



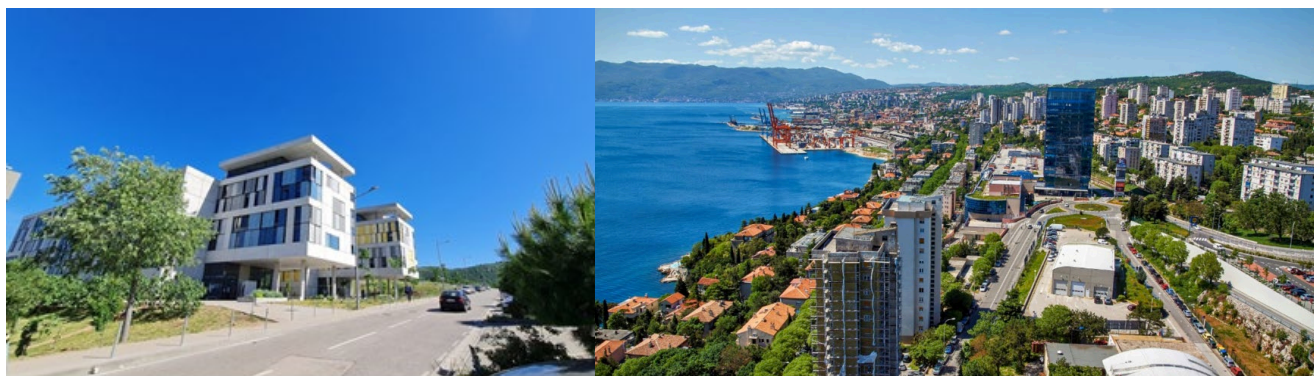
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Summer School on Intellectual Property of the World Intellectual Property Organization

Croatia, Rijeka
31 August – 11 September 2026

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University of Rijeka



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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 7 August 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 18 August 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 PROGRAM FOR 2026 EDITION

prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO

WEEK 1

Monday 31. 8.

15.00 – 15.30	Registration and Administrative Matters
15.30 – 16.00	Introduction of program and participants
16.00 – 16.15	Welcome addresses
16.15 – 16.45	Coffee Break
16.45 – 17.15	Topic 1: Presentation of Partner Institution WIPO (tbd) SIPO (Croatia) (tbd) Prof. Dr. Ivana Kunda, University of Rijeka (tbc)
17.15 – 17.30	Discussion
17.30 – 18.00	Topic 2: Introduction to WIPO and New Developments WIPO (tbd)
18.00 – 18.30	Discussion
18.30 – 19.30	Welcome cocktail

Tuesday 1. 9.

SECTION I

PATENTS AND INNOVATION

9.00 – 10.00	Topic 3: International Patent Landscape Lecturer: Ms. Jasminka Adamović, Head of Service for Legal and Administrative Affairs, Patents Department, SIPO (Croatia)
10.00 – 10.30	Discussion
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.00	Topic 4: Exceptions, Limitations and Flexibilities Lecturer: Ms. Jasminka Adamović, Head of Service for Legal and Administrative Affairs, Patents Department, SIPO (Croatia)
12.00 – 12.30	Discussion
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 15.00	Topic 5: Patent Information and its Usefulness: A Practical Approach Lecturer: Mr. Alen Dedović, Senior Patent Examiner - Specialist, Technical Experts Service, Patents Department, SIPO
15.00 – 15.30	Discussion
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 – 17.30	Topic 6: Patents and AI inventions: Issues and Challenges: Case Study

Lecturer: Mr. Alen Dedović, Senior Patent Examiner -Specialist, Technical Experts Service, Patents Department, SIPO

Wednesday 2.9.

SECTION II COPYRIGHTS AND RELATED RIGHTS

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| 9.00 – 10.00 | Topic 7: International Copyright and Recent Developments
Lecturer: Ms. Jelena Sekulić, Independent Service for Copyright and European and International Affairs, Head of the Section for European and International Affairs, SIPO (Croatia) |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | Discussion
Moderator: Ms. Jelena Sekulić SIPO (Croatia) |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Coffee Break |
| 11.00 – 12.00 | Topic 8: Exceptions and Limitations to Copyright and Related Rights: Ongoing Debates
Lecturer: Ms. Jelena Sekulić, SIPO (Croatia) |
| 12.00 – 12.30 | Discussion
Moderator: Ms. Jelena Sekulić, SIPO (Croatia) |
| 12.30 – 14.00 | Lunch Break |
| 14.00 – 14.45 | Topic 9: Collective Management of Copyright and Related Rights
Lecturer: Ms. Daniela Kuštović Kokot, Head of the Independent Service for Copyright and European and International Affairs, SIPO (Croatia) |
| 14.45 – 15.00 | Discussion
Moderator: Ms. Daniela Kuštović Kokot, SIPO (Croatia) |
| 15.00 – 15.15 | Coffee Break |
| 15.15 – 16.00 | Topic 10: Emerging Issues in the Digital Environment
Lecturer: Prof. dr. Ivana Kunda, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law (Croatia) |
| 16.00 – 17.30 | Topic 11: Copyright and the Public Domain: Case Study
Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Ivana Kunda, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law (Croatia) |

Thursday 3.9.

SECTION III MARKS

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| 9.00 – 10.00 | Topic 12: International Trademark Landscape
Lecturer: Ms. Antoneta Cvetić, Head of the Trademarks and Industrial Designs Department, SIPO (Croatia) |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | Discussion |

Moderator: Ms. Antoneta Cvetić, SIPO (Croatia)

10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.00	Topic 13: Internet Domain Names and Uniform Dispute Resolution Procedures (UDRP) Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Katja Weckström, University of Eastern Finland
12.00 – 12.30	Discussion Moderator: Prof. Dr. Katja Weckström, University of Eastern Finland
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 15.30	Topic 14: Infringements and Abuses of Marks on the Internet: Case study Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Katja Weckström, University of Eastern Finland
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 – 16.45	Topic 15: Protection of Country Names Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Katja Weckström, University of Eastern Finland
16.45 – 17.00	Discussion Moderator: Prof. Dr. Katja Weckström, University of Eastern Finland

Friday 4.9.

SECTION IV OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) RIGHTS

9.00 – 10.00	Topic 16: Trade Secrets: Issues and Best Practices Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Katja Weckström, University of Eastern Finland
10.00 – 10.30	Discussion Moderator: Prof. Dr. Katja Weckström, University of Eastern Finland
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.00	Topic 17: Design Protection and its Interface with other IP Areas Lecturer: Ms. Antoneta Cvetić, SIPO (Croatia)
12.00 – 12.30	Discussion Moderator: Ms. Antoneta Cvetić, SIPO (Croatia)
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 15.30	Topic 18: Geographical Indications in the Promotion of National Products: Case study Lecturer: Ms. Tea Majerski, Head of the Service for Trademark, Industrial Design and Geographical Indication Registration, Trademarks and Industrial Designs Department, SIPO (Croatia)
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 – 17.00	Topic 29: IP and Competition Policy Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Vlatka Butorac Malnar, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law (Croatia)

17.00 – 17.30 Discussion
 Moderator: Prof. Dr. Vlatka Butorac Malnar

WEEK 2

Monday 7.9.

SECTION V IP AS A BUSINESS ASSET

9.00 – 9.45 Topic 20: Economics of IP
 Lecturer: Assist. Prof. Dr. Silviya Todorova, IP Attorney, Todorov LLP / University of National and World Economy, Sofia

9.45 – 10.15 Discussion

10.15 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 – 11.30 Topic 21: IP Valuation and Management
 Lecturer: Assist. Prof. Dr. Silviya Todorova, IP Attorney, Todorov LLP / University of National and World Economy, Sofia

11.30 – 12.30 Topic 22: Copyright Licensing: A Practical Approach
 Lecturer: Assist. Prof. Dr. Silviya Todorova, IP Attorney, Todorov LLP / University of National and World Economy, Sofia

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.00 Topic 23: Transfer of Technology and Licensing
 Lecturer: Assist. Prof. Dr. Silviya Todorova, IP Attorney, Todorov LLP / University of National and World Economy, Sofia

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30 – 18.00 Topic 24: Simulation Exercises on Licensing Negotiations
 Lecturer: Assist. Prof. Dr. Silviya Todorova, IP Attorney, Todorov LLP / University of National and World Economy, Sofia

Tuesday 8.9.

SECTION VI CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL IP CHALLENGES

9.00 – 10.00 Topic 25: IP, Green Technology and Climate Change: Issues and Challenges
 Lecturer: WIPO (TBD)

10.00 – 10.30 Discussion
 Moderator: WIPO (TBD)

10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00– 11.45	Topic 26: Panel Discussion: IP and Public Health: Issues and Challenges Lecturer: Ms. Gordana Turkalj, Head of the Patents Department, SIPO (Croatia)
11.45 – 12.00	Discussion Moderator: Ms. Gordana Turkalj
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 14.45	Topic 27: Panel Discussion: Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Traditional Cultural Expressions: Towards a Suitable Protection System Lecturer: WIPO (TBD)
14.45 – 15.15	Discussion Moderator: WIPO (TBD)
15.15 – 15.45	Coffee Break
15.45 – 17.45	Topic 28: IP and Food Security: Issues and Challenges Lecturer: WIPO (TBD)
18.00	Reception offered by the partner institution

Wednesday 9.9.

9.00 – 11.00	Topic 19: Protection of Plant Varieties and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) Convention Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Ivana Kunda, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law (Croatia)
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.30	Topic 30: IP and Biodiversity: International Landscape and Current Issues Lecturer: Dr. Jasmina Mutabžija, University of Applied Sciences PAR Rijeka
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 14.30	Topic 31: Intellectual Property and Biotechnology Lecturer: Dr. Jasmina Mutabžija, University of Applied Sciences PAR Rijeka
14.30 – 15.00	Discussion Moderator: Dr. Jasmina Mutabžija, University of Applied Sciences PAR Rijeka (Croatia)
15.00 – 17.30	Meetings with experts / Individual research (Library) Experts: JGL (TBC)

Thursday 10.9.

SECTION VII IP ENFORCEMENT

9.00 – 10.30	Topic 32: Enforcement of IP Rights Lecturer: Mr. Mladen Vukmir, Attorney-at-Law in Zagreb (Croatia), ECTA Supervisory Board Member and former ECTA President
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.30	Topic 33: Alternative Dispute Resolution in IP Disputes: Simulation Exercises Lecturer: Mr. Mladen Vukmir, Attorney-at-Law in Zagreb (Croatia), ECTA Supervisory Board Member and former ECTA President
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 17.00	GROUP DISCUSSIONS Moderators: Dr. Jasmina Mutabžija, University of Applied Sciences PAR Rijeka (Croatia) and Mr. Mladen Vukmir, Attorney-at-Law in Zagreb (Croatia), ECTA Supervisory Board Member and former ECTA President Group I: Alternative Dispute Resolution (Arbitration/Mediation) in IP Disputes Group II: Copyright in the Digital Age Group III: Patent Valuation Group IV: Internet and Trademarks
17.00 – 18.00	Preparation of the Report by each Group

Friday 11.9.

9.30 – 10.30	Plenary Session – Presentation of Group Reports Moderators: Dr. Jasmina Mutabžija, University of Applied Sciences PAR Rijeka (Croatia)
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.00	Plenary Session – Presentation of Group Reports Moderators: Dr. Jasmina Mutabžija, University of Applied Sciences PAR Rijeka (Croatia)
12.00 – 12.30	Evaluation and Closing of the Program Ms. Tanja Milović, SIPO (Croatia)