



To Fulbright Alumni and Fulbright Hosts in the Washington Area

Especially those with interests in Public Policy, Intellectual Property, Conservation Biology, Generic Resources, and Indigenous People

You are invited to a special discussion on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore Followed by some networking

Friday afternoon, October 22, 2010

4:00 – 4:30 Registration; 4:30-5:30 Committee Meeting; 5:30-6:30+ Networking

Marriott Wardman Park Hotel – Woodley Park Metro Stop

Washington Room 1, Exhibition Level

Please invite other members of the Fulbright Community to this event.

There is a \$7.50 registration fee to help cover some of the overhead costs.

For more information, please contact Eric Howard at 207-799-3098

This FAST event is held in conjunction with the **American Intellectual Property Lawyers Association (AIPLA)** Annual Conference. The event is hosted by Thomas Moga, Chairman of the AIPLA Special Committee on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore. This committee explores legal and policy issues relating to these economic and cultural assets of indigenous and local communities and their countries.

The invitation is to have you attend/participate in a meeting of the AIPLA Special Committee on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore and then stay for a 60-90 minute reception and networking event with other Fulbrighters interested in these topics.

The AIPLA Special Committee has several tasks.

1. It presents educational sessions on genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore at AIPLA meetings.
2. It advises the AIPLA on the fundamental issues involved in the topic and the impact of these issues both domestically and internationally.
3. It informally reviews relevant legislation, regulations and treaties around the world, and may prepare position papers and comments on these developments.
4. It encourages US and foreign lawyers and other interested parties who have an understanding of these issues or who are interested in developing such an understanding to actively participate in Committee activities.

The FAST – AIPLA event on October 22nd is focused on tasks #1 and #4. As a result of their attendance, Fulbrighters may get involved in any of the four AIPLA Committee tasks in the future.

The event helps achieve FAST's mission of improving the state of the world by leveraging the unique knowledge, skills and connections of Fulbright alumni, and so we look forward to your involvement. If you are not yet a dues-paying member of the Fulbright Academy, please consider making a contribution when you register for this unique event.

Some International Context for This Meeting:

The [World Intellectual Property Organization](#) (WIPO) has an Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, and the issue is also part of discussions under [the World Trade Organization](#). WIPO's work addresses the role that intellectual property (IP) principles and systems can play in protecting traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions from misappropriation, and in generating and equitably sharing benefits from their commercialization and the role of IP in access to and benefit-sharing in genetic resources.

For more information, please visit this [Wikipedia Entry](#) or [read material](#) from a US Department of State Publication: *Focus on Intellectual Property Rights*.

The Next FAST Event in DC:

The subsequent FAST event in Washington is our Board of Directors Fall Retreat, on the weekend of November 6-7, with a luncheon for distinguished alumni on November 8.

Details with links for registering for all FAST programs:

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