LAW CENTER REPORT

We are initiating this column in IDEA in response to the requests of readers for continuing information on Law Center programs, including more particularly those bearing upon the interfaces of technology, commerce and law, of which the industrial and intellectual property field is, of course, a vital part.

Our initial working arrangements with the University of Strasbourg Law School[1] (Universite' des Science Juridiques, Centre D'Études Internationales De La Propriété Industrielle—CEIPI) were completed this summer through the kind efforts of our French adjunct faculty member, M. Jacques Kessler, who served as my strong ally in establishing our first student exchanges in international study that commence this October. We look forward to many years of fruitful interchange under the guidance of CEIPI's able directors, Professor J. J. Burst and F. Savignon.

Research cooperation with the Max Planck Institute[2] for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law, was also agreed upon in July at a session at the Institute in Munich, attended by myself, our Law Center Secretary (and Executive Vice President of the Academy of Applied Science) Howard S. Curtis, M. Kessler and Institute Director Dr. Friedrich-Karl Beir and his staff. We presently plan to send our first Max Planck fellow to Munich early next year, not only to engage in research under Institute programs, but to aid in editing their English-language journal IIC and to act as a liaison with our journal IDEA. A reciprocal program at the Law Center-PTC is being planned.

Thus, we have the opportunity to enrich Law Center programs, while bringing greater understanding, education and cooperation to bear in the relationships between its European Economic Community and the United States in the fields of technology and the law.

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[1] IDEA, Vol. 17, No. 2, p. 2.
[2] IDEA, Vol. 18, No. 1, p. 2.