

## **AIPS to hold seminars on patent opposition in Mumbai on June 25 and 26**

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Academy of Intellectual Property Studies (AIPS) will organise two back to back seminars on Patent Opposition and 'How the Indian Patent Office Decided in 2009', which are to be held on June 25 and 26, 2010 in Mumbai.

The mechanism of a Pre-grant Opposition is a legal and cost-effective option, and also provides a good way to expand business opportunities. The Patent Office offers a level playing field for challenging patents before their grant, and companies have used pre-grant opposition to effectively challenge some of the biggest drugs in history such as Glivec, Forteo, Cialis, Diovan, Iressa, Viread, Caduet, Prezista, Nexium, Hepsera, Tamiflu, etc.

The seminar on Patent Opposition will study pre-grant opposition as an option, and the Agenda for the day includes - general introduction on pre-grant opposition, the mechanics of drafting; filing and contesting a pre-grant opposition; pre-grant opposition and the aftermath; survey of pre-grant opposition cases decided by the Patent Office since 2005 to 2010 and specific case studies to study the trends in pre-grant opposition.

The second seminar will be about year 2009 as an active year for the Indian Patent office, with more than 150 decisions involving patent applications being rendered. The choices the Patent Office makes in coming to these decisions gives an insight into the decision-making process at the Patent Office. More than the Patent Manual, it is these decisions that provide real-life situations of how applications are decided at the Patent Office. The orders of the Patent Office cover a wide array of matter ranging from application refusals under section 15 to pre-grant opposition. Your interest may lie in seeing your patents granted or in opposing other's patents before their grant. Either way, you need to know the mind of the Patent Office - this Seminar will tell you how the Patent Office decided in 2009.

The agenda for second seminar will include a brief survey of the adjudicatory functions of the Patent Office with specific focus on section 15 and section 25 orders, Survey of all the cases decided by the Patent Office in 2009, Analysing general trends on how the patent office decides in particular situations involving Request for examination of applications, Refusal of applications, Divisional applications, Abandonment of applications, Pre-grant opposition of the application etc.