

## IN FOCUS

### Protection of Moral Rights is Necessary Not Only for the Benefit of Artists

As a result of the cooperation between the EU Twinning Project on Strengthening the Intellectual Property Rights in Armenia and the Russian-Armenian Slavonic University a roundtable discussion on the issues of copyright in Armenia was organized on 10 September 2013.

Among the speakers were Larisa Alaverdyan, the Director of the Institute of Law and Politics of Slavonic University, Araik Tunyan, Chairman of the Civil Law and Civil Procedure Law Chair of the University, and Head of Legal Department of RA Presidential Administration, Janne Wellendorf, the Resident Twinning Advisor, Dionysia Kallinikou, Professor of Copyright, Twinning Expert, and Jorgen Blomqvist, Honorary Professor, Center for Information and Inno-

vation Law, Twinning Expert.

The speakers tackled issues such as the importance of copyright protection in Armenia, non-economic rights of authors, exceptions and limitations of copyright, and also covered the international framework of copyright, law and politics.

As was mentioned by Dionysia Kallinikou, protection of moral rights is very much needed not only for the benefit of the public, because moral rights protect knowledge and culture.

Various conventions, international agreements were discussed among which are the Berne Convention, the Universal Copyright Convention, the Rome Convention, the Satellites Convention, the TRIPS Agreement and others.



The Speakers (left to right): Araik Tunyan, Jorgen Blomqvist, Janne Wellendorf, Dionysia Kallinikou

The participants of the roundtable discussion were Bachelor and Master’s students of the university, representatives from ArmAuthor Collective Management Organization and lecturers of law.

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## Strengthening the Skills of Judges in IPR Field

October 2013 was marked by a two days advanced training course for judges and assistants to judges in Armenia on Intellectual Property Rights' cases focusing on copyright and trademark.

The training course was organized in cooperation with the RA Judicial Department and the EU Twinning Project on Strengthening the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights.

The experts conducting the training were Vittorio Ragonesi, Supreme Court Judge of Italy, and Torben Engholm Kristensen, Princi-

pal Legal Advisor in Danish Patent and Trademark Office, who introduced the judges to the European and international best practices on the court decisions on infringements in intellectual property field.

The experts also drew parallels between the IPR related legislation of Armenia and the relevant international directives. During the training course such issues as types of trademarks, wellknown and reputed marks, likelihood of confusion, as well audiovisual and cinematographic works, moral rights of the movie director, protection of unpublished works, internet and



After the Award of Certificates

broadcasting, were tackled.

Based on the real experiences, the trainees and trainers examined several court cases both in the context of the Armenian legislation and relevant European and international directives. At the end of the training course the trainees were awarded with certificates.

## Raising Awareness of Small and Medium Entrepreneurships

On 11 September 2013, a workshop on intellectual property rights was organized in cooperation with the Small and Medium Entrepreneurship Development National Center of Armenia (SME DNC) and the EU Twinning Project on Strengthening the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights. Around 15 participants from SME DNC staff and re-

gional representatives were taking part in the workshop during which such issues as registration of IPR related small and medium entrepreneurship subjects, usage of registered rights, issues raised during the registration process and their relevant solution, were discussed.

The workshop facilitator was

Christina Aagard, the Senior Advisor of the Customers and Communication Department of Danish Patent and Trademark Office.

As a follow-up of the workshop a handbook on registration of IPR related SME subjects will be published.

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