

# AIPPI Australia Essay Prize



## Rules

### Purpose

1. The Australian Group of AIPPI has established the AIPPI Australian Group Essay Prize for the purpose of advancing Australian scholarship in the field of intellectual property law.

### The Prize

2. The Prize is offered each calendar year, and consists of complimentary registration at AIPPI's annual Congress in that year, together with return economy class flights and accommodation at one of the hotels nominated by AIPPI for the Congress or at other suitable accommodation approved by the Committee of the Australian Group.
3. The Prize is offered early in the calendar year in which it is to be awarded, shortly after the topics selected by AIPPI as Study Questions for that year's Congress are announced. Entries are typically due by a date in March, and the winning entry is announced in April or May. If the announcement of AIPPI's selection of topics as Study Questions for a Congress is delayed beyond the end of January in the year in which the Congress is to take place, the timetable for submission of entries for the Prize, and for the announcement of the winning entry, may be adjusted commensurately. Exact dates for each year are provided at the time the Prize is offered.
4. The Prize is not transferable or redeemable for cash. Entrants should ensure they are able to take up the Prize and attend the next AIPPI Congress. Provided that the winning entry is announced prior to closing of early bird registration for the next AIPPI Congress, the winning entrant will be required to take advantage of the early bird registration price. If, after a winning entrant is announced, circumstances arise such that the entrant cannot take up the Prize in full, including because the Congress is cancelled, postponed, or converted to an online format, the Australian Group may, at its discretion, allow the entrant instead to attend the next suitable AIPPI Congress.
5. In addition to the Prize, each other entrant who submits an entry meeting the requirements of these Rules will receive one year's complimentary membership of the Australian Group, applied according to the Australian Group's financial year, which runs from 1 July to 30 June. For entrants who are already members, this will be applied such that the entrant receives their next membership renewal at no charge. Like the Prize, memberships are not transferable or redeemable for cash.

### Requirements for Entry

6. The Prize is open both to members of the Australian Group and to non-members who are eligible for membership. Winning entrants who are not already members of the Australian Group will receive complimentary membership enabling them to register for the Congress they will attend.
7. Entries:
  - (a) must be substantive works of scholarship relating to one of the topics selected by AIPPI as Study Questions for the next Congress, or an aspect of one of those topics, and must be the original work of the author;
  - (b) must be in English, no more than 10,000 words in length, and accompanied by an abstract of no more than 300 words;



- (c) must not (and substantially similar essays by the same author must not) have been submitted for any other prize, including any prize offered by AIPPI or any of its National or Regional Groups, or otherwise have been submitted for publication anywhere.
8. Entries should preferably be the work of only one author. If a winning entry has more than one author, only one Prize will be awarded, unless the Committee of the Australian Group decides otherwise in its sole discretion. A person may submit more than one entry.
  9. Entries must be submitted in Word or PDF format by email to the Secretary of the Australian Group at [secretary@aippi.org.au](mailto:secretary@aippi.org.au). Entries should not bear the author's name or other information identifying the author. Such information should be included separately in the entrant's covering email.

### **Judging**

10. All entries will be judged by a subcommittee chosen by the Committee of the Australian Group from the members of the Australian Group (including members who are members of the Committee). Members of the subcommittee in a year must not submit entries for the Prize in that year. The subcommittee's decision will be final. The subcommittee may provide reasons for its decision, but is not required to do so.
11. The Australian Group reserves the right to award more than one Prize in a year, and the right not to award the Prize in a year, depending on the quality of the entries submitted.

### **Publication**

12. The Australian Group may, at its discretion, publish the winning entry, and any other entry, including on its website at [www.aippi.org.au](http://www.aippi.org.au), without compensation to the entrant. By submitting an entry, each entrant consents to such publication.
13. If the Committee of the Australian Group considers it appropriate, the Committee will also assist the winning entrant in submitting their entry for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

### **Questions**

14. All questions regarding the Prize should be submitted to the Secretary of the Australian Group at [secretary@aippi.org.au](mailto:secretary@aippi.org.au).