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This is the first issue of a periodic newsletter which the executive committee trusts will provide useful information to the membership of SUPA. If any of the members have information on patent or intellectual property matters which they believe may be of interest to the membership, please forward to the Secretary-Treasurer for inclusion in the next newsletter. If you feel that there are services or assistance which the Society should be providing, please forward your suggestions to the President. Remember this is your organization and the executive committee would like all members playing an active role in the functioning of the organization.

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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF SUPA

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Mark your calendars now for the Second Annual SUPA Meeting to be held at the Hyatt-Regency-O'Hare hotel and exposition center in Chicago on February 8 and 9, 1977. The meeting will occur in conjunction with the Dr. Dvorkovitz and Associates World Forum on Technology Transfer which is to be held from February 7-11, 1977.

The program for the meeting includes the following:

Tuesday, February 8

Omnibus Patent Legislation by Mr. David Eden, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology

What Industry Is Finding on the Campuses in Technology Transfer by Dr. William E. Bissinger, Manager for University and Government R & D Programs, P.P.G. Industries

Tax Aspects of University Patent Policy by Mr. Douglas M. Mancino of Baker, Hosteller and Patterson, Cleveland, Ohio

Panel Discussion

Wednesday, February 9

Case Western Revisited by Mr. Roger Ditzel, Assistant Manager, Iowa State University Research Foundation

Basics in the Art of Licensing by Mr. Robert Goldscheider, President, The International Licensing Network, New York City

Panel Discussion

In addition to the formal meetings there will be a cocktail hour and banquet on Tuesday evening along with luncheon presentations by Mr. Bruce Dahlbo of Dr. Dvorkovitz and Associates and Norman Lather of DHEW on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively. A short business meeting will also be held to elect officers and conduct other Society business.

The cost will be \$30 for members and \$40 for nonmembers. Formal meeting announcements and registration forms will be mailed in December.

Plan on attending!

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4,000,000th PATENT TO BE ISSUED  
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Tom Martin of the University of Utah has sent the following information regarding the 4,000,000th patent which will issue in the latter part of this year. In a visit to Tom, Mr. Dann, Commissioner of Patents, indicated that he would give strong consideration to the selection of a university owned patent as Patent No. 4,000,000.

As Tom points out, Patent No. 3,000,000 was issued to a corporation. Emphasis may now well be on the "lone inventor" working in his laboratory.

Tom indicates that the following considerations should be met by the patent application:

- 1) It must be allowed now and acceptable for payment of final fee;
- 2) it should be processed and/or owned by a university;
- 3) it would be a plus feature if the invention were the result of a federal grant with or without further financial backing of a corporation
- 4) another plus factor would be that the invention is to benefit the public by commercial introduction in the near future.

Tom urges all universities who have eligible patent applications to submit their inventions, setting forth all possible conditions as outlined above, plus any others which may come to mind. All entries should be directed to:

Mr. Isaac Fleischman, Director  
Office of Information Services  
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
(703) 557-3428

with emphasis on the 4,000,000th patent and university participation.

It certainly would be a great boost for the university patent programs and for SUPA members to have a university patent selected as Patent No. 4,000,000.

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 UPCOMING MEETINGS OR COURSES:  
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March 11, 1977 Tenth Annual Briefing Conference sponsored by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and Patent Office Society at Crystal Plaza, Arlington, Virginia.  
 Registration Deadline: February 14, 1977.  
 Contact: Isaac Fleischman, Director  
 Office of Information Services  
 Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
 Washington, D.C. 20231  
 (703) 557-3428

May 12-13, 1977 Course entitled "Patent Law for Engineers and Scientists." Extension course through University of Wisconsin at Madison.  
 Contact: John P. Klus  
 Chairman  
 Department of Engineering  
 University of Wisconsin - Extension  
 432 North Lake Street  
 Madison, Wisconsin 53706  
 (608) 262-2061

August 1977 One week course entitled "Patent Bar Review Course."  
 Contact: Patent Resources Group, Inc.  
 2011 Eye Street, N.W.  
 Suite 800  
 Washington, D.C. 20006  
 (202) 676-7206

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 NAMES IN THE NEWS  
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LARRY GILBERT, formerly with M.I.T., is now working as a patent consultant for Community Technology Foundation in Boston, and as such, handles patent matters for Boston University. Enclosed with this newsletter are copies of recent publications by Larry.

LLOYD D. PATTERSON, formerly with Dr. Dvorkovitz and Associates, is now a Vice President with International Technology, Incorporated, located at 3901 West 86th Street in Indianapolis, Indiana 46268. The firm does attempt to locate new technology for the industrial community.

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NASA PATENT WAIVER CONDITION  
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T. L. Stam at the California Institute of Technology reports that NASA is willing to grant a petition for a waiver on the condition:

"California Institute of Technology and/or its assigns allocate and use 25% of its royalty income in excess of \$100,000 that is derived from the waived invention in furtherance of the transfer of aerospace-related technology in accordance with an established Caltech-JPL program."

If any of the members know of similar conditions attached to inventions waived by NASA or have a concern for the precedence such a condition might establish, please contact T. L. Stam at the Patent Office, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California 91125.

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ANNUAL DUES NOTICE  
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All members who joined SUPA prior to June 30, 1976, will be receiving a notice for renewal of the annual dues of \$30.00 in early January. A prompt reply to the notice will be appreciated.

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