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Postgraduate Research Grants In the Field of Pharmaceutical Intellectual Property Rights A Joint Collaboration between the Stockholm Network, the Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, and the European Intellectual Property Institutes Network (EIPIN)

The Stockholm Network, together with the Masters Intellectual Property Law and Knowledge Management (LLM/MSc), Maastricht University and the members of the EIPIN – which includes Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute (QMIPRI), University of London; *Centre d'Etudes Internationales de la Propriété Industrielle* (CEIPI), Robert Schuman University of Strasbourg; Magister Lvcentinvs, University of Alicante; Master of Advanced Studies in Intellectual Property, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH); Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (MIPLC) LL.M. Program – are delighted to announce the inauguration of a postgraduate research grants programme for students in the field of pharmaceutical Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). We are now accepting applications for these awards.

For the coming academic year, 2008-2009, there will be six grants awarded. The awards are only open to postgraduate students attending EIPIN institutions.

The purpose of these grants is to, firstly, provide outstanding postgraduate students a platform to showcase their research, secondly, to award a prize sum of \$US 9,000 per winner, and finally, to encourage further academic research in IPRs.

Applications should take the form of a research paper with an upper word limit of 5,000 and a personal statement no longer than 750 words. The personal statement is an opportunity for candidates to outline their past achievements and plans for future research and will be of particular importance to those just beginning their research. **The personal statement is a vital part of the grant application and candidates should treat it as such.** Further selection criteria are as follows:

- research papers must seek to address the issue of IPRs within a pharmaceutical context;
- the papers should seek to provide a constructive and practical discussion on what often seems an acrimonious debate on the relationship between IPRs and pharmaceuticals;
- the papers should look at policy solutions based on the existing IP system;
- papers should be as evidenced-based as possible; and
- papers should be no longer than 5,000 words and can form either part of a wider project, such as a doctorate or Master's thesis, or be free-standing pieces of work.

The judging panel will consist of Dr Meir Pugatch, Stockholm Network, Professor Michael Blakeney, QMIPRI, Professor Anselm Kamperman Sanders, Maastricht University, Mr Wolrad Prinz zu Waldeck und Pymont, MIPLC, and Mr Mariano Riccheri of the Magister Lvcentinvs, University of Alicante. The deadline for submission of applications is September 1st 2008.

The Stockholm Network is the leading pan-European think tank and market-oriented network, with over 130 affiliated think tanks in 40 European countries. Established in 1997 after a planning meeting in Stockholm, the Network's offices in London have been open full-time since 2004 and host 7 full-time staff and a number of part-time fellows. The Stockholm Network appears regularly in European newspapers and magazines such as the Financial Times and European Voice, where we contribute op-eds and letters to the editor. The Stockholm Network Intellectual Property and Competition Programme was established in January 2005. It aims to achieve four key objectives: to make the field of intellectual property more mainstream and accessible to the general public, to increase the

interaction between specialists focusing on different aspects of intellectual property rights, to encourage discussion, as well as debates, on different burning IP issues.

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Further information is also available on the Stockholm Network's, EIPIN's, and the University of Maastricht's respective websites:

<http://www.stockholm-network.org/Conferences-and-Programmes/Intellectual-Property/grantsprogramme>

<http://www.eipin.org/>

<http://www.unimaas.nl/default.asp?template=werkveld.htm&id=INB4B06S62POU2LQBMLI&taal=en>