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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) TEACHING AND TRAINING

DEVELOPING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) CURRICULA AND TRAINING MATERIALS; USING AUDIOVISUAL AIDS

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### Developing IP Curricula and Training Materials

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#### Items for Discussion

- Current Trends and Elements in IP Teaching and Training
- New and Emerging IP Issues
- Impact on IP Teaching/Training
- Possible Approaches

### **Current Trends in IP Teaching**

## Time constraints and scope of subject matter - therefore

- Emphasis on Substantive Aspects
- Some Procedural Aspects
- Practical skills drafting of patent specifications not within scope
- Other related issues socio-economic, cultural- not really emphasised

### **Current Trends in IP Training**

- Existing Practice of IP Practitioner
- On-the-Job Training
- Ad Hoc Approach
- Reliance on Institutions/Organisations- international and regional

#### New and Emerging IP Issues

- TRIPs-related Legislation
  - Geographical Indications
  - · Layout-designs of Integrated Circuits
  - · Performers' Rights
  - Border Controls
  - Enforcement

#### New and Emerging IP Issues

- Developments in ICT and issues arising from the networked environment
  - · Internet impact on IP works
  - New ways of distributing IP works and new business models
  - Protection of new technologies and contents, such as software patents, business models, websiterelated issues

### New and Emerging IP Issues

- E Commerce and E Transactions IP and laws of other jurisdiction
- Commercial dealings with IP in the Knowledge-based Economy -
  - IP as a corporate asset, management, valuation
  - IP Policy
  - Applicable to both private and public sectors including institutions of higher learning

### New and Emerging IP Issues

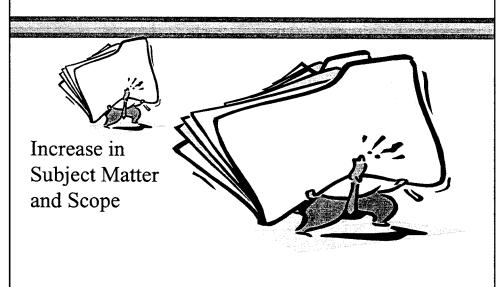
- Legal, Socio-Economic, Cultural and Ethical issues arising from:
  - Biotechnology- conservation of biodiversity
  - Plants and Pharmaceutical Products impact on traditional knowledge
  - Traditional Knowledge
  - · Digital Divide

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### New and Emerging IP Issues

- A recognition that IPRs are an essential and integral part of innovative and competitive economies
- Piracy is still a major problem

### Impact on IP Education



#### **Impact**

- Impact on other disciplines
  - Economics/Management
  - Biotechnology
  - · Research and Development
  - Pharmaceutical
- Impact on lawyers
- Impact on Government as IP owner

### Impact on IP Training

- Protection of new technologies new skills required for Practitioners and Registry staff
- Investigation into new types of infringing acts eg over Internet
- Training of enforcement officers, judges, custom officers, police

#### **Questions-Teaching**

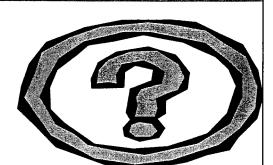
Include in syllabus?

Time and resources?

**Effectiveness?** 

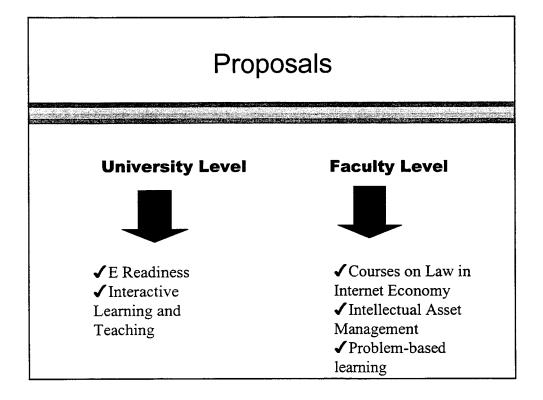
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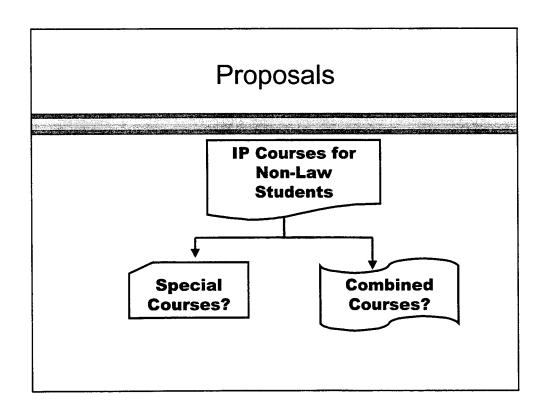
More specialised courses?



#### **Proposals**

- University's emphasis on e-readiness in teaching and learning
- Introduction of Interactive Learning.
- Courses tailored to introduce elements of Internet economy and legal issues, such as in as E business, technology, as well as legal risks management and intellectual asset management to law students
- Brief introductory course on Internet technology to lecturers





### **Training**

- Universities cannot meet all the needs
- On-the-Job training
- More "Transfer of Technology" needed
- Importance of cooperation and networking

#### **Public Education**



 Creating awareness and acceptance

#### Material - Research

- Globalisation
- Harmonisation



#### Research

- Research activities impact of IP on economic, social and cultural development, consumers
- Extent to which concept of IP may be made relevant to lives of people
- Development of local material

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