



Summer School on Intellectual Property of the World Intellectual Property Organization

Croatia, Rijeka
31 August – 11 September 2026

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On the WIPO Summer School

In cooperation with the [State Intellectual Property Office](#) and the [University of Rijeka](#), the Academy of the World Intellectual Property Organization ([WIPO Worldwide Academy](#)) with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, organizes the tenth in a row international [Summer School on Intellectual Property](#) in Croatia for two weeks, **from 31 August until 11 September 2026**.

The Summer School offers an invaluable educational program that covers the entire field of intellectual property.

There are 30 places available for attending Summer School in Rijeka. Selected participants will be notified one week after the [application deadline](#).

The aim of the Summer School is to provide an opportunity for senior students and young professionals to gain more knowledge about intellectual property and to understand its value as a driver of economic, social, cultural and technological development, and to learn more about WIPO's role in global intellectual property management.

Eligible Applicants

The WIPO Summer School is open to graduate and postgraduate students from all faculties, as well as young professionals from all fields.

Venue and Date

[University of Rijeka, Ulica Radmile Matejčić 1](#), Rijeka, Croatia, **from 31 August until 11 September 2026**.

Program

The Summer School program consists of lectures by prominent experts in the field of intellectual property from WIPO and other institutions. The program also includes case studies and discussions on selected topics in the field of intellectual property (see the topics below). WIPO will award a Certificate of Participation to all those who successfully meet the program requirements.

Distance Learning

Before attending the Summer School, selected candidates will have to successfully pass the [*General Course on Intellectual Property \(DL-101\)*](#) of the World Intellectual Property Organization Academy, which will be held specifically for them via the distance learning system (Internet). The dates for this course will be announced after the preliminary selection of candidates for the Summer School.

Language

The entire programme is in English.

Application

Those interested in attending the Summer School can apply exclusively [online](#) from **21 May 2026 to 10 July 2026**.

To apply, you must submit

- a short CV; and
- a letter of motivation (in which you state the reasons why you want to participate in the Summer School and what you expect from the program).

Application for the Summer School is made via the [link](#) on the [WIPO](#) website.

Registration Fee

The registration fee is paid to the State Intellectual Property Office upon receipt of the notification of admission to the school.

For students and young professionals from **developing countries and countries in transition** with residence in these countries, the registration fees are:

students: US\$ 200

young professionals: US\$ 300

For students and young professionals from **developed countries**, the registration fees are:

students: US\$ 400

young professionals: US\$ 500

Registration fee payment: from 8 June 2026 to 10 July 2026

Insurance and Medical Examination

All participants will be insured during their stay related to attending the Summer School.

Each participant will be required to present a certificate of medical examination immediately upon arrival.

Travel, Accommodation and Meals

Participants are responsible for their own travel, accommodation and meals during their participation in the Summer School.

Pre-reservations have been made for participants in the [Trsat Student Dormitory of the University of Rijeka](#) for the period from **31 August to 11 September 2026 at the following very favourable price:**

Double room: EUR 20.74 per night per person.

Parking on the University Campus grounds is free of charge.

Breakfast is available in the Student Restaurant at a unit price of EUR 6,00.

Participants who wish to use accommodation in the Student Dormitory should apply **immediately after registering for the WIPO Summer School** via the following [link](#).

Alternatively, accommodation is also available in the [Neboder](#) or [Continental](#) hotels in the centre of Rijeka, at more favourable prices, subject to availability until capacity is reached.

Participants who wish to use hotel accommodation should apply **immediately after registering for the WIPO Summer School** via the following [link](#).

Contact

For any additional information regarding registration, please contact the Summer School coordinator: summerschool.croatia@wipo.int

For all other questions regarding payment of the registration fee and logistical information regarding participation in the Summer School, you can contact: akademija@dziv.hr



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Provisional List of Topics

TOPICS

- 📖 **Patents and innovation:** International Patent Landscape, Exceptions and Limitations and Flexibilities, Patent Information and Its Usefulness: A Practical Approach, Patents and Nanotechnology: Case Study
- 📖 **Copyright and Related Rights:** International Copyright and Recent Developments, Exceptions and Limitations to Copyright and Related Rights: Ongoing Debates, Collective Management of Copyright and Related rights, Emerging Issues in the Digital Environment, Copyright and the Public Domain: Case Study
- 📖 **Marks:** International Trademark Landscape, Internet Domain Names and Uniform Dispute Resolution Procedures (UDRP), Infringements and Abuses of Marks on the Internet: Case study, Protection of Country Names
- 📖 **Other IP Rights:** Trade Secrets: Issues and Best Practices, Design Protection and Its Interface with other IP Areas, Geographical Indications in the Promotion of National Products: Case study, Protection of Plant Varieties and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) Convention
- 📖 **IP as a Business Asset:** Economics of IP, IP Valuation and Management, Copyright Licencing: A Practical Approach, Transfer of Technology and Licensing, Simulation Exercises on Licensing Negotiations
- 📖 **Contemporary Global IP Challenges:** IP, Green Technology and Climate Change, IP and Food Security, IP and Biodiversity, IP and Biotechnology, IP and Competition Policy,
 - Panel Discussion: Intellectual Property and Public Health: Issues and Challenges
 - Panel Discussion: Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Traditional Cultural Expressions: Towards a Suitable Protection System
- 📖 **IP Enforcement:** Enforcement of IP Rights, Alternative Dispute Resolution in IP Disputes: Simulation exercises
- 📖 **Group Discussions**
 - Group I: IP, Entrepreneurship and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs): Best Practices
 - Group II: Copyright in the Digital Age
 - Group III: Patent Valuation
 - Group IV: Internet and Trademarks