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Dear NIPMO Stakeholder

2020/21 NEWSLETTER

1. NIPMO CONTACT DETAILS

The NIPMO family of 12 sadly bade farewell to its leader and mentor Dr Kerry Faul. She and her family have relocated to Finland. We want to say a **huge thank you** to Kerry for leading NIPMO to what it has become today, the team of 11 remains committed to serve the OTT community and implement the IPR Act efficiently and effectively.

We further wish to congratulate Jetane Charsley on the pregnancy of their second child. Baby Charsley will be here in May 2020.

Jetane Charsley and Paballo Phiri will be acting Head: NIPMO until the appointment of the new Head later this year.

Jetane Charsley will be acting until 30 April 2020 and Ms Paballo Phiri will be acting from May 2020 to October 2020. **Please include both in all your communication to NIPMO until the appointment of the new Head:NIPMO.**



NIPMO CONTACT DETAILS

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2. DEADLINES

The table below provides a summary of all deadlines applicable for the 2020/21 financial period.

SUBJECT	DEADLINE	CONTACT PERSON
IP7 status and commercialisation reports	The KIM System will be open for submission until 30 April 2020 for the for period 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020 AND The KIM System will be open from 1 May to 31 October 2020 for submission for the period 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020.	Naomi Ngoasheng, copying Jetane Charsley
OTT Support Fund applications	The KIM system will be open for applications from 15 May 2020 to 31 May 2020	Thabang Jase copying Lungelwa Kula
IP Fund Applications	Applications for the IP Fund will be accepted through hard copies (electronic copy of the IPF1 form submitted by email) until 31 July 2020 . After the 31 July 2020, no applications will be accepted.	Mantwa Kgarume copying Paballo Phiri
Cost projections for 2020/21 IP Fund application	30 August 2020	Mantwa Kgarume copying Paballo Phiri

OTT SUPPORT FUND APPLICATIONS

As you are aware, “**Guideline 7.1 of 2019: Office of Technology Transfer Support Fund**” was published last year which provides for an expanded scope of the OTT Support Fund for 2020/21 onwards.

Applications will be accepted this year for:

- (a) Institutions not previously funded by NIPMO as a priority on a three (3) year funding basis with an expectation that the institution will fund the outer two (2) years;
- (b) Institutions who have previously been funded by NIPMO, subject to the funding being for new positions (not existing positions), provided on a sliding scale, and the institution must be compliant with the requirements of the IPR Act, as frequently communicated by the Regulatory and Compliance directorate;
- (c) Subject to availability of funding from National Treasury and to the requests received in terms of (a) and (b) above, funding may be available to institutions who are currently being funded by NIPMO subject to the funding being for new positions (not existing positions), provided on a sliding scale, and the institution must be compliant with the requirements of the IPR Act, as frequently communicated by the Regulatory and Compliance directorate.

NIPMO reserves the right to make the final decision on which institutions receive the funding and to what extent such funding is provided.

For further clarity on the OTT Support Fund submission on the KIM system, please contact Thabang Jase, copying Lungelwa Kula

IP FUND APPLICATIONS

Guideline 2.7 of 2019: Guidelines for Operation of the Intellectual Property Fund (“*Guideline 2.7 of 2019*”) is still applicable for the 2020/21 financial years; however, the claim period will be for costs incurred between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020.

Due to the difficulties experienced with the KIM system during the previous submission period we will this year revert back to the submission of electronic copies to NIPMO. The electronic copy of the IPF1 form (in excel) should be emailed to Mantwa Kgarume and Paballo Phiri. Hard copies including the financial report signed off by the CFO/senior Finance personnel should be couriered to NIPMO office.

For further clarity on the IP Fund submission, please contact Mantwa Kgarume, copying Paballo Phiri.

3. ADDITIONAL DATES FOR NOTING

➤ MARCH 2020: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER SURVEY

The second South African Survey of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer at Publicly Funded Research Institutions has been launched in January 2020!

This Survey is a partnership between the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI), NIPMO and the Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA).

Deadline for submission: 16 March 2020. We encourage all OTTs to participate!

➤ MARCH 2020: WIPO DISTANCE LEARNING (DL) COURSES

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and NIPMO would like to invite all to enrol for the WIPO Academy Distance Learning (DL) courses.

These courses are offered under the framework of cooperation between the WIPO and Technology and Innovation Support Centres (TISCs) (i.e. all institutions/organisations that have entered into a TISC Hosting Agreement with NIPMO or are in the process of concluding such Agreement) and are aimed at enhancing the knowledge and skills in IP related topics.

Please register for these exciting training opportunities before 15 March 2020. *For further clarity on the WIPO DL courses, please contact Lungelwa Kula or Nodumo Maluleke.*

➤ **JULY 2020: WIPO-NIPMO WORKSHOP ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INNOVATION POLICY**

The workshop will be held in **Cape Town** from **Monday, 13 to Wednesday 22 July 2020**. This training course is offered by WIPO jointly with the NIPMO for the benefit of developing countries to enhance the skills and knowledge of officials who deal with innovation policies and intellectual property strategies to enable their effective formulation and management.

Applications are open from **01 January to 29 May 2020**.

To register for the training please go to:
https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf?page=pdpCatalog.xhtml&lang=en&cc=WIPO-NIPMO#plus_WIPO-NIPMO

➤ **SEPTEMBER 2020: TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION SUPPORT CENTRE (TISC) INITIATIVE WORKSHOP**

Details to be announced on the NIPMO website!

➤ **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020: WIPO SUMMER SCHOOL ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY**

The WIPO Summer School on Intellectual Property and Transfer of Technology will again be organised by NIPMO and the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) and will be hosted in **Durban** from **23 November 2020 to 04 December 2022 2019** by University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Applications are open from **10 February to 30 April 2020** for 50 hotly contested spots. NIPMO will provide further details in due course but in the meantime please go to: http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/courses/summer_school/ for further information.

4. NIPMO DOCUMENTATION

Please visit the NIPMO website at <https://nipmo.dst.gov.za/resources> all NIPMO guidelines, practice notes and interpretation notes.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions, queries or comments.

With warmest regards for a fabulous 2020!
THE NIPMO TEAM