

## AIPPI Australia Prize



### Purpose

1. The Australian Group of AIPPI has established the AIPPI Australian Group Prize for the purpose of encouraging engagement by junior members of the profession in Australia with the AIPPI's efforts towards international harmonisation of intellectual property law.

### Requirement for Nomination

2. The Prize is awarded annually to the best contribution to the Australian Group's response to the Study Questions for the AIPPI World Congress in that year.
3. The Prize is open both to junior members of the Australian Group and to non-members who are eligible for membership as a junior member. For the purpose of these Rules, a 'junior member' is a member of the Australia Group who, as at 1 January of the year of the Congress, is 35 years of age or younger, *or* has had fewer than 10 years' experience practising as a lawyer (solicitor or barrister), patent attorney or trade mark attorney (or foreign equivalents) anywhere in the world. A winner who is not already a member of the Australian Group will receive complimentary membership enabling them to register for the Congress they will attend.
4. To be successfully nominated for the prize in a given year, the nominee must contribute to the preparation of the Australian Group's written response to a Study Question for the Congress of that year, and attend the Australian Group's Study Question Forum to present a draft response for discussion by members.
5. The Committee has discretion to accept the nomination of a contributor for the Prize despite not attending the Study Question Forum, if their non-attendance was due to exceptional circumstances outside of their control.
6. All contributors to a Study Question who are, or are eligible to be, junior members will be considered for the Prize unless they choose to opt out. The group leader for each Study Question will, at the outset of commencing work on a Study Question response, ask each contributor to indicate whether they are eligible. A contributor may decline to be considered for the Prize at any time .

### The Prize

7. The Prize is offered each calendar year, and consists of:
  - (a) membership of the Australian Group for the same year (if the winner is not already a member);
  - (b) complimentary registration at AIPPI's annual World Congress in that year;
  - (c) return economy class flights and accommodation for the duration of the Congress;
  - (d) opportunity to shadow the Australian Group's delegate(s) for the relevant Study Question during the Congress at Study Question committee meetings and plenary sessions; and
  - (e) membership of the Australian Group for the following year.
8. The Prize is offered early in the calendar year in which it is to be awarded, shortly after the topics selected by AIPPI as Study Questions for that year's Congress are announced. The winner will be



announced shortly after the Australian Group's responses are submitted, typically in April. Exact timing in each year will depend on the timetable for the Study Question adopted by the AIPPI Bureau and will be announced by the Australian Group at the time the Prize is offered.

9. The Prize is not transferable or redeemable for cash.
10. Flights and accommodation must be booked as soon as reasonably practicable after the winner is notified by the AIPPI Australia Committee, and through a travel agent nominated by the AIPPI Australia Committee. Flights must be booked at the lowest return air fare available on a reasonably direct route between (a) the winner's city of usual residence in Australia; and (b) the Congress host city, or such other reasonable route approved by the Committee of the Australia Group. Accommodation must be booked at one of the hotels nominated by AIPPI for the Congress or at other suitable accommodation approved by the Committee of the Australian Group.
11. Provided that the winner is announced prior to closing of early bird registration for the next AIPPI Congress, the winner will be required to take advantage of the early bird registration price.
12. Contributors who wish to be considered for the Prize should ensure they are able to take up the Prize and attend the next AIPPI Congress.
13. If, after a winner is announced, circumstances arise such that the nominee cannot take up the Prize in full, including because the Congress is cancelled, postponed, or converted to an online format, or because of changes in personal circumstances of the nominee that were not foreseen at the time of their contribution, the Australian Group may, at its discretion, allow the entrant instead to attend the next suitable AIPPI Congress.

#### **Nomination and judging**

14. The leader of each study question group appointed by the Committee of the Australian Group may nominate one eligible member of that study question group for the Prize. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary of the Australian Group promptly after the relevant study question response has been completed and submitted.
15. The Committee of the Australian Group will, at the next committee meeting, select a winner from amongst the nominations received in consultation with the study question groups.
16. A member of the Committee who is a partner or employee of a firm which employs any of the nominees, or who is otherwise subject to a conflict of interest with respect to any of the nominees, must recuse themselves from the vote on the winner of the Prize.
17. The Committee's decision will be final. The Committee may provide reasons for its decision, but is not required to do so.
18. The Australian Group reserves the right to award more than one Prize in a year, and the right not to award the Prize in a year, depending on the quality of contributions by eligible members of study question groups.

#### **Questions**

19. All questions regarding the Prize should be submitted to the Secretary of the Australian Group at [secretary@aippi.org.au](mailto:secretary@aippi.org.au).