

BEGINNERS' AWARENESS WORKSHOP ON PATENT OPPOSITIONS IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL FIELD

Organised by
Third World Network & IUCIPRS, CUSAT

DURATION

3 DAYS (13TH-15TH DECEMBER 2021)

TIMING

12.30 PM – 3 PM (IST)

3 PM - 5.30 PM (MANILA, PHILIPPINES)

2 PM - 4.30 PM (JAKARTA, INDONESIA),

3 PM - 5.30 PM (KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA)

PLATFORM: ZOOM (VIRTUAL)

MEDIUM: ENGLISH

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE :

The workshop is open to health activists, Post graduate students of chemistry, biochemistry, pharmacy, early career researchers and faculty members from said disciplines etc.

OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this workshop is to create awareness and understanding of how the opposition system can help in reducing patent monopoly and ensure access to medicines.

BROAD TOPICS COVERED IN THE COURSE:

- IP, Patents and Access to Medicines
- Parts of a Patent Document
- Patentability Criteria
- Patent Opposition Systems
- Experience from Patient groups on Filing Oppositions: Challenges

REGISTRATION OPEN

APPLY NOW: <https://forms.gle/zVqsduNDRs1QZiS9>

LAST DATE TO APPLY: 5th December 2021

The Workshop is open to candidates based in India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines only.



SELECTION PROCESS:

Interested participants are requested to send in the completed application (google form) on or before **5th December 2021**. Participants will be selected on the basis of their application and relevant work experience and will be informed of their selection by email only.

BACKGROUND:

Patents allow the patent holder to charge exorbitant prices for patented products. In the pharmaceutical field, multi-national companies seek multiple patents on existing life-saving drugs, prolong their monopoly and set high prices for them. This hinders access to medicines. Patent Oppositions in the pharmaceutical field is important flexibility and an effective tool to ensure access to life-saving and affordable medicines. The opposition system helps to weed out frivolous patent applications and maintain the quality of the patents that are granted by the Patent Office.

In the past, patient groups, CSOs and networks have successfully challenged frivolous and non-genuine patent applications relating to HIV and Cancer. Patent oppositions against life-saving drugs have helped to reduce costs and have ensured access to affordable medicines in the developing world.

The workshop aims to give an idea of the patent system and its impact on accessing medicines for HIV, TB, Hep C and COVID-19, patentability criteria and how oppositions play a role in disallowing patents to frivolous and marginal improvements to existing drugs. This workshop is a precursor to a detailed workshop on patent oppositions in the pharmaceutical field in 2022.

It is in this background, **Third World Network (TWN) and Inter-University Centre for IPR Studies (IUCIPRS), CUSAT** are jointly organising a **"Beginners' Awareness Workshop on Patent Oppositions in the Pharmaceutical Field"**.

Participants would be exposed to the relevant developments at the national and international level with regard to patents, access to medicines, oppositions in the pharmaceutical field. Further, during the workshop participants are expected to do book /article reviews, participate in group work and discussions.

For further information and queries contact us: campaign4access2medicinesindia@gmail.com

