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## ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE HELLENIC COPYRIGHT ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF COPYRIGHT IN 2015

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### MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND INTERMEDIATION IN OPI

The Hellenic Copyright Organization on a daily basis is in contact with citizens across Greece and answers to a large number of written and oral questions concerning copyright and related rights.

Moreover, OPI works closely with entities operating to control and enforce intellectual property rights (Police, Financial crime, Customs, Port authority, etc.) as well as with other government entities (SYKAP, Ministry of Foreign Affairs) with the aim to continuous action for the protection of copyright and related rights.

- On 14.01.2015 OPI participated in a meeting of the Working Group on Intellectual Property Rights, which was held at the Ministry of Foreign affairs.
- On 9.3.2015 a meeting was held at the offices of OPI with representatives by the US Embassy, where developments and opportunities for cooperation in the field of intellectual property were discussed.
- On 26.6.2015 OPI participated in a meeting held at the Ministry of Economy, Infrastructure, Shipping and Tourism, on the subject the operational action plan 'GS INTERPOL' with the participation of the Balkan countries to combating tobacco products trafficking, spirits and other counterfeited products code named WHITE MERCURY 3.
- OPI has produced the original draft law for the integration of the EU Directive on Collective management (Directive 2014/26/EU).
- OPI sent a letter to the Ministry of Culture and Sports, concerning a proposal for legislative amendments relating to limit infringements of copyright and related rights on the internet.
- On the submission of views on behalf of our country proceedings before the CJEU of the case C-367, OPI has requested the participation of Greece in Nos. C-367/15 for a preliminary ruling submitted to the European Court of Justice in order to support the interpretation which is permitted in accordance with Directive 2004/48/EC be awarded compensation equal to twice the fee normally or legally paid for the kind of exploitation that made without the permission of the obligor, since our country has an direct

interest to submit opinions on this decision, given that the preliminary question disputes a similar provision to the one we have in Greek law.

- On 11.12.2015 OPI held a meeting with representatives of Directorate of Cybercrime Thessaloniki.

## MORE ACTIONS RELATED TO PIRACY

The Hellenic Copyright Organization maintains and publishes in its website a piracy Observatory which gathers the relevant legal framework both the Greek as well as the European Union, the competent services, the collective management and protection organizations, both national and international level, the relevant national law and new developments relating to the issue of infringement of intellectual property rights. The observatory is a dynamic part of OPI's website, which is constantly updated on the latest developments.

It is worth noting that in the Observatory statistics are published for the recording of piracy in Greece. OPI collects every year primary data from enforcement and judicial authorities and after being edited, prepare tables and diagrams from which one is able to draw meaningful conclusions to address the phenomenon of piracy by the Greek state.

The Observatory is available at the following web link:

<http://web.opi.gr/portal/page/portal/opi/info.html/techhelp.html>

## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND INTERPRETATIONS

- From 23/2 to 27/2/2015, from 13/4 to 15/4/2015 and from 28/9 to 1/10/2015, OPI took part in meetings of the Working group OHIM (Office for the Harmonization in the internal market), on EU Observatory – Public Awareness, IP in the digital world and Economics and Statistics.
- In 09.06.2015 OPI represented Greece at the working group for Intellectual property (Intellectual property section) (working group on copyright) of the European Council which took place in Brussels.
- On 03.03.2015 and 21.05.2015, OPI represented Greece in a meeting that took place in Brussels on the implementation of the Directive on collective rights management.
- From 16 to 17.03.2015 and from 21 to 22.06.2015, OPI represented Greece in the Group of Experts on IPR European Commission Enforcement.
- From 01 to 03.09.2015 OPI represented Greece in the working group on Intellectual Property (Intellectual Property Section) (Working group on Intellectual Property) of the European Council which took place in Brussels.

- From 11 to 14.10.2015 OPI represented Greece at the International Conference “Supervision of collecting societies” which was organized by the German Patent and Trademark Office.
- From 7 to 12.11.2015 OPI represented Greece at the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights) of WIPO in Geneva.
- From 12 to 13.11.2015 OPI represented Greece at the Group of Experts on IPR European Commission Enforcement.

## SEMINARS – CONFERENCES – MEETINGS

### 1. OPI ‘s Educational program for the first time in schools across the country.

The program “Copyright and related rights” was developed by the Hellenic Copyright Organization (OPI) and group of teachers and has been introduced for the first time in school activity programs of the flexible zone in the category of Cultural Affairs, the school year 2014-2015. It was promoted by OPI to teachers throughout Greece within organization of educational seminars in Athens, Piraeus, Thessaloniki, Crete, Dodecanese and Lamia. For the school year 2015-2016 this program was included again in the flexible zone in the category of cultural affairs. This year the program has the support of the European Union as OPI’s proposal to OHIM entitled “Greek Copyright School-Raising awareness about copyright protection in primary and secondary education in Greece” was accepted and the promotion of the above program for the academic year 2015-2016 is financed by 80 % by OHIM (Office for the Harmonization in the Internal Market).

It is worth noting that OPI’s proposal was one of the eleven selected between 120 to receive funding. The purpose of the program is for students to realize that intellectual property acquires an ever increasing importance in modern society and economic reality and is a key factor in promoting creativity and culture.

The aim of OPI’s seminars is for the teachers to understand the basic principles of intellectual property so as to ensure that there is proper use in the classroom and the daily life of students to material protected by copyright.

**During 2015 the activities of the educational program continued as follows:**

- On 13/2/2015 a training seminar in collaboration with the Primary D/Directorate of education of Eastern Attica was held, in order to inform teachers of Eastern Attica of the above program.
- From 16/3 until 18/3/2015 Anastasia Moutsatsou (singer) following an invitation of Primary N / Directorate Dodecanese education,

visited primary schools of Rhode island to promote the educational program for teachers and students.

- On 19/3/2015 and after an invitation of Primary education Achaia Cultural affairs Department, OPI took part in a conference by the title 'The library in education' which was held in the city of Patra.
- On 30/3/2015 a training seminar was held in Atalanti, following an invitation of Primary Education Teachers association of Locris.
- On 3/4/2015 OPI participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Student Radio festival which was held in Thessaloniki.
  
- On 3/11/2015 a training seminar was held in Patras, in cooperation with the A/D Secondary / Directorate Achaia Education, with the purpose of informing the county teachers on the above program.
- On 12/11/2015 a training seminar was held in Alexandroupolis, in cooperation with the A/D Secondary Directorate for training in Evros, and the B/D Secondary Education Department of Evros, in order to inform teachers of the county of the above program.
- On 13/11/2015 a training seminar was held in Xanthi in cooperation with the A/D Secondary address Xanthi Education and the A/D/ Secondary Rodopi Department of Education, in order to inform teachers of the county of the above program.
- On 19/11/2015 a training seminar was held in Larisa, in cooperation with the A/D Secondary Directorate department of education in Larisa and the secondary N Department of education in Larisa to inform teachers of the county of the above program.

Furthermore:

As part of the expansion of the program in secondary education, speeches were held and information material was sent a) 2/2/2015 1<sup>st</sup> experimental GEL Athens, b) 9/2/2015 and 11/3/2015 in Pierce American College of Athens, c) on 8/9/2015 OPI participated with a speech and distributed educational material at a workshop held at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary School of Athens.

Also, in cooperation with the Department of Cultural Affairs of D/ Directorate of Secondary Education of Western Attica, the composer Mr. Notis Mavroudis visited the 1<sup>st</sup> Gymnasium of Mandra and the performer Mr. Giannis Thomopoulos visited the 1<sup>st</sup> Gymnasium of Magoula.

## 2. World Intellectual Property Day

In April 2015 OPI created an original poster and an accompanying message on the occasion of the celebration of World Intellectual Property Day (26/4/2015). The material was sent to the press, in public administration, educational institutions, local authorities, bar associations and other stakeholders.

Following the training program and the occasion of World Intellectual Property Day (April 26, 2015) OPI organized a National Competition entitled 'Intellectual Property'. The completion was addressed to teachers of classes E and

F primary school to create and implement in the classroom the most original action on the educational program 'Copyright and related rights'.

The four categories that were awarded are as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> category video:** Experimental Primary school of Florina

**2<sup>nd</sup> category text:** Private Primary School Chrysostomos of Smyrna 'Leonteios'

**3<sup>rd</sup> category music:** Elementary School Lardos Rhodes municipal F1

**4<sup>th</sup> category poster:** 5<sup>th</sup> Primary School of Mytilene

## 3. Other Events

- On 3/2/2015 OPI participated with a speech at a conference organized by the Onassis cultural Dodecanese on Arts and letters: Everything one needs to know.
- On 19/2/2015 OPI took part with a speech at a seminar organized by the IPO on the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights.
- On 17/4/2015 OPI participated with a presentation on an Intellectual Property workshop which was organized by IME/GSEBEE.
- On 24/4/2015 OPI participated with a speech at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Transfer Expertise report 2015 ((Patras Innovation Quest) which was held in Patras.
- On 30/4/2015 OPI participated with a speech at a conference entitled "Young Researcher Workshop" organized by the museum of Science and Technology (MST) in collaboration with the University of Patras and the occasion of World Intellectual Property Day.
- On 14/5/2015 was held in Athens under the aegis of OPI, the first conference 'Fashioning the Law'. OPI participated in the conference with speeches.

- On 14/5/2015 OPI participated in the Annual meeting of the advisory board of the Greek Safer Internet Centre (safer internet).
- On 22/5/2015 OPI participated with a speech at the 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference of DIMEE.
- From 23/5 to 24/5/2015 OPI participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Greek Innovation Forum
- On 20/6/2015 OPI participated with a speech in a day meeting of the Association of daily regional newspaper organized in Kamena Vourla.
- In 7/7/2015 OPI participated with a speech at a soiree on 'Quality of life of deaf population', which was held at the cultural centre Melina in Athens.
- From 24/9 to 26/9/2015 OPI participated with a speech in the National Congress for Cultural Heritage digitization 2015 which was held in the city of Volos.
- On 1/12/2015 OPI participated with a speech and distribution of material in an afternoon meeting in the Municipal Cultural Center of Egaleo on 'Safe use of the Internet, Risks and Tackle'.
- On 5/12/2015 OPI participated with speech and distributing material in a workshop organized by the European School Radio at the French Institute of Athens.
- On 5/12/2015 OPI participated with speech and distribution of material in a conference organized by the Greek Graphic Designers Association.
- On 7/12/2015 OPI participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Advisory Board of the Greek Cybercrime Centre.
- On 28/9/2015 OPI announced a clipboard competition award criterion the most advantageous offer for assigning contract for developing an electronic time stamping service and providing support.