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Mr. Yo Takagi, Assistant Director General, Global Infrastructure, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Since 2009, Mr. Takagi has been leading the Global Infrastructure Sector as Assistant Director General (ADG). Its task is to coordinate and develop the technical architecture and business functions of the global intellectual property system.

Since joining WIPO in 1994, Mr. Takagi has served as Director of a number of Divisions, including Executive Director leading policy making regarding greater access to, and global dissemination of, intellectual property information worldwide. Mr. Takagi began his career in the Japan Patent Office in 1979, and also served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, participating in numerous WIPO meetings and negotiations relating to the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement). He was educated at Kyoto University.



Mr. Victor Vázquez López, Head, Section for Coordination of Developed countries, Department for Transition and Developed Countries (TDC), WIPO

He was a Legal Counselor on International Relations, Copyright Unit, Ministry of Culture, Spain. For more than five years, he was a member of the EU Council Working Group of Experts on Copyright, taking part in the negotiations leading to the adoption of the resale right Directive (2001/84/CE) and the Copyright Directive (2001/29/CE). He also represented the Spanish Government on copyright matters before UNESCO, OCDE and WTO. In the same condition, he took part in numerous cooperation for development activities.

He was deeply engaged in the negotiations leading to the adoption of the WIPO Internet Treaties. In December 1996, he was elected member of the Drafting Committee of the Diplomatic Conference on Certain Copyright and Related Rights Issues that adopted the WIPO Internet Treaties, WCT and WPPT. In December 2000, he was elected member of the Drafting Committee of the Diplomatic Conference for the Protection of Audiovisual Performances and contributed significantly to the provisional agreement reached in December 2000. Later on, as a WIPO official he was part of the Secretariat supporting the 2012 Beijing Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Audiovisual Performances and the 2013 Marrakech Diplomatic Conference to Conclude a Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities.

He has worked in WIPO since 2001, where he has acted for many years as Senior Legal Counselor in the Culture and Creative Industries Sector, focusing among other issues, on the protection of audiovisual performances and the interface between copyright and technology. Among other initiatives he has been responsible for the development of open licenses adapted to IGOs, including the recently adopted Creative Commons License for Intergovernmental Organizations (CC IGO License), for different Development Agenda projects related to copyright, as well as for the development of the WIPO Review of Contractual Considerations for the Audiovisual Sector. He was also instrumental in furthering research and a balanced discussion concerning the role of Internet Intermediaries in the distribution of creative content. For many years he also acted as WIPO's focal point for the UN Broadband Commission.

In 2013 Mr. Vazquez was appointed as Head of the Section for the Coordination of Developed Countries, which is administratively located in the Department for Transition and Developed Countries (TDC). The purpose of the new Section is to strengthen the Organization's institutional relations with the various developed countries. The Section is focused on bringing the WIPO services and activities to the attention of a broader audience in developed countries.



Ms. Christine Bonvallet, Senior Legal Officer, PCT Legal Division, Patent and Technology Sector (PTS)

Ms. Christine Bonvallet is a lawyer by training specialized in intellectual property law and international law. As a member of the Paris Bar (Ordre des Avocats à la Cour de Paris (France)), she worked as a litigation lawyer for several international law firms before joining WIPO in 2003. In her current position, she provides legal opinions and advices to PCT users, lectures in PCT training courses and seminars throughout the world and sits in international-level meetings concerning the PCT.



Mr. Neil Wilson, Director, Registries Support Division, Brands and Designs Sector (BDS), WIPO

Mr. Neil Wilson is a national of Australia and his career with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) dates from 1991 during which time his work has dealt with the automation of the procedural aspects of the various international treaties administered by the Organization, including the Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol for the International Registration of Marks, the Hague Agreement for the International Registration of Industrial Designs and the Patent Cooperation Treaty. During his career at WIPO, Mr. Wilson has also been in charge of the sector responsible for the Patent Information, IP Classifications and IP Standards, enabling him to gather a broad experience in the spectrum of IP administration issues. Mr. Wilson is currently Director of the Registries Support Division in the Brands and Designs Sector.

Prior to his engagement with WIPO, Mr. Wilson had a long career in information technology in Australia, working in both the private and public sector, where in particular, he had completed a series of assignments for the Australian Patents, Trademarks and Designs Office (now Industrial Property Australia) gaining an early insight into industrial property issues.

Mr. Neville Queree, Group Manager Intellectual Property, Callaghan Innovation

Neville Quérée is responsible for the operational and strategic management of Callaghan Innovation's IP portfolio. He takes an active part in IP commercialisation projects providing IP advice and services as well as overseeing the operation of Callaghan Innovation's licensing agreements and other contractual commitments involving IP. He also works with Callaghan Innovation's Accelerator Services Group developing and delivering programmes for innovative NZ businesses seeking to give

them the knowledge, capability and confidence to leverage their intellectual assets for accelerated growth particularly in global markets.

Upon graduating in 1976 Neville spent many years in a range of manufacturing and new product development roles involving fast moving consumer goods through to componentry for the car assembly and building industries. During this period he also spent a year as Analytical Chemist with the Industrial Processing Division of the DSIR. From 1986 to 2003 he was employed by multinational company Unilever in a variety of management roles principally involving new product, packaging and manufacturing process development and industrial engineering based both in New Zealand and overseas. During this time Neville interacted with many parts of the global Unilever business, especially in South East Asia. As Technical Manager he assumed responsibility for all technical support functions in New Zealand including R&D, Quality Assurance, Product Safety and Legal Compliance. In search of new challenges involving value creation from innovative science and technology and following independent legal studies, Neville joined Callaghan Innovation in late 2003 as Intellectual Property Manager.