

# About IPAN

- The Intellectual Property Network was formed in 1993 aiming to bring together the separate IP awareness activities and concerns of a wide range of professional, educational and business organisations. There are currently about fifty member organisations (see below) and the UK Intellectual Property Office has observer status. Representatives include officers from the member organisations as well as IP specialists.
- IPAN operates on a largely informal basis with limited structure apart from a Chairman - [Paul Leonard](#) (Director of the Intellectual Property Institute), Secretary - [Mick Ralph](#) (Secretary of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys) and a Webmaster - [Steve Smith](#) (Board member of the Intellectual Property Institute).
- Members pay an annual fee (currently £25) to cover operating expenses. The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) and the Intellectual Property Institute (IPI) provide active assistance including some help with administration. The Network meets as a group 3-4 times a year dividing its discussions under the main themes of general IP education, IP for parliamentarians and IP awareness in finance and business.
- IPAN's activities include:
  - exchanging information and discussing views between members on topical IP issues with the aim of improving overall understanding
  - producing basic "one-page" briefs on current IP issues (in the past these have been used to brief parliamentarians)
  - reviewing external IP awareness materials
  - taking part in specific IP awareness events such as informal IP briefing sessions with groups of parliamentarians and also with business analysts
  - maintaining a public IP awareness website at [www.ipaware.net](http://www.ipaware.net)
- IPAN is not a lobbying organisation for any particular view on an IP issue but seeks to provide balanced, evidence based statements to improve general understanding of important IP issues. These statements are not binding on individual members of the Network.

# ***IPAN members***

The IP Awareness Network currently includes some 50 member organisations which have an interest or involvement in some way with intellectual property, such as patents, trade marks and/or copyright, and are interested in improving awareness and understanding of IP.

*Alliance Against IP Theft - **new member***

*Anti-Copying in Design (ACID)*

*Anti-Counterfeiting Group (ACG)*

*Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI)*

*Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)*

*Association for University Research and Industry Links (AURIL)*

*Aston Business School*

*Barclays Bank plc*

*Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC: representing the Research Councils)*

*Bournemouth University: Centre for Intellectual Property & Management*

*British Brands Group*

*British Copyright Council*

*British Literary & Artistic Copyright Association (BLACA)*

*British Society of Plant Breeders - **new member***

*Confederation of British Industry (CBI)*

*Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA)*

*Chartered Society of Designers (CSD)*

*Design Council*

*Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)*

*Faculty and Institute of Actuaries*

*Federation Against Copyright Theft (FACT)*

*Federation Against Software Theft (FAST)*

*Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)*

*Ideas 21*

*Inngot Limited - new member*

*Innovate Design*

*Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales*

*Institute of Knowledge Transfer*

*Institution of Engineering and Technology (formerly the Institution of Electrical Engineers)*

*Institute of International Licensing Practitioners*

*Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (ITMA)*

*Intellectual Property Federation (formerly the TMPDF)*

*Intellectual Property Institute (IPI)*

*[Intellectual Property Office](#) (formerly the UK Patent Office) - has observer status in IPAN*

*Intellectual Property Office - Guernsey - new member*

*International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) - UK*

*International Federation of Private Practice Patent Attorneys - UK section (FICPI-UK)*

*Licensing Executives Society*

*National Consumer Federation*

*Own-it*

*Photonics (UK Government supported Knowledge Transfer Network)*

*Publishers Association*

*Publishers Licensing Society (PLS)*

*Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute*

*Royal Society*

*Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)*

*Society of Legal Scholars*

*Society of Share and Business Valuers (SSBV)*

*Trevor Baylis Brands plc*

*UK Music (formerly British Music Rights)*

*Universities UK*