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About IFIA

Historical Background

Founded in 1968, IFIA is a worldwide non-governmental organization of inventors' associations aiming to connect, to support inventors internationally and to represent their common interests.

IFIA was established in London by the cooperation of seven European countries namely Denmark, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Sweden, Norway, and Switzerland.



Previous Presidents

Historical Background

Mr. Leif Gottfred Nordstrand

From 1977 to 1982



Dr. Friedrich BURMESTER

From 1974 to 1977



Mr. Harald A R Romanus

From 1971 to 1974



Mr. A. W. Richardson

From 1968 to 1971



Dr. Andrés VEDRES

From 2006 to 2014



Mr. Eduardo Roberto Fernández

From 2004 to 2006



Dr. Farag MOUSSA

From 1990 to 2004



Mr. Clarence P. Feldmann

From 1986 to 1990



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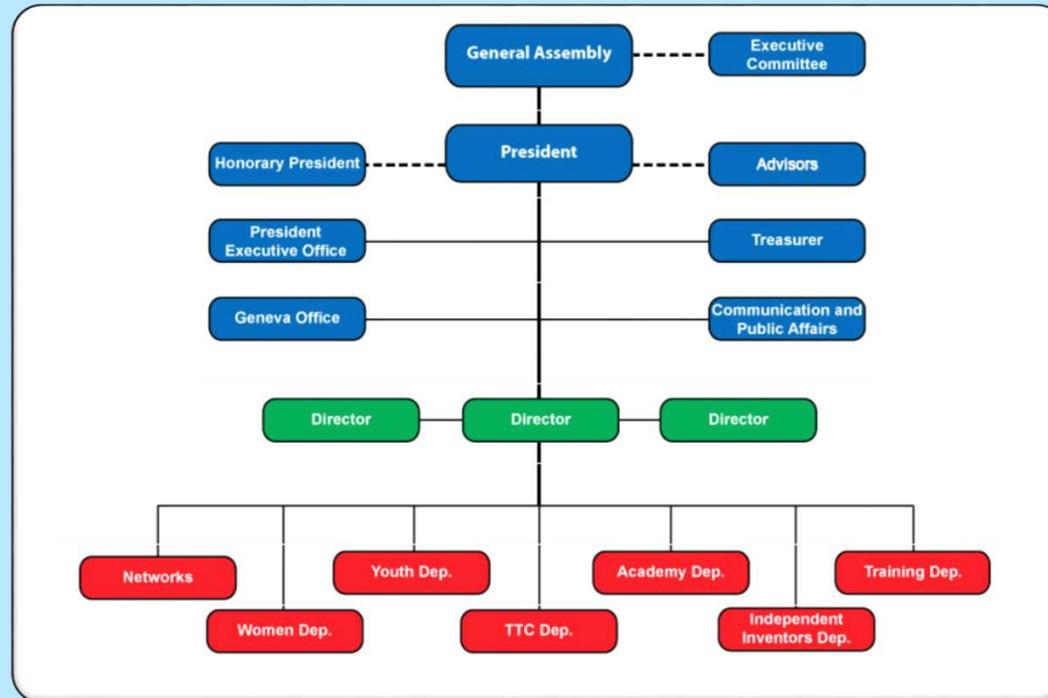
Leadership

IFIA is mainly led by General Assembly and Executive Committee who make well-considered decisions to admit or expel members, establish cooperation with other organizations, and determine the general policy and program strategy for the Federation to be executed by the President.

- General Assembly is the supreme governing body of the federation composed of the most active member state associations of federation.
- President is the Managing Director who is elected by the General Assembly for four years.
- Executive Committee is the policymaker entity and executive body which is elected by the General Assembly for two years.

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Structure



IFIA Members (more than 130 from 95 countries)

- **Full members** are national associations the aims and activities of which correspond broadly to those of IFIA and the statutes of IFIA .They have voting status.
- **Corresponding members** are individuals or associations involved or not with innovation as such. They do not have voting status.
- **Collaborating members** are foundations, research centers, science parks, universities, governmental agencies, international invention exhibitions which promote inventive activity. They do not have voting status.



IFIA New Presidency

Mr. Alireza Rastegar from Iran obtained the majority of votes and was elected as IFIA President for the following 4 years in General Assembly meeting .This meeting was held in November 20, 2014 with the presence of 30 countries in Kunshan of china concurrent with the eighth international exhibition of inventions and innovations of China.



Presidency Sphere



Dr. Farag MOUSSA
Honorary President



Mr. Alireza RASTEGAR
President



Mr. Vladimir Yossifov
Senior Advisor

Executive Committee Members



Mr. Mladen Karic

Bosnia



Mr. Marcelo Vivacqua

Brazil



Dr. Zengpei Xuan

China



Mr. Zoran Barsic

Croatia



Mrs. Vivi Aakjaer

Denmark



Mr. Winfried Sturm

Germany



Mrs. Elinora Inga S.

Iceland



Mr. Aynampudi Subbarao

India



Mr. Hossein Vaesi

I.R. Iran



Mr. Hazim J. Al-Deraji

Iraq



Mr. Shin Eyoung-ho

Korea Rep



Mr. Hassane Idrissa Souley

Niger



Mr. Joel S. Momodu

Nigeria



Mr. Virgilio Malang

Philippines



Dr. Agnieszka Mikolajska

Poland



Mr. Fernando Lopes

Portugal



Mr. Vladimir Petrasov

Russia



Ms. Ana Hafner

Slovenia



Mr. Kenneth Lindkvist

Sweden

IFIA Directors



Mr. Lennart Nilsson



Prof. Michal Szota



Mr. Husein Hujic

IFIA Offices

Geneva Office



Mrs. Anne Loertscher

President Executive Office



Mr. Bijan Nasiri
President Executive
Office Manager



Mr. Masoud Shafaghi
Strategic Planning and
Coordination Manager

IFIA Amended Statutes



New Statutes amendments were presented in IFIA Extraordinary General Assembly meeting held on October 30, 2015 in Nuremberg, Germany. The modifications of the Statutes were unanimously admitted by the participating members.

IFIA Registration



IFIA has been registered in Geneva Welcome Center (CAGI) which was founded by the Swiss Confederation and the Canton of Geneva, with the support of national and local entities, both public and private.

IFIA has been registered in Geneva as one of the key NGOs acting under the Swiss law and added to the Who's who of International Geneva actors.



Cooperative Organizations



The NGO Branch is the focal point within the United Nations for Non-Governmental Organizations (ECOSOC)

IFIA enjoys observer status at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva, Switzerland.



Cooperative Organizations



A meeting on reviewing the bilateral cooperation between IFIA and WIPO - April 2015

Cooperative Organizations



IFIA enjoys observer status (Special Category - Technology) at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva, Switzerland.

IFIA is also a member of the Standing Advisory Committee before the European Patent Office (SACEPO), in Munich, Germany.



Cooperative Organizations



IFIA is included among the Assembly of Professional Society in European Alliance for Innovation (EAI).

IFIA established its cooperation with the United Nations Industrial development Organization (UNIDO) after it was granted UNIDO's consultative status in 1977.



IFIA Activities

IFIA promotes cooperation between inventors' associations in different countries, offers an outstanding opportunity of networking among inventors worldwide in order to exchange experience and innovative knowledge.



IFIA Activities

Invent, Innovate and Change the World

This course developed by IFIA and ABIPIR mainly aims to show that everyone can become a successful inventor by simply following 6 steps outlined in the course. The entrepreneurship tools are also provided for the inventors making the processes of patenting, selling, licensing and fundraising easier.

Learn how to be a successful Inventor in 6 steps



IFIA Activities

IFIA supports the organization of international events including invention exhibitions, invention festivals, design shows, fairs, competitions and awards the best inventors worldwide. IFIA medal is awarded in the following categories:

- **Ambassador medal** is donated to a popular celebrity supporting inventors.
- **Memorial medal** is granted to the highest ranking figure supporting inventors.
- **Best Invention medal** is awarded to the greatest invention of the exhibition.



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Memorial medal is granted to the highest ranking figure who has willingly and dedicatedly supported the inventor throughout the whole process of invention beginning from the idea formation up to its registration, prototyping and its final disclosure in either national or international exhibitions.

The name of some Memorial medal awardees:

- 1- Dr. Francis Gurry - WIPO Director General
- 2- Mrs. Teresa Stanek Rea - USPTO Acting Director
- 3- Mr. Benoît Battistelli - EPO President
- 4- Dr. Ivo Josipović - President of Croatia



IFIA Activities

To further assist the inventors in international patent protection, IFIA has managed to be the supporter of The World Economic Forum (WEF) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Inventor's Assistant Program (IAP) that is in parallel with the primary objectives of IFIA .



IFIA Activities

IFIA Unlocks Young Talent

IFIA youth-oriented activities equip young generation with innovative knowledge, skills and tools to make change happen in the society, to exert influence in the world and to come up with innovative solutions toward the existing problems faced by humanity.



IFIA Activities

Seminars, Conferences and Workshops

IFIA organizes professional educational programs including seminars, conferences and workshops in the member states with the attendance of United Nation professionals in the field of intellectual property rights, innovation development, technology transfer, familiarization with international treaties, patent, patent Search, , and commercialization. The official certificate will be granted, as well.



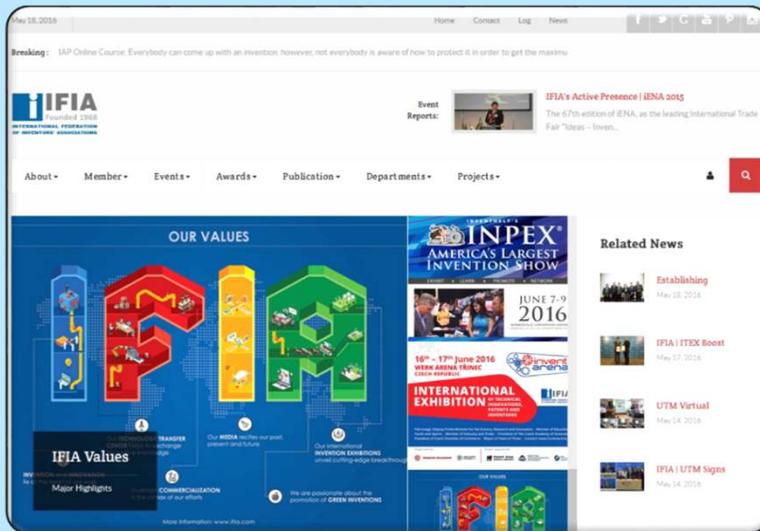
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IFIA Magazine

IFIA magazine is published biannually in order to reflect IFIA activities in the field of invention and innovation, international cooperation to boost innovative activities and the past as well as upcoming events of the members.



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IFIA Newsletter

The important news and activities of IFIA and members are weekly submitted to IFIA database. Those who are interested to receive newsletter can register in IFIA website.

IFIA Services

1. Possibility of increased outreach, recognition, and international interaction relying on the vast capacity of IFIA 112 member states
2. Possibility of participation in IFIA international invention and innovation events
3. Possibility of organizing international events under IFIA's supervision
4. Opportunities to connect with key international players from business, academy, and institutions
5. Possibility to participate in IFIA congress, conference and forums
6. Possibility to benefit from professional networks (Europe, Asia, Arab, Africa, America, Latin America, Youth and women network)

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7. Possibility to participate in innovation processes, policy making, advocacy, and representation
8. Possibility to use official website of invention and innovation in wiki-inventor or wiki-invention to support the inventors (virtual exhibition)
9. Opportunities to benefit from IFIA Technology Transfer Center
10. Investment opportunities and funding sources
11. Disseminate member news and events via IFIA official website
12. Disseminate member news and events via IFIA biannual- published paper magazine
13. Award IFIA medal to event organizers, supporters, and ambassadors in a national and international level as requested by IFIA members

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14. Publish and distribute member activities and plans in IFIA magazine and newsletter
15. Organize professional workshops and courses in different fields
16. Provide expert advice on different aspects of patent and commercialization
17. Increase visibility of member organizations by displaying the member's logo and contact details on IFIA website and database
18. Provide IFIA logo and acronym to be used in the member websites, brochure, and catalogue for the organizers of official events
19. Publication of reference books, guides, surveys, and studies with IFIA's name
20. Support the members via official correspondence with the top officials of member state governments
21. Offer assistance to create inventor and invention associations and regional networks in different countries

Plans and Programs

1. **Developing the name and branding of the federation**
2. **Increasing the number of members at an international level**
3. **Improving the relations with international organizations**
4. **Taking advantage of and developing the capacity of young inventors and women**
5. **Organizing a system for contributions, services, cooperation and joint projects between the members**
6. **Activating continental and regional networks**

Plans and Programs

7. **Amplifying the international exhibitions and focusing on increasing the role of the federation.**
8. **Forming a close relationship with national and international media to advance the goals of the federation.**
9. **Forming the professional exhibitions in all field**
10. **Introducing the standard certification as an international one for selling the goods**



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