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I. Introduction

Inter University Centre for IPR Studies (IUCIPRS) is an autonomous institution established by the Government of Kerala in Cochin University of Science and Technology. This is one of the Inter University Centres conceived and implemented by the Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala. But the IUCIPRS is unique among other Inter University Centres as it is administered by a Governing Council with the Chief Minister, Government of Kerala as the Chairman, Minister for Education as Vice Chairman, Vice Chancellor of CUSAT as the Convener and renowned academics from all over India, including Vice Chancellors of several Universities in Kerala as members.

II. Brief History

The Centre for IPR Studies, established in the School of Legal Studies of the Cochin University of Science & Technology in 2003, was converted into IUCIPRS to encourage multidisciplinary teaching and research in the area of intellectual property rights. Centre for IPR Studies was originally established with Dr. K.N. Chandrasekharan Pillai, Dean, Faculty of Law as the Hon. Director and Dr. N.S. Gopalakrishnan as the Coordinator. The Centre was also supported by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India, which has established HRD Chair on Intellectual Property Rights in CUSAT in 2003. The Government of India also extended financial support to develop a depository of IPR materials. At present the Centre has one of the best collections on IPR from different parts of the world.

III. Governing Structure of IUCIPRS

The IUCIPRS came into existence by the constitution of its first Governing Council constituted by the Government of Kerala by GO G.O. (Ms) No. 348/10/H.Edn. dated 13/10/2010 which was modified by G.O (Ms) No.235/11/ H.Edn. dated 23/09/2011. Government of Kerala issued a common G.O. No.59/2013/H.Edn dated 06.03.2013 for inter University Centres. The Governing Council of IUCIPRS again reconstituted as per the Govt. letter No.25106/B2/2015/H.Edn. dated 01.01.2016 and University Order No.PL.(UGC)1/IPR Centre/185/2009 (Vol.II) dated 30.01.2016.

A. Governing Council:

The members of the Governing Council are:

1. Sri. Oommen Chandy , Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Kerala (Chairman)
2. Sri. P K Abdu Rabb, Hon'ble Minister for Education, Government of Kerala (Vice Chairman)

3. Sri. T A Ahamad Kabeer, MLA, Thazni Thayyakath 57, Unity Road, Changampuzha Nagar, Kochi – 682 033
4. Dr. J.Letha, Vice-Chancellor, Cochin University of Science & Technology (Convener)
5. Dr. M.D. Nair, Consultant IS Phema Industries, 4 F Centralis Apartments, 27 ABM Avenue, R A Puram, Chennai (Expert)
6. Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Professor, Centre for Economic Studies & Planning, School of Social Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (Expert)
7. Dr. P.K.Radhakrishnan, Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala
8. Dr. Babu Sebastian, Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University
9. Dr. K Mohammed Basheer, Vice Chancellor, Calicut University
10. Dr. M.K.Abdul Khader, Vice-Chancellor, Kannur University
11. Dr. A N Balchand, Professor, Department of Physical Oceanography, Lakeside Campus, CUSAT (Dean & Syndicate Member)
12. Sri. Kochouseph Chittilappilly, K Chittilappilly Foundation, 5th Floor, KCF Tower, Opp. NPOL, Kakkanad (Industry Representative)
13. Dr. K.M.Abraham, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala
14. Sri. B. Srinivas, Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Kerala
15. Dr. N.S. Gopalakrishnan, Director, IUCIPRS, CUSAT (Member Secretary).

B. Powers of Governing Council

The powers of the Governing Council were also approved by the Government of Kerala by its letter No.35733/B2/10/H.Edn dated 10/12/2010 and decided to transfer the funds for the Centre from Government of Kerala to the Accounts of the IUCIPRS through CUSAT. The following are the powers of the first Governing Council and the duly constituted subsequent Governing Councils:

- (1) To make such regulations as necessary for the proper functioning of the Centre.
- (2) The business and affairs of the Centre shall be carried on and managed by this Governing Council until a regular GC is constituted as per the regulations of the Centre.
- (3) This GC shall have all such powers and shall perform all such functions as are necessary for the achievement and furtherance of the objectives of the Centre.
- (4) To constitute an Executive Committee consisting of five members with the Vice Chancellor of CUSAT as the Chairman and Director of the Centre as the Member Secretary and three other members nominated by the first GC of which two shall be academics.

- (5) To authorize the Executive Committee to initiate academic activities
- (6) To appoint such staff as may be necessary for the functioning of the Centre with the prior approval of the Government.
- (7) To raise funds for the Centre by gifts, donations or otherwise including receiving of moneys, securities, instruments and or any other movable property for and on behalf of the Centre.
- (8) To make, sign and execute all such documents and instruments, as may be necessary for carrying on the management of the property or affairs of the Centre.
- (9) To assign from time to time such functions and duties and delegate such powers as it may deem fit to the Executive Committee;
- (10) To appoint one or more Auditors from a list of auditors registered with the Centre for auditing the accounts of the Centre every year and consider the reports of auditors;
- (11) To delegate any of its powers to the Committees or any Sub-Committee or Expert groups appointed by it from time to time or, to the officers of the Centre.

The first meeting of the Governing Council approved the Regulation for the functioning of the Centre and also constituted the Executive Committee of the Centre with five members. This is now modified based on the Regulations attached to the common G.O. No.59/2013/H.Edn dated 06.03.2013 for inter University Centres issued by the Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala. The Executive Committee now consists of six members and is expected to look after the administration of the Centre.

C. Executive Committee:

The following are the present Executive Committee Members:

1. Prof. (Dr.) J. Letha, Vice Chancellor, Cochin University of Science & Technology, (Chairperson)
2. Dr. A N Balchand, Professor, Department of Physical Oceanography, Lakeside Campus, CUSAT (Dean)
3. Dr. N.S. Gopalakrishnan, Director, IUCIPRS, Cochin University of Science and Technology, (Convener)
4. Dr. S Harikumar, Professor, Department of Applied Economics (Professor, CUSAT)
5. Dr. K.N.Chandrasekharan Pillai, Former Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi (Subject Expert)
6. Dr. Feroz Ali Khader, MHRD IPR Chair Professor, IIT Madras (Subject Expert)

D. Faculty Committee

There is also a Faculty Committee comprising of the Director and all faculty members of the Centre to take care of the academic activities of the Centre. The Executive Committee also constituted a Technical Committee on Construction with one of its members as Chairman to look into the construction activities of the Centre.

IV. Objectives of IUCIPRS

The main objective of IUCIPRS is to evolve into a research hub and resource centre of international repute and to act as a think tank in the area of IPR and related subjects. It is meant to be a place facilitating interaction among researchers from different universities and research institutions in India and abroad. IUCIPRS aims at facilitating multidisciplinary teaching and research in the area of IPR and related subjects.

V. Activities

The main activities of the Centre include policy research support to both Central and State Governments, supporting/assisting Government of India in international negotiations, conducting extensive research in intellectual property related areas, conducting different types of academic programmes including full time Ph.D programmes with fellowships, facilitating multi-disciplinary research, undertaking post graduate courses for students of Science, Technology and Management disciplines of CUSAT, short-time fellowships for students from other universities who have registered for Ph.D on any IP related areas, full time fellowships for Ph.D scholars from different disciplines registered in other Universities in Kerala in the area of IPR, release of Minor Research Projects for teachers of the Universities in Kerala, grant of two month Justice Rajagoapala Ayyengar Summer fellowship for IPR teachers from India, visiting fellowships for eminent academics from India and abroad giving them an opportunity to associate with IUCIPRS by engaging in teaching and research. In addition to this, we also organize various seminars, conferences and workshops on emerging issues on Intellectual Property Law and conduct training programmes for judges, professionals, scientists, students of other Universities in India etc. The Centre also facilitate filing of patent application for inventions of teachers and researchers of all the Universities in Kerala and extends support to scientists, industrialists and other technical experts from outside in obtaining different forms of IP protection. The Centre has been undertaking various research projects and publishing books and research papers from 2003 onwards.

A. Policy research (2015-16)

1. Department of Higher Education, MHRD, Governemt of India
 - a. Research support for the two litgations pending before Delhi and Madras Hight Courts challenging the Copyright Amendment 2012.

- b. Research support on clarification to the Department of Customs on border security measures included in the Copyright Amendment
 - c. Research support to the preparation of text for negotiations in chapter relating to IPR In the RCEP Free Trade Agreement
 - d. Research support for the issues relating to enforcement of copyright
2. Law Department of Government of Kerala
- a. Preparation of the draft legislation for the protection of traditional knowledge of Kerala (2015).

B. Academic Activities (2015-16)

a. Ph.D Programme

IUCIPRS is the only place where multidisciplinary research in the area of IPR is encouraged with students from different disciplines. Currently we have research scholars from the disciplines of Law, Political Science, Management and Anthropology. The following are the students registered with the faculty of the Center:

1. Chaithanya E.P – “The Role of State in the Protection of Traditional Knowledge” (Prof. N.S. Gopalakrishnan & Prof. Sebastian Rupert Mampilly);
2. Narendran T – “Intellectual Property Issues in Open Source Drug Discovery” (Prof. N.S. Gopalakrishnan);
3. Anson C.J, - “Marketing Challenges Face by Geographical Indications of Kerala(Prof. N.S. Gopalakrishnan & Prof. K.B. Pavithran)”;
4. Rujitha T.R, - “Patenting Life under U/S 3 J of Patent Act and Its Impact - A Proposal to Redefine” (Prof. N.S. Gopalakrishnan);
5. M Sakthivel – “Protection of 4g Peer 2 Peer Technology Under Copyright: A Special Study With Reference To (Digital) Broad Casting” (Prof. N.S. Gopalakrishnan);
6. Yogesh A. Pai - International Technology Standardisation, Patents and Competition Law: Addressing Gaps in the International Legal Framework (Dr. T.G. Agitha).
7. Arathi Ashok - Shift of Indian copyright regime: Entrepreneur to Author (Dr. T.G. Agitha).
8. Kioko Nzuki Mwanja- Management of Cultural Assets in Museums in Kerala and Intellectual Property. (Dr. T.G. Agitha)
9. Somlatha Moly T.S - IP & Agriculture (Dr. T.G. Agitha)
10. Bilal A Nazeer - Patent Law and Modern Biotechnology Industry (Dr. T.G. Agitha)
11. Vishnu Sankar P - Exhaustion and Free Movement of Goods (Dr. T.G. Agitha)
12. Sreegovind K - Game Theoretical understanding of Intellectual Property Negotiations (Prof. N.S. Gopalakrishnan)

b. PG Courses (2015-16)

The Centre started the first batch of the five year integrated dual degree programme, MIP Ph.D and LL.M(IPR) Ph.D in July 2013. In the academic year 2015-16 we admitted five students with law degree and two with physics degree. We have a total strength of 17 students in the dual degree programme (11 girls and 6 boys). Offered one elective course on “Introduction to IPR: Patent Law and Practice” in July 2015 (9 students) and December 2015 (2 students) for the non-law students of CUSAT.

c. Academic collaborations

1. The collaboration with Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property and Competition Law, Munich continued in this year also. We continued to assist the implementation of the Patent Declaration project.
2. Letter of Cooperation with School of Law Texas A & M University for undertaking various academic activities
3. Collaboration with Singapore Management University for undertaking research activities for Asian Cooperation of Intellectual Property

d. Conferences/Training/Workshop

One of the major programmes of the IUCIPRS is to conduct seminars, conferences, workshops and training programmes in IPR related areas for the purpose initiating discussions on current issues of various forms of IP, finding solutions to major challenges in IP, evolving policy framework in the context of international negotiations, imparting training to professionals, industrialists, teachers, judicial officers etc. The Centre along with the IPR Chair at CUSAT celebrated the following programmes.

1. IP Day, 24th April 2015 by organizing a Panel Discussion on “Digital Creativity in Entertainment Industry and Intellectual Property Rights Initiatives”.
2. Refresher Course for IP Teachers on *Developmental Perspectives on IPR* organized by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT from 19th June to 26th June, 2015
3. One day Workshop on Patent Claim construction jointly organized by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT on 14.11.2015.
4. One day Workshop on Facilitation Innovation and Patent Filing jointly organized by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT ON 16.12.2015.
5. One day Workshop on Protection of Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources: International and National Initiatives jointly organized by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT on 25.01.2016.

6. One day Outreach Program on Facilitation Innovation and Patent Filing jointly organized by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT on 03.02.2016 at University of Calicut.
7. One day Outreach Program on Facilitation Innovation and Patent Filing jointly organized by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT 29.02.2016 at MG University, Kottayam
8. One day National Conference on Visually Impaired and Copyright Regime jointly organized by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT on 5th March, 2016.

e. Publications

The staff and research students of the Centre has participated in a number of international and national conferences, presented papers and published papers. The following are the important conference presentations and publications

i. Faculty

Prof. N.S. Gopalakrishnan

1. "Case on Compulsory Licence: Bayer's Patent on drug Sorafinib Tosylate sold in the Brand name Nexavar, Chapter of the Book, LIU Kung-Chug (Ed.) *Annotated Leading Cases in Major Asian Jurisdictions*, HK City University Press (forth coming)
2. "Interim Injunction in Patent Infringement", Chapter of the Book, LIU Kung-Chug (Ed.) *Annotated Leading Cases in Major Asian Jurisdictions*, HK City University Press (forth coming)

Dr. T G Agitha

1. Idea-expression Dichotomy and Originality requirements for Copyright Protection: An analysis of the jurisprudential underpinnings of the judicial pronouncements in India, (Chapter of Book, Indian Law Instiute, New Delhi, forthcoming)

Anjana Girish

1. Ambit of Right to Information Act, 2005-If wide Enough to cover Private Aided Colleges. NLSIU Book Series 3, 'The Good Governance-the RTI Way' published by National Law School, Bangalore.
2. "Facets of Justice in Alternative Dispute Resolutions" in the Seminar Proceedings of International Interdisciplinary Seminar on Access to Justice: Trends and Issues organized by the Department of Law, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram held on 7th-9th January, 2016, with ISBN-978-93-5254-564-3

3. "Social Networking Sites and Cyber Crime Issues" in the Seminar Proceedings at UGC Sponsored Seminar organized by M.E.S. College, Aluva held on 14th & 15th October, 2015 with ISBN-13978-81-923985-9-4
4. "Protection of traditional knowledge: Jural Paradigm" in Indigenous Traditional Knowledge in Fisheries (Gopal, N., Ashok, a., Bindhu, J., Sreejith, S. and Velloth, S., Eds.) p.75-77, ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology and Vijnana Bharati, New Delhi

Rujitha T R

1. Free Trade Agreements: Impact on pharmaceutical Industries" Mewar University press, 2015 editor RC Roy, (chapter in a book)

ii. Research Scholars

Chaithanya E P

1. Intellectual property protection to biodiversity: An analysis of Indian biodiversity act. In Biodiversity and Evaluation: In proceedings of international conference on perspectives and paradigm shifts, Cochin university of science and technology & department of zoology, Sree sankara college, Kalady, December 2015

Arathi Ashok

1. "Innovation, IP and India: The Dichotomy Between Facts and Fiction" in *Innovation and IPR in China and India: Myths, Realities and Opportunities*, Kung-Chung Liu and Uday S. Racherla (Eds.), Springer, 2016, pp. 121-142 [Book Chapter - 5]
2. "Plant Patent and Indian IP Regime: An Analysis" in *Working of Patents: Law and Pharmaceutical Implication*, Dr. S C Roy (Ed.), Mewar University Press, New Delhi , 2015, pp. 263-272 [Book Chapter 27]

Vishnu Sankar P

1. Hegalian and Kantian analysis of concept of exhaustion, Cochin University Law Review, 2015

iii. PG Students

Sulok S K

1. "United States Court of Appeals grants Copyright protection to Application Programme Interfaces; *Oracle v. Google*", Cochin University Law Review (CULR), 2015 – (Forth coming)

Naveen Gopal

1. "Competition Law and IP- The Changing US Jurisprudence", Working of Patents- Law and Pharmaceutical Implications by Dr. S.C Roy, Mewar University Press, 2015 Edn. [Book Chapter 27]

f. Seminar / Conference Proceedings

i. Faculty

Madhuri Anand

1. Cyber Crime – International Initiatives, Publication in seminar proceedings of national seminar sponsored by UGC at MES College Marampally, January 2016
2. Presented a paper on "The Problem of Counterfeit Drugs" in an International Seminar conducted by National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS) on August 2015 (forthcoming)
3. "Emerging trends of Pharmaceutical Industries and the future of Compulsory License in India" Publication in seminar proceedings of national seminar conducted by School of Indian Legal Thought, Kottayam (forthcoming)

Rujitha T R

1. Rujitha T R, "Environment Protection & Human rights : Issues & Challenges" published as paper as the Conference Proceedings of the UGC sponsored National seminar on "Human Rights: Concepts, Con_icts & consensus" organised by SN college, Thrissur in collaboration with Calicut University on 23-25 March, 2015.

g. Conference Participation and Presentations

i. Faculty

Prof. N.S. Gopalakrishnan

1. Speaker in Round Table for the Asian Patent Cooperation – Desirability, Feasibility and Way Forward, Singapore Management University, Singapore, August 2015.
2. Invited Talk in National Seminar on Access to Health, School of Indian Legal Thought, M.G. University, Kottayam, March 2016.

Dr. T G Agitha

1. Presented a paper as resource person in the UGC Refresher Course conducted by Inter University Centre for IPR Studies, CUSAT on “Health, Access to medicines and Pharmaceutical Patents” on 22nd June 2015
2. Presented a paper as resource person in the UGC Refresher Course conducted by Inter University Centre for IPR Studies, CUSAT on Well-known marks and dilution on 23rd June 2015

Dr. I G Rathish

1. Participant in Workshop on Patent Claim construction organized by the IUCIPRS & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT on November 14, 2015
2. Participant in Workshop on Protection of Traditional Knowledge associated with Genetic resources: International and National Initiatives organized by the IUCIPRS, CUSAT on January 25, 2016
3. Participant in Induction Programme for Newly Recruited Teachers, conducted by the CUSAT on February 15th and 16th 2016
4. Participant in Training Programme on “Patent Search” conducted by RGNIIPM, Nagpur from March 5th to 6th, 2016
5. Participant in National Conference on Visually Impaired and Copyright Regime, jointly organized by the IUCIPRS & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT on March 5, 2016

Madhuri Anand

1. Presented a paper on “Emerging trends of Pharmaceutical Industries and the future of Compulsory License in India” in National seminar on *Access to Health Care in Modern Era: Changing Dimensions* at School of Indian Legal Thought, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam on 13th to 15th March, 2016.
2. Presented a paper on “Cyber Crime – International Initiatives” in National Seminar on *Cyber Crime: Issues and Challenges*, UGC sponsored at MES College, Marampally, January 2016
3. Presented a paper on “Counterfeit Drugs” in International Conference on *Health, Human Rights, and Intellectual Property Rights* on August 2015
4. Participant in National Conference on *Visually Disabled and Copyright Regime* at School of Legal Studies, CUSAT on March 2015
5. Participant in Workshop on *Protection of Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources: International and National Initiatives* at IUCIPRS on January 2016
6. Organizer & Participant in Workshop on *Patent Claim Construction* at IUCIPRS on November 2015

7. Participant in Refresher Course for IP Teachers on *Developmental Perspectives on IPR* at IUCIPRS on June 2015
8. Participant in Two day *Induction Programme for Newly Recruited Teachers* conducted by CUSAT on February 2016.
9. Participant in Workshop on *Empirical Legal Research* held at School of Legal Studies, February 2016.

Anjana Girish

1. Resource Person in Project Initiation Workshop on “Indigenous Traditional Knowledge in Fisheries” at ICAR-CIFT, Cochin on 30th October, 2015 and has delivered a talk on “Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Jural Paradigm”.
2. Presented a Paper on “Facets of Justice in Alternative Dispute Resolutions” at International Interdisciplinary Seminar on Access to Justice: Trends and Issues organized by the Department of Law, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram held on 7th-9th January, 2016. Published the paper in the Seminar Proceedings with ISBN-978-93-5254-564-3.
3. Presented a Paper on “Social Networking Sites and Cyber Crime Issues” at UGC Sponsored Seminar organized by M.E.S. College, Aluva held on 14th & 15th October, 2015. Published the paper in the Seminar Proceedings with ISBN-13978-81-923985-9-4.
4. Co-ordinator in One day Workshop on Protection of Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources: International and National Initiatives jointly organized by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR on 25.01.2016
5. Participated in the one day Workshop on Patent Claim construction jointly organized by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT on 14.11.2015.
6. Participated in the one day Workshop on Facilitation Innovation and Patent Filing jointly organized by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT ON 16.12.2015.

Rujitha Shenoy

1. Participant in Workshop on Patent claim construction conducted by IUCIPRS, 2015
2. Participant in Workshop on facilitating innovation and patent filing conducted by IUCIPRS.
3. Participant in Workshop on Traditional knowledge, IUCIPRS, 2016
4. Speaker and Participant in Refresher course on IPR conducted by Interuniversity of IPR studies, Cochin University of science & Technology from 17th-24 June 2015
5. Resource person in National seminar on Access to Health Care held on 13-15 March 2016 organised by School of Legal Thought, Mahatma Gandhi 2016

6. Speaker in Training programme for District court judges of Kerala, Dec 4th 2015

Karishma Birthare

1. Panel Member and Presented paper on “Open Innovation- A Combat to balance IP and Competition” in Fifth Annual IP Teachers Workshop on “IP and its Interfaces” held on 31st March- 1nd April 2016 at National Law University, Delhi.
2. Coordinator in One day National Conference on “VIP and Copyright Regime” on 5th March 2016 at School of Legal Studies, CUSAT.
3. Two day workshop on Empirical Legal Research held at School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology from 26th to 27th February 2016.
4. National Conference on “Affordability, Availability, Accessibility of Medicines and IPR” organized by the NLSIU in association with NPPA, New Delhi on 5th Jan 2016.
5. Participant in One day Workshop on “Facilitating Innovation and Patent Filing” jointly organized by IUCIPRS & MHRD Chair on IPR in SLS, CUSAT on 18th Dec 2015
6. Participant in One day Workshop on “Patent Claim Construction” jointly organized by the IUCIPRS & MHRD Chair on IPR on 14th Nov 2015.

ii. Research Scholars

Arathi Ashok

1. Participant in Refresher Course for Law Teachers on *Developmental Perspectives on IPR* jointly organised by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies and MHRD Chair on IPR, Cochin University of Science and Technology from 19.06.2015 to 27.06.2015.
2. Resource Person and Invited Speaker on the topic “Preservation of Traditional Knowledge and Folklore among Tribals”, Three Day State Level Workshop on Identification of Socio-Legal Issues Faced by Tribals in Kerala on 21- 23 March, 2016 organised by School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi.
3. Resource Person and Speaker on the topic “Data Exclusivity: Stand of India” National Seminar on Access to Health Care in Modern Era: Changing Dimensions on 13- 15 March, 2016 organised by School of Indian Legal Thought, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.
4. Participant in UGC Sponsored Orientation Programme organized by Human Resource Development Centre, University of Mysore from 13-01-2016 to 09-02-2016
5. Panel Judge in Prelim Round in the XVI All India Moot Court Competition 2016, organized by His Highness Maharaja’s Government Law College, Ernakulam, from 11 – 13 March, 2016

6. Participant in UGC National Workshop on “Corporate Governance & Disclosure Practices” held at School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, on 18-19 March, 2016
7. Participant in Two Day Workshop on “Empirical Legal Research” held at School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, on 26-27 February, 2016
8. Participant in Two Day Workshop on “Empirical Legal Research” held at School of Legal Studies, CUSAT, on 26-27 February, 2016
9. Participant in One Day Workshop on “Facilitating Innovation and Patent Filing” jointly organized by Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT, on 16-12-2015
10. One Day Workshop on “Patent Claim Construction” jointly organized by Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT, on 14-11-2015

Anson C J

1. Participant in One day Workshop on Protection of Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources: International and National Initiatives jointly organized by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR on 25.01.2016

Kioko Nzuki Mwanja

1. Participant in Workshop on research proposal writing and publishing, School of Management studies, CUSAT
2. Participant in Workshop on data analysis using statistical tools, Amrita University, (Kochi)
3. Participant in National Workshop on patent claim construction, CUSAT, KOCHI
4. Participant in Workshop on Empirical Legal Research, CUSAT, KOCHI
5. Participant in Workshop on Empirical Legal Research, School of legal Studies, CUSAT, KOCHI
6. Participant in Workshop on protection of traditional knowledge associated genetic resources: international and national initiatives, CUSAT, KOCHI
7. Participant in National workshop on visually impaired and copyright regime, CUSAT, KOCHI

Chaithanya E.P.

1. Participant in National Conference on *Visually Disabled and Copyright Regime* at School of Legal Studies, CUSAT on March 2015
2. Participant in Refresher Course for IP Teachers on *Developmental Perspectives on IPR* at IUCIPRS on June 2015

3. Presented paper on Intellectual property protection to biodiversity: An analysis of Indian biodiversity act in International conference on Biodiversity and Evaluation : Perspective and Paradigm shift” conducted by Cochin university of science and technology& department of zoology, Sree sankara college, Kalady, December 2015
4. Participant in Workshop on *Protection of Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources: International and National Initiatives* at IUCIPRS on January 2016

Sreegovind K

1. Paper presented for Scholars in Global Congress on IP and the Public Interest, New Delhi, 2015
2. Participant in Refresher Course for Law Teachers on *Developmental Perspectives on IPR* jointly organised by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies and MHRD Chair on IPR, Cochin University of Science and Technology from 19.06.2015 to 26.06.2015.
3. Participant in National Workshop on patent claim construction, CUSAT, KOCHI
4. Participant in Workshop on protection of traditional knowledge associated genetic resources: international and national initiatives, CUSAT, KOCHI
5. Participant in National Conference on Visually Impaired and Copyright Regime on 5th March, 2016
6. Participant in One day Workshop on “Facilitating Innovation and Patent Filing” jointly organized by IUCIPRS & MHRD Chair on IPR in SLS, CUSAT on 18th Dec 2015.

Vishnu Sankar P

1. Participant in Refresher Course for Law Teachers on *Developmental Perspectives on IPR* jointly organised by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies and MHRD Chair on IPR, Cochin University of Science and Technology from 19.06.2015 to 26.06.2015.
2. Participant in National Workshop on patent claim construction, CUSAT
3. Participant in Workshop on protection of traditional knowledge associated genetic resources: international and national initiatives, CUSAT
4. Participant in National Conference on Visually Impaired and Copyright Regime on 5th March, 2016
5. Participant in One day Workshop on “Facilitating Innovation and Patent Filing” jointly organized by IUCIPRS & MHRD Chair on IPR in SLS, CUSAT on 18th Dec 2015.

Bilal A. Nazeer

1. Participant in Global Conference on IP, December 15-17, 2015 at National Law University, Delhi.

2. Participant in Youth Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights and Access to Medicines, December 14-22, 2015 jointly Organised by Prayas, People's Health Movement and ISID.

iii. PG Students

Sulok S K

1. Participant, Part of organizing team in National Conference on Visually Impaired and Copyright Regime jointly organised by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & School of Legal Studies in association with MHRD Chair on IPR on 5th March 2016.
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6. Participant, Part of organizing team in One day Workshop on Patent Claims Construction jointly organised by the Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies & MHRD Chair on IPR on 14.11.2015.
7. Participant in Project Initiation Workshop on Indigenous Traditional Knowledge in Fisheries organised by ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin in collaboration with Vijnana Bharti, New Delhi under the ESSO-INCOIS, Hyderabad funded project Indigenous Traditional Knowledge in Marine Fisheries Sector of Kerala: Documentation and Analysis on 30th October, 2015

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4. Organiser Participant in Workshop on Patent Claim Construction, conducted by IUCIPRS, and MHRD Chair on IPR
5. Participant in Fourth International Conference on Frontiers in Nanoscience and Technology, COCHIN NANO-2016 jointly organized by Dept. Of Physics and Inter University Centre for Nanomaterials and Devices (IUCND).

Archana P

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Muhammed Faris V

1. Participant in Research Methodology in Physical Sciences held on 11th Dec 2015, Dept. of Physics , CUSAT
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Seena Kuriakose

1. Participant and assistance in Organizing in Panel Discussion on 'Digital Creativity in Entertainment Industry and Intellectual Property Rights
2. Participant and assistance in Organizing in National Conference on 'Visually Impaired and Copyright Regime'
3. Participant and assistance in Organizing in Workshop on 'Protection of Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources: International and National Initiatives'
4. Participant and assistance in Organizing in Workshop on 'Patent Claim Construction'

C. Consultancy

Pof. N.S. Gopalakrishnan

- a. Tutor, Distance tutor for the distance learning programme of World Wide Academy, WIPO
- b. International Expert Member, Preparation of the draft legislation for protection of traditional knowledge in South Africa, Government of South Africa.

D. Visitors to the Centre

- a. Justice Ruma Pal, Judge of the Supreme Court of India
- b. Prof. Babu Mathew, Ex-Professor, NLU Delhi

E. Student internship

1. Ms. Sunaina Abdulkader, Government Law College, Ernakulam
2. Ms. Talia Rachel Zachariah, Government Law College, Ernakulam
3. Ms. Janaki Arun, National Law University, Bhopal

F. IPR Facilitation

The Centre is offering free patent filing service to all the teachers and researches from all Universities in Kerala and limited free service to the needy to acquire various intellectual property rights. The staff and research scholars of Cochin University seek advice from the Centre on IPR matters, particularly on patent. A number of persons from outside University often consult the Centre seeking advice on IPR related issues. Majority are local inventors seeking clarification on how to obtain patent. The Centre has taken steps to facilitate filing of patent application from the teachers and researchers of all Universities in Kerala by engaging a Patent consultant.

a. PhD fellowship

In 2015 Center started offering full time fellowship to research scholars registered for Ph.D in other Universities in Kerala who are working in IPR related areas in different disciplines. Ms. A.M. Radhika, registered for Ph.D in Faculty of Agriculture, College of Horticulture, Vellanikkara, Thrissure, Kerala Agricultural University was awarded Ph.D fellowship on the topic "Implications of Geographical Indication for rice in Kerala".

b. Minor Research Project

The Center also initiated award of Minor Research Project to promote IPR research among the teachers in various colleges in Kerala. As part of this in 2015 we have awarded the following Minor Research projects:

1. Dr. Poulami Aich Mukherjee, Assistant Professor in History, PG Department of History and Research Centre, Assumption College, Changanassery for the project "IPRs & Authorship: A Gender Perspective".
2. Dr. Padma Nambisan, Professor, Department of Biotechnology, CUSAT for the project "Protecting Intellectual Property in Crop Plants: Relevance in an Indian Context".

c. IUCIPRS Justice Rajagopala Ayyangar Summer Fellowship for Teachers

The Center with the intention of attracting talented young IPR teachers from all over India to visit the Centre and do research in the area of IPR introduced the "IUCIPRS Justice Rajagopala Ayyangar Summer Fellowship for Teachers". The following teachers were awarded the fellowship for the year 2016:

- A. Ms. Madhuri Anand, Assistant Professor, IUCIPRS, CUSAT - "A Preliminary Survey of the Patented Technologies Related to Climate Change"

- B. Ms. Rujitha T.R, Assistant Professor, IUCIPRS, CUSAT – Bionanotechnology Patents with special reference to Micro array/DNA Chip Technology: Challenges and Issues

VI. Administration

There were one meeting of the Governing Council held in March 2015. There were four meetings of the Executive Committee in 2015-16. They were held in the month of June and September 2015 and January and March 2016.

The following are the staff of the Centre:

A. Faculty of the Centre (2015-16)

1. Dr. N.S. Gopalakrishnan, Director (Deputation from CUSAT to MHRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT)
2. Dr. T.G. Agitha, Associate Professor, (on working arrangement from Government Law College, Ernakulam)
3. Ms. Madhuri Anand, Assistant Professor, IUCIPRS,CUSAT (Contract basis)
4. Ms. Anjana Girish, Assistant Professor, IUCIPRS,CUSAT (Contract basis)
5. Dr. I G Rathish, Assistant Professor, IUCIPRS,CUSAT (Contract basis)
6. Ms. Rujitha T R, Assistant Professor, IUCIPRS,CUSAT (Contract basis)
7. Ms. Karishma Birthare, Research Officer, HRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT (Contract basis)
8. Mr. Shanmugham D Jayan (Guest Faculty)

B. Administrative Staff of the Centre

1. Mr. P.S. Salim, Administrative Officer (Contract basis December 2014 onwards).
2. Mr. Joe Joseph, Assistant Librarian (Junior Librarian of CUSAT on additional charge).
3. Ms. Anupama T.S., Professional Assistant, IUCIPRS (Contract basis).
4. Ms. Misha K.M., Assistant, IUCIPRS (Contract basis).
5. Ms. Disamol M D, Steno-Doc. Assistant, HRD Chair on IPR, CUSAT (Contract basis)
6. Assistant (One person on Daily Wages)
7. Cleaner-cum-Peon (Two persons on Daily Wages)
8. Gardener (One person on Daily Wages)

VII. Infrastructure

A. Library

The IUCIPRS library has procured 407 books spending Rupees 17,22,192/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Two only) during the financial year 2015-16. The library has subscribed two journals All India Reporter, and The

Patents and Trademarks Cases. It has also subscribed Lexis Nexis online database pricing Rupees 3,00,271/-during the period 2014-15 and was available till December 2015.

The total asset of the library books is Rupees 1,29,96,517/-. In addition to that the library also consists of books purchased under IPR Depository (purchased under MHRD Chair from 1999-2009) for around Rupees 50 lakhs. As of now we have a total collection of 3590 books including 1383 books handed over from the IPR Depository which was functioning in the SLS Library.

Thus the total asset of the library is worth around Rupees 1,80,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Lakhs)

B. Building

The Construction of the ground and first of the IUCIPRS Complex is completed and the Office of IUCIPRS shifted to the new building in 27th October 2014. Furnishing of the work with the funding received from the MHRD for IPR Chair is also completed by March 2016. The Centre also entered into MOU with BSNL for the construction of the second floor of the IUCIPRS complex and the work is in progress.

VIII. Accounts (2015-16)

As per the audited statement of accounts of the IUCIPRS for the financial year 2015-16 IUCIPRS received a total income including opening balance of Rupees 3,56,95,280/- (1,98,26,643 + 1,58,68,637) and incurred an expenditure of Rupees 1,32,67,978/-. The balance of Rupees 2,24,27,302/- was carried forward to the financial year 2016-17. The audited statement is attached.

Director