



## Young AIPPI Members (Virtual) Summit 2022

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As AIPPI marks its 125th year celebrations in the year 2022, we are excited to announce the 1st Young AIPPI Members Summit, a virtual gathering of our Young AIPPI Members across the globe, which is scheduled to take place over a half day event on Thursday, 23 June.



The recent World IP Day 2022 also celebrated young people and how their contributions are driving and making a positive change for the future – we echo this thought as our young members at AIPPI are and will be the current and future drivers of AIPPI in its next 125 years of growth and change.

### **Why a Virtual Summit?**

Whilst Young AIPPI Members would be familiar with the Young AIPPI Forum at the AIPPI Congress, we acknowledged the need to have more engagement opportunities for young members as not all can travel to attend the Congress in-person. The idea for the virtual summit was thus borne, which presents a wonderful opportunity for all Young Members to attend from the comforts of their home/office environment. The Internet and technology have provided a limitless ability to create and foster connections like never before, and it is only apt that we grasp the opportunity to grow and nurture our Young AIPPI Member community.

### **What's the Program?**

We are thrilled that many Young AIPPI Members have volunteered to be speakers at the Summit, as it is the hope that the event will be not only for the Young AIPPI Members, but also by the Young AIPPI Members. The program attempts to provide something for all tastebuds – the learning sessions range from licensing, litigation, FTAs, copyright, and medical use patents all the way to AI, NFTs and the worldwide metaverse. There will also be a skills development session, with experienced speakers providing insight on leadership in the digital age. We hope that the professional and personal skills development sessions, interspersed with opportunities for discussion and networking, will be an enriching experience for new and also seasoned IP practitioners.

### **Why Attend the Summit?**

Apart from the fantastic learning and development program featuring fellow Young AIPPI Members, the Summit represents a platform for Young Members to connect with each other, and to share and grow together as a community – we are all a work in progress, and we continue to be shaped and molded by the people around us and the lifelong journey of

learning. It never hurts to have a friend (or many) with us on the journey, and to support each other along the way.

We look forward to welcoming all Young AIPPI Members to this first ever virtual Summit, and do look out for the registration information! As always, we welcome all feedback and comments! Feel free to reach out to us at [yac@aippi.org](mailto:yac@aippi.org).

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