigation;
  - the enforcement of trade mark rights against counterfeiters.



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17-21 April 2012	World Congress	Melbourne Australia	Please visit <a href="http://www.ficpi.org">www.ficpi.org</a>

### A message from Peter Huntsman, President of FICPI

#### Invitation to FICPI 2012

On behalf of the Bureau of the Fédération Internationale des Conseils en Propriété Intellectuelle, I have the honour and privilege of welcoming all FICPI members to our next World Congress that will take place in my home town of Melbourne, Australia from 17–20 April 2012.

As always, a FICPI World Congress is an excellent opportunity, by observing and participating in discussions with leading professionals, the Judiciary and Authorities, to influence the future direction of intellectual property law worldwide. An impressive technical program featuring high profile speakers from around the globe is being developed, along with a social and tours program showcasing the finest Melbourne has to offer.

For the first time, this Congress will feature parallel streams enabling a choice for you to attend. I encourage you to make plans to join members and friends as a Congress participant to learn about recent advances and participate in discussions about some of the most important issues facing our professional lives.

I look forward to welcoming you to Melbourne in April 2012.

Peter Huntsman

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