



INTERPAT is a non-profit association of research-based pharmaceutical companies which promotes effective intellectual property (IP) protection. Its representatives are the senior executives of its member companies who are responsible for IP and related IP matters.

Introduction to INTERPAT

INTERPAT was originally set up in the 1960s to provide advice on Intellectual Property matters from senior IP professionals to the management of its member companies. It later gained momentum as a biopharmaceutical industry organisation in its own right.

INTERPAT is unique amongst biopharmaceutical industry associations in that its Representatives are the senior IP or Patent counsel from its IP or Patents departments. These Representatives have extensive experience as both practising attorneys and senior managers. INTERPAT requests that the Principal Representative of a member company should be the Senior Patent or Senior IP counsel. If a company exercises its option to appoint a second (Associate) Representative, then that person should also be a senior department member.

Although delegation of attendance at INTERPAT meetings is permitted on request, INTERPAT strongly encourages that Representatives attend in person to ensure senior level presence with authority to speak and make decisions directly on behalf of its member companies.

Mission Statement

The INTERPAT mission is to provide an international forum to achieve consensus on important IP issues, and to undertake supporting actions by appropriate means including advocacy and educational events.



Aims and Objectives

INTERPAT provides a forum for its Representatives to monitor and influence developments in Intellectual Property of significance to the Biopharmaceutical industry.

Although all aspects of IP are of interest, the emphasis within INTERPAT is on patents, patent laws, and related matters such as patent linkage and regulatory data protection, all of which are critical to incentivising and sustaining research and development in the invention of new medicines and vaccines.

INTERPAT Representatives monitor the latest developments in Intellectual Property matters and laws from around the globe. Where new laws and regulations are published for public consultation, INTERPAT reviews the published drafts and provides comments and suggestions, where appropriate.

INTERPAT supports and organises international conferences and educational seminars.

INTERPAT works closely with other industry associations, such as The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA), The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), The European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) and the Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (JPMA).