MASTERS' CONFERENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

"IP AND ACCESS"
16-17 MARCH 2024

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ABOUT RGSOIPL

The Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law at IIT Kharagpur, established in 2006 as the pioneering institution of its kind within the IIT system, has been a trailblazer in integrating technology and law. While other institutions have also ventured into this domain, RGSOIPL proudly stands as the sole law school with an unwavering focus on technology.

Our primary goal is to cultivate lawyers who possess legal expertise and a profound interdisciplinary understanding, particularly in the intersection of technology and law. We are committed to fostering holistic growth, with research at the heart of our educational mission.

In the NIRF Rankings 2022, conducted by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, RGSOIPL achieved an impressive "First" position in the esteemed "Research Category." This remarkable accomplishment reflects the dedication and talent nurtured within our institution. The remarkable achievements of our students and alumni in a relatively short span are a testament to the exceptional pool of skills and abilities that RGSOIPL has fostered. As a premier law school of the nation, we continue to set the standard for excellence in technology-focused legal education and research.

ABOUT MCIP 4.0: IP AND ACCESS

The Master's Conference on Intellectual Property (MCIP) is centered on Intellectual Property and the related areas. It's focus is on postgraduates and research scholars to showcase their expertise and contributions.

Building upon the success of MCIP 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0, both nationally and internationally, we are pleased to introduce **MCIP 4.0 in 2024**, themed **"IP AND ACCESS."** This edition draws inspiration from the current complexities in the intellectual property sector, marked by growing monopolies and reduced accessibility. MCIP 4.0 also highlights the remarkable achievements of marginalized communities and women inventors, creators, and entrepreneurs worldwide. Our objective is to offer a platform for aspiring professionals from various domains, including law, engineering, science, philosophy, and any field related to the theme.

What sets MCIP 4.0 apart

- MCIP is a conference tailored to master's level students focusing on Intellectual Property and related areas.
- The conference offers invaluable insights into the practical aspects of the expansive field of Intellectual Property.
- Participants have the opportunity to network with industry practitioners and esteemed academicians.
- MCIP is open to postgraduate students, academicians, and practitioners, welcoming national and international participants.
- The conference provides a unique exposure to the expertise of IIT Kharagpur in the realms of Intellectual Property, Science, Humanities, and their interconnected fields.

MCIP 4.0 – EVENTS

- Paper Presentation
- Minority Opinion (IP Judgments)
- Policy Making
- Expert Sessions

ABOUT THE EVENT

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Conference is open to all PG Students, Research Scholars, Industry, and Faculty. All PG Students refer to those from Master's in Law, Masters in Science, Humanities, and other interrelated disciplines. The Conference is also open to all International Post Graduate Law, Science, and Humanities students and students from other interrelated disciplines.

IMPORTANT DATES

The dates for various events in the Conference, Date of registration, and Results Declaration are as specified below.

Paper Presentation

1. Last Date of Registration: February 19, 2024
2. Last date for Submission of Abstract: January 27, 2024
3. Confirmation of selected Abstract: January 30, 2024
4. Last date for Submission of Full Paper: February 29, 2024
5. Date of Event: March 16, 2024

Minority Opinion (IP JUDGEMENTS)

1. Last Date of Registration: February 19, 2024
2. Release of Judgment: January 27, 2024
3. Submission of Summary of Arguments: February 29, 2024
4. Date of the Event: March 17, 2024 (Forenoon)

Policy Making

1. Last Date of Registration: February 19, 2024
2. Policy Theme announcement: January 27, 2024
3. Submission of Policy: February 29, 2024
4. Date of Event: March 17, 2024 (Forenoon)

Result Declaration

The results for all events will be declared on March 17, 2024.

Last Date for Registration

> ➤ **The Registration form for all events in the Conference will be Released on January 27, 2024.**
> ➤ **The Last Date for registration for all events in the Conference is February 19, 2024.**

REGISTRATION FEES

A separate fee is to be paid to participate in each of the events in the Conference - Paper Presentation, Minority Opinion in IP Judgments, and Policy Making.

- STUDENTS ONLY ATTENDING THE MCIP: 700 INR
- STUDENT and RESEARCH SCHOLAR PARTICIPANT FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENT: 1000 INR
- FACULTY: 1500 INR
- INDUSTRY: 2000 INR
- EACH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANT: $36.03 / 3000 INR

The Registration Fee, once paid, is NON-REFUNDABLE and is NOT INCLUSIVE of accommodation.

Note

- Upon registration, a participant can participate in MORE THAN ONE event (Paper Presentation, Minority Opinion in IP Judgment, and Policy Making) in the Conference, PROVIDED THEY HAVE REGISTERED FOR EVERY EVENT SEPARATELY.

- Upon registration, a participant shall be eligible for a free E-copy of the conference proceedings.

VALEDICTORY SESSION

All participants in the Conference shall receive a Certificate of Participation on March 17, 2024, during the valedictory ceremony.

Paper Presentation -16th & 17th March, 2024

- The top three papers will be given a certificate of merit.
- The top three presenters will be given a certificate of merit.
- The Certificate of Participation will be given to all the participants.
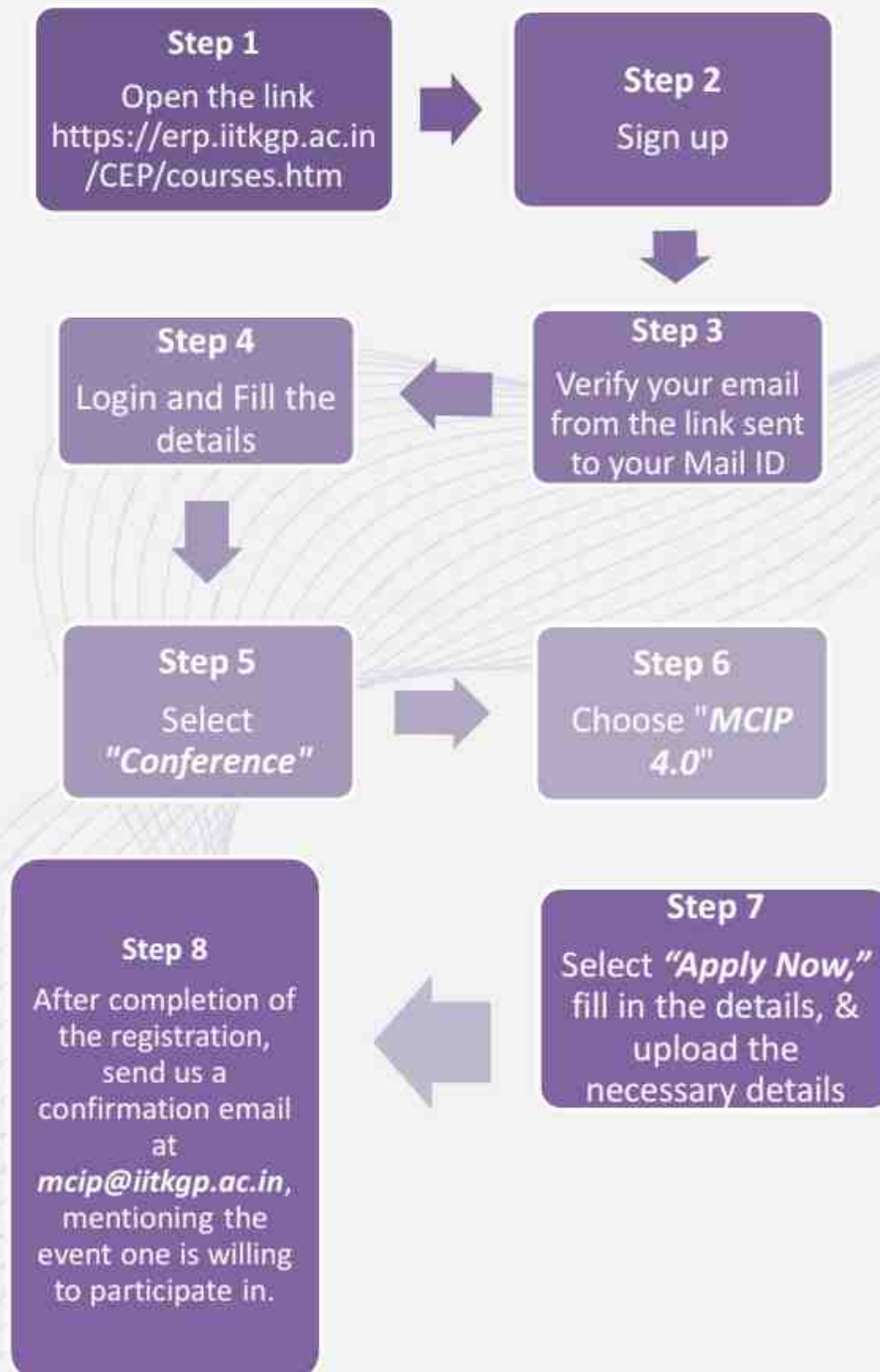
Minority Opinion (IP Judgements)- 17th March, 2024

- The top three Minority Opinions will be given a certificate of merit.
- The Certificate of Participation will be given to all the participants.

Policy Making -17th March 2024

- Winners of the Policy Making event will be declared in the Valedictory function.
- The Certificate of Participation will be given to all the participants.

Valedictory Event- 17th March, 2024

HOW TO REGISTER?

Step 1

Open the link https://erp.iitkgp.ac.in /CEP/courses.htm

Step 2

Sign up

Step 3

Verify your email from the link sent to your Mail ID

Step 4

Login and Fill the details

Step 5

Select *"Conference"*

Step 6

Choose "*MCIP 4.0*"

Step 7

Select *"Apply Now,"* fill in the details, & upload the necessary details

Step 8

After completion of the registration, send us a confirmation email at *mcip@iitkgp.ac.in*, mentioning the event one is willing to participate in.

PAPER PRESENTATION

The event strives to promote and foster a culture of momentous academic research. The aim is to give a platform to all aspiring lawyers, engineers, scientists, philosophers, andevery other domain with which the theme has a direct or indirect connection to explore the newly emerging era of ideas, innovation, and intellectual property.

THEME FOR PAPER PRESENTATION

"IP AND ACCESS"

MCIP 4.0 has a plethora of non-exhaustive sub-themes to offer. The author may make a suitable choice from the given sub-themes or any other topic tangent to the central theme.

- Digitization and Public Access
- Women and IP
- IP and Human rights
- Food Security and Access to Agricultural Resources
- Public Health and Access to Medicines
- IP and Sustainable Development
- IP and Cultural Heritage/Expression
- IP and National Interest
- IP and Standard Essential Patents (SEPs)
- Open access as an alternative for Intellectual Property.
- Compulsory Licensing as a tool for competition regulation
- IP and Social Development
- IP and social media
- IP and its importance for Industrial Development/Innovation
- IP and Covid-19 Pandemic
- IP and Metaverse
- IP and Sports
- IP Access and Diplomacy
- IP and Education
- IP and Disability Rights
- IP and Investment
- IP and Free trade agreement
- IP and Technology transfer

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

I. ABSTRACT

The submission for the abstract is to be made on *January 27, 2024.*

The submission shall be in a doc/docx file.

The maximum word limit for the abstract is 300 words, including five keywords.

The abstract should mention the following aspects of the paper:

- The Author details: Name, Institution, Designation (Year), Contact number, Email ID
- Problem Statement
- Objective
- Methodology
- A brief outline of the paper (tentative).

The font shall be Times New Roman, Font Size - 12, Line Spacing - 1.5, and in justified format.
The abstract shall be submitted to *mcip@iitkgp.ac.in.*

II. FULL PAPER

The submission of the full paper for selected abstracts is to be made on *February 29, 2024.*

The manuscript should be original and unpublished.

The maximum word limit for the full paper is 8000 words, includingfootnotes.

The paper should follow the following formatting guidelines:

- The submission shall be in a doc/docx file.
- The font shall be Times New Roman, Font Size - 12, Line Spacing - 1.5, and inJustified format.

All citations will be made using the Harvard referencing style (author-date).

- References should be provided only at the end of the paper.
- All authors must use any similarity index tool, such as Turnitin, and submit a report of the similarity report of the full paper.

MINORITY OPINION (IP JUDGMENTS)

In MCIP 4.0, we are coming up with "Minority Opinion" under the theme, "IP AND ACCESS." We have wisely chosen the theme, as it helpsin offering a plethora of non-exhaustive sub-themes.

The Judgments for the Minority Opinion (IP Judgments) will be disclosed along with the registration forms.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Participants will be given one judgment, which will be disclosed on *January 30, 2024.*

The submission for the Summary of Arguments is to be made on *February 29, 2024.*

The minimum word limit is 1500 words, including footnotes.

The Summary of Arguments should follow the below-mentioned formatting guidelines:

- ➢ The submission shall be in a doc/Docx file.

- ➢ The font shall be Times New Roman, 12 font size, 1.5 spacing, and justified.

- ➢ All citations will be made using the Harvard referencing style (author-date).

POLICY MAKING

The event provides a platform where the best minds can come forward and critically utilize this opportunity to curate and draft policies. The aim is to design policies that bring welfare to society by promoting and protecting every section. This way, the innovations will also reach the most marginalized sections of society.

The theme and structure of the policymaking will be disclosed on January 27, 2024.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The submission for the policymaking is to be made on *February 29, 2024*. Participants can form a team for this event. The team shall comprise a minimum of two and a maximum of three members.
- Each policy paper must target the agenda.
- The panel's decision will be based on the written and oral submissions of the participants.

Each team shall have a maximum of ten minutes to present their policy.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants will have to arrange their own accommodation however, the event organizers may assist on a case to case basis on request where the participants will bear the payment.
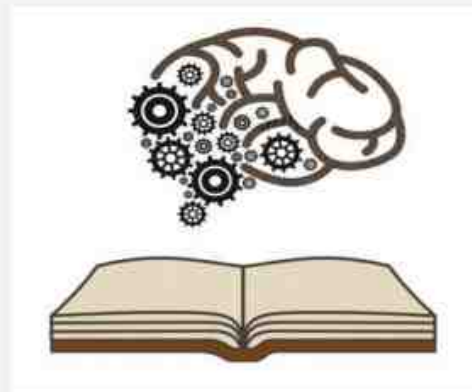
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