

A
AIPPI – Asosociation Internationale pour la
Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle

Ms Yvonne Andrea Fluri

Rio de Janeiro, September 22, 2004.

Ref.: AIPPI - Q109 PCT - Circular letter with Survey concerning PCT.
Raising of International Filing Fees

Dear Sirs,

We refer to your letter dated September 8, 2004 transmitting to us the question raised by Mr. Bardehle, and contained in Q109 Survey, regarding the intended raise in the international filing fee, as proposed in document PCT/A/33/5.

The Brazilian Section of AIPPI discussed this matter during the meeting of its Patent Studies Committee that was withheld on 9 September 2004, having reached the unanimous decision to reject the proposal for a raise.

The current level of the international filing fee was considered to be already high, mainly in view of the number of new applications received every year by WIPO which, in the last few years, has exceeded one hundred thousand. The increase in the number of filings should, on the contrary, imply a decrease in the fee.

Thus, the Brazilian Section votes against the raise in the international filing fee and hopes that AIPPI, as a whole, reaches the same conclusion.

Best regards,

Gustavo S. Leonardos

ABPI President

Cláudio R. Barbosa
General Reporter

Gustavo Barbosa
ABPI – Chairperson of the Patent Committee

Geovana de Oliveira Rosales
ABPI – Vice-Chairperson of the Patent Committee