

Statement for CSISAC Steering Committee Election Process

Subject line: CSISAC Steering Committee

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Status of the nominee: individual

Country/region: Hungary/Europe

Selection of CSISAC's Goals: Balanced IP Policies

Short biography: Péter was born in Budapest. He is working recently at the Hungarian Patent Office (the Hungarian governmental office responsible for IP protection) as Deputy Head of Copyright Section. His main task is to cooperate in the copyright related official function in relation with the international and the European cooperation (e.g. information service and consultation upon request). Péter frequently participates the meetings of the EU Council Working Party on Intellectual Property (Copyright) in Brussels, and the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) in Geneva.

Péter had a Bachelor of Law from Eötvös Lóránd Tudományegyetem (Eötvös Lóránd University - Budapest). In 1993 LL.M. degree was awarded to Péter by Ruprecht-Karls-University, Heidelberg, later in 1998 LL.M. degree was awarded by European University Institute (Florence). He is accepted as CIS Non-Residential Fellow for the 2005-2006 academic year. He is undersigned the Civil Society Seoul Declaration.

Péter have various publications relating copyright issues in Hungarian and English.

Concerning hobby, free-time activities, Péter's favorite sports are tennis and yoga. He also plays E-Bass and he likes listening to Monteverdi's operas, contemporary jazz music.

Contribution to the coalition and the issues at the OECD-ICCP: It is a fact that there never was a tremendous difference between the intellectual property rights legislation and the reality then nowadays. There is a low-level perception of these rights by the wide public, users, consumers etc. in particular in countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The cause of the difference is traceable to the missing, or at least weak role of the civil society in this region, however the non-profit NGOs represent overall a progression in E-business, knowledge-based society and the mass media. In case of my election to the CSISAC Steering Committee I would like to examine and encourage during the two-years term the future possibilities of the interested groups, network communities and societies for a better, more efficient participation and an ongoing consultation in the IP policy-making.