Increasing Consumers Voice in Intellectual Property Policy A Consumers International World Congress - Side Event

Presented by:

Consumers International, Choice, Consumers Union, Consumentenbond, Trans Atlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD)

9:00am - 5:00pm, October 29, 2007 Vibe Hotel, North Sydney

8.30	Registration and coffee	
9.00	IP challenges to consumers Keynote Presentation	How does intellectual property impact on consumers' lives? Michelle Childs - Knowledge Ecology International
9.30	Campaigning for consumers Panel Presentations	The copyright economy, innovation and digital rights management - campaigning for results in Netherlands and Europe
		Alwin Sixma - Consumentenbond (The Netherlands)
		IP and Pharmaceuticals in Thailand
		Jiraporn Limpananont - Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chulalongkorn University
		A public-goods oriented survey of international IP regimes - a counterweight to the U.S. 301 list
		Chris Murray - Consumers Union, (USA) IP Watchlist
		Experiences of past campaigns in light of Free Trade Agreement obligations and the creation of a Digital Consumer Rights Charter
		Catherine Raffaele - CHOICE (Australia)
		DRM and the pricing and accessibility of academic journals and books
		Indrani Thuraisingham Consumers International - Kuala Lumpar Office
11.00	Morning Tea	
11.20	Defining the problem - What are the issues? Workshop Copyright Law Review Experiences Presentations	Interactive discussion: challenges for consumer organisations Facilitator: Gordon Renouf - CHOICE
12.15		The Malaysian and Indonesian copyright law reviews and access to knowledge
		Indah Suksmaningsih - YLKI (Indonesia)
		Indrani Thuraisingham Consumers International - Kuala Lumpar Office
12.45	Lunch	
14.00	Campaigning in the consumer interest on IP issues <i>Presentations</i>	How to develop strategies that can act as a counterbalance to the harmonization of IP regimes and blacklisting of non-compliers
		Luis Villaroel Villalon - Ministry of Education, Chile
		Chris Murray - Consumers Union
	Workshop	Interactive discussion: campaigning options
		Facilitator: Alwin Sixma - Consumentenbond
15.15	Afternoon Tea	
15.45	Next steps: working together to advance the consumer interest <i>Workshop</i>	Interactive discussion: Stock-taking of concerns, ideas and interested parties to work on the topics discussed
		Facilitator: Chris Murray - Consumers Union
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General attendance: \$65 Students/Academics/Employees of NGOs: \$25 Consumers International World Congress Delegates: Free Registration fee includes Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea

Registration in advance is required: please contact Lizzie Ball (CHOICE) at lball@choice.com.au or