



Members Up-date

March 2023

Federation of International Hemp Organizations

Foreword

With March, spring is coming up, a good moment to move and flourish! A good time for FIHO to expend and reach out to new members. A dedicated strategy will be developed in the next weeks. It is our responsibility to reach out to new prospects so that our organization becomes even more representative of Global Hemp.

This internal news-letter is meant as a tool to exchange and show case the activities of the Federation as well as the activities of the members.

We invite you to communicate to the secretariat any information that you wish to communicate and to share this newsletter with your contacts and staff.

Cheers,

Ted & Frederic

Past activities

HEMP PATENT WEBINAR

“The World of Hemp through Patent Eyes”.

AIHA, the Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance organized a webinar about HEMP Patent, presenting a tool developed by

Dr Simon Dewulf. It showed the incredible development of Hemp research across the world in all different sectors. The tool is presented as a portal, presenting where patents are registered and which company or individual registered the Patent. The US and China are the two countries where the highest number of patents have been registered while Canada and Germany are also moving fast.

Simon Dewulf has shared the dashboard on the Patent Inspiration website that he used during the recording, showing the amazing range of hemp patents, and how to create value from them.

<https://app.patentinspiration.com/#/report/878518369000/analyze>

Simon is also offering members of FIHO the ability to start a free 7-day trial using the Patent Inspiration tool by clicking here:

<https://app.patentinspiration.com/trial>

Another (free) tool for production inspiration is available <https://productioninspiration.com>

If you want more information, feel free to contact Charles Kovess at AIHA or directly Dr Simon Dewulf here: Simon Dewulf, PhD – AULIVE s@aulive.com / www.aulive.com.

For those who haven't had the possibility to follow the webinar, a recording of the webinar is also available, with the passcode:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Je7Ji5JCZ_mA6tsM52qSeT34hzrxAmD3bkl4oDrGtGiTtVbwhjDmwxQQ6DpS1G4q.DMaZGxafNniOzOWm

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Feed-back from the board of directors

The board of directors met on February 21. Rohit Sharma (IIHA) presented the proposal to establish a Trade Commission Committee. The committee would focus on international terms of trade, including tariffs, non-tariff barriers, HS/HST codes, quantities, and values. Additional information is required on customs requirements and licence on hemp products. Directors are invited to send any information they have to Rohit (rohit@iihaindia.org). A proposal will be presented to the next Board meeting.

Membership Expansion Strategy : It was agreed that FIHO must embark on a membership expansion strategy. The Finance and Audit Committee will overview the strategy as it has implications on the financial stability of the organization. Nevertheless, it is important that all Directors promote FIHO and seek for new membership.

The Sustainability committee requested all Directors to nominate members to the committee. It will be important that the committee has balanced representation of all members and global regions in order to advance the proposed work plan. Directors were reminded that it is the responsibility of Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs to recruit and validate participants of their committees. The Board will subsequently approve all participants. Another organization has experienced enlarged participation in committees from members and prospective members. Inviting prospective members to join a committee may encourage them to become FIHO members. There is also the risk that organizations participating in the work of committees may perceive significant benefit without contributing membership fees. The list of committee members has been updated on the shared drive. Directors are invited to check the list of committee members and send their proposed names for committees to the secretariat.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1CgVVHZcLmwXKAu8mqhh50U0Mfhi_D02qPMTmHbcx4jl/edit#gid=1841784349

The Board reviewed a draft of the Hemp Nomenclature Position Paper. All Directors were requested to add their own comments to the draft paper and submit the material to the Secretary General. The Executive Committee will review the document and the amendments proposed and the board will approve the text at the next meeting.

read the complete draft minutes of the board meeting here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QMUI1pFhAG9sfEJ7LLCqdxzmjwsuqCRyGYpDSF78mQ/edit>

Note that the Executive Committee will meet monthly, one week before each meeting to finalize the Board agenda and to review strategic issues to be considered by the Board.

Upcoming events and activities

➤ **NOCO : 29 to 31 March** – Colorado Spring <https://www.nocohempexpo.com/>

Several Directors will be present (Patrick Atagi, Lorenza Romanese, Hunter Buffington, Joe Hickey), the Board Chair will be the official representative of FIHO invited by NOCO. The Secretary General will work with the NoCo organizer (Morris Beegle) to confirm where FIHO representatives will participate in the program. A FIHO membership flyer has been prepared to be disseminated. CHTA will print and deliver the flyer to the event. FIHO Directors present will be invited to present FIHO in their respective sessions with a dedicated slide prepared by the Secretary General.

➤ **ASTM Workshop on the Analytical Methods for Hemp Products as Animal Feed - April 24th and 25th Online**

How to Overcome Gaps in Matrices, Detectors and Quantifiable Limits for Regulators and Laboratories on.

The first day will be focused on exploring what methods have been validated to quantify cannabinoids for which matrices and detector, where we still have gaps in matrices and limits of detection for products with very low levels of cannabinoids. The second day will focus on cannabinoid residues in animal tissue, by-products and excretions. These will help virtually for a half day 8am-12pm EST. This event will also result in a technical journal publication from ASTM and “poster” type presentations are also an option.

Here is a link to the linked In post for digital access convenience:

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7024013005877084160>

Members are invited to share the Call for Abstracts in their networks, newsletters and social media outlets. For any questions contact Hunter Buffington (Hunter@agpolicysolutions.co)

➤ **Board meetings :**

Directors are invited to take note of the dates of the board meetings for this year:

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| i. March 21, 2023 | vi. June 2023 – TBC (New Director Orientation) |
| ii. April 18, 2023 | vii. viii. July 17, 2023 |
| iii. May 16, 2023 | viii. ix. September 19, 2023 |
| iv. June 9, 2023 (AGM) | ix. x. October 17, 2023 |
| v. June 16, 2023 (Board Organizational Meeting) | x. xi. November 21, 2023 |
| | xi. xii. December 19, 2023 |

➤ **EIHA Annual Conference :** Members attending the FIHO AGM are invited to join the EIHA annual conference if they wish to - 7-9 June 2023 – Brussels <https://eiha.org/>

➤ **FIHO AGM : 9 June 2023 – Brussels (Hybrid)**

Reminder:

- Members who have not done so yet are invited to respond to the Committees participation's survey to propose voluntary participants to the committees as members or as experts : https://docs.google.com/document/d/14bW9BSItFQjFUKczZ7cQ6kyc62gihz6f31fSDI_6lzl/edit
- Members who have not yet covered their 2022 fees are also invited to do so at the soonest.
- Directors who haven't done so yet are invited to send their declarations of about Conflict of interest and code of conduct to the secretariat: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RmK9dgNIBSi_-m0d3OUmAECROpGK1CCK