

Theme of the confluence – The Paradigm in creativity – Role of IPR

Philosophy of the 2nd Confluence

Building upward from the foundation created in the initial confluence theme of “Is India an IP savvy nation?” the 2nd IPR Researchers Confluence is now scheduled for **February 11- 12, 2011**. From the broad policy level thinking, each further confluence will attempt to focus on the paradigms affecting the rationale and role of IPR.

The initial confluence held in 2010 raised a critical point of - as researchers in IPR, can we – academicians, legalists, practitioners, policy makers and research students explore the need for interdisciplinary research, say legal and management or policy and technology? Can we, as researchers, design a policy that is flexible to suit the development needs of India and is robust enough to become a global benchmark?

In this 2nd confluence, the focus is on one which is closest to our heart! Creativity as envisaged by the traditional approach and the impact of modernity. **What is the new rationale of IPR in the digital context? Do we need to untangle and remix the technology – law – business trilateral? How to take forward this cohesively to design an IPR system that minimises the constraints of the stakeholders?** Furthering research in IPR needs inputs from those researchers, academicians and practitioners who are keenly interested in contributing to this cause. It is also expected that participants would be able to **develop a deeper collaborative relationship which would be critical to achieve the goals and milestones in IPR research and education.**

Confluence Modules

The confluence has three major modules – invited speakers, research colloquium and panel discussions. The emphasis of the invited speakers’ series and panel discussion will be on the confluence theme – **IPR and Creativity in the Digital Context**. The research colloquium covering doctoral students, law students, and technical students are open to the entire spectrum of IPR and are not limited to digital context. In this way, the confluence attempts to provide a platform for the budding researchers to share, mix and relearn, reflecting the fundamentals of the digital domain [confluence theme] or as an extension of learning from the age old methodology?

Participants will be segmented into groups led by experts. Details of the group members will be informed before the beginning of the Confluence, with a view of enabling interaction earlier and setting of an informal base. In conclusion, the group breakout sessions collate, synthesise and present the views captured over the two days of confluence - potential approaches towards the paradigm we face. **This segment of the confluence is a unique interdisciplinary approach towards identification of potential research areas and evolving with new approaches and solutions.**

What happens in the Researcher’s colloquium?

The Researcher’s Colloquium is a **platform wherein contemporary research in the area of IPR** will be showcased. Researchers present their original work and a panel of experts advises them on various issues like research question, methodology, data, analysis and results. Presentation Groups will be created based on the subject of the research and senior faculty, experienced in the relevant areas would evaluate the research presented. **The objective of this colloquium is two-fold. First, the researcher will benefit from the advice given by Senior Faculty and peer group. Second, one’s research horizon broadens on interaction with their peer group.**