

Increasing Consumers Voice in Intellectual Property Policy

A Consumers International World Congress - Side Event

Presented by:
Consumers International, Choice, Consumers Union,
Consumentenbond, Trans Atlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD)

9:00am - 5:00pm, October 29, 2007
Vibe Hotel, North Sydney

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| 8.30 | Registration and coffee | |
| 9.00 | IP challenges to consumers
<i>Keynote Presentation</i> | How does intellectual property impact on consumers' lives?
Michelle Childs - Knowledge Ecology International (UK) |
| 9.30 | Campaigning for consumers <i>Panel Presentations</i> | The copyright economy, innovation and digital rights management - campaigning for results in Netherlands and Europe

Alwin Sixma - Consumentenbond (The Netherlands)

Thai Civil Society Movement on Patent Law and Access to medicine

Jiraporn Limpananont - Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)

A public-goods oriented survey of international IP regimes - a counterweight to the U.S. 301 list

Chris Murray - Consumers Union, IP Watchlist (USA)

Experiences of past campaigns in light of Free Trade Agreement obligations and the creation of a Digital Consumer Rights Charter

Catherine Raffaele - CHOICE (Australia)

DRM and the pricing and accessibility of academic journals and books

Indrani Thuraisingham - Consumers International - Kuala Lumpur Office (Malaysia) |
| 11.00 | Morning Tea | |
| 11.20 | Defining the problem - What are the issues?
<i>Workshop</i> | Interactive discussion: challenges for consumer organisations
Facilitator: Gordon Renouf - CHOICE |
| 12.15 | Copyright Law Review Experiences
<i>Presentations</i> | The Malaysian and Indonesian copyright law reviews and access to knowledge

Indah Suksmaningsih - Yayasan Lembaga Konsumen Indonesia - YLKI (Indonesia)

Indrani Thuraisingham - Consumers International - Kuala Lumpur Office (Malaysia) |
| 12.45 | Lunch | |
| 14.00 | Campaigning in the consumer interest on IP issues
<i>Presentations</i> | How to develop strategies that can act as a counterbalance to the harmonization of IP regimes and blacklisting of non-compliers

Luis Villaroel Villalon - Ministry of Education, Chile

Chris Murray - Consumers Union |
| | <i>Workshop</i> | Interactive discussion: campaigning options
Facilitator: Alwin Sixma - Consumentenbond |
| 15.15 | Afternoon Tea | |
| 15.45 | Next steps: working together to advance the consumer interest
<i>Workshop</i> | Interactive discussion: Stock-taking of concerns, ideas and interested parties to work on the topics discussed

Facilitator: Chris Murray - Consumers Union |

General attendance: \$65 Students/Academics/Employees of NGOs: \$25
Consumers International World Congress Delegates: Free

Registration fee includes Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea

Registration in advance is required: please contact Lizzie Ball (CHOICE) at lball@choice.com.au or +61.2.95773372.