

The IPIGRAM (18 April 2016) Feature Posts

April 20-22, 2016

**WIPO Conference on the
Global Digital Content Market**

In Geneva, Switzerland.

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May 2-8, 2016

Canadian Music Week

Industry conference and music
festival held over tens in

Toronto. [Click](#) for details.

May 6, 2016

Open Source and 3D Printing

An ALAI-Canada event.

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May 16, 2016

CPD and Annual IPIC Update

CPD session with members of
the Chartered Institute of Patent
Attorneys followed by IPIC
annual update. [Click](#) for details.

Government introduces **Bill C-11** entitled, “**An Act to amend the Copyright Act (access to copyrighted works or other subject-matter for persons with perceptual disabilities)**” to implement the Marrakesh Treaty. [Click](#) for details.

July 1, 2016

**Canada's IP Writing
Challenge 2016**

The Intellectual Property
Institute of Canada (IPIC) and
IP Osgoode invite submissions
from law students, graduate
students, and
professionals. [Click](#) for details.

More Money, More Problems: The Science, the Law, and the Fight over CRISPR Patents

April 14, 2016 by [Sebastian Beck-Watt](#) and [Daniel Quainoo](#)

From Lab Bench to Court Bench: The Science, the Law, and the CRISPR Patent Dispute

Whenever a new technology has the potential to be ground-breaking and extremely valuable, there are bound to be disputes about invention and ownership. From [Nikola Tesla and Thomas Edison](#) to the [new space race](#), scientists and inventors are often driven into competition and conflict. Recently, one such conflict has arisen over one of the biggest [scientific discoveries](#) of the Twentieth Century.

Clustered regularly interspaced palindromic repeats ([CRISPR](#)) are a molecular system whose harnessing is transforming the science, with important applications in medicine, biotechnology and other areas. By repurposing the natural biological system, scientists are able to target and make precise changes to specific strands of DNA at a more cost-efficient and faster rate than ever before. While CRISPR has spurred the development of a host of new technologies, there has been significant controversy over who actually owns the “invention.” A winner-takes-all dispute over the technology’s patent rights is in full swing between the Broad Institute and the University of California, Berkeley, and the spoils are plenty.

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York U celebrates the official opening of the Bergeron Centre for Engineering Excellence. Known for its stunning architectural design, the Bergeron Centre for Engineering Excellence is the physical home of the Lassonde School of Engineering, which is dedicated to educating and inspiring the next generation of engineers by fostering creativity and hands-on learning.

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In Fond Memory of Prof. Denis Borges Barbosa

April 8, 2016 by Giuseppina D'Agostino

IP Osgoode is saddened to hear of the recent passing of Prof. Denis Borges Barbosa and would like to express our sincerest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Prof. Barbosa. He will be fondly remembered by IP Osgoode for his support and guidance as an IP Osgoode International Advisory Council member. As a widely recognized and respected leading IP professor, researcher and attorney in Brazil, Prof. Barbosa's light in the IP community will be greatly missed.

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Life After BitCoin: The Future of Banking May Be in the Blockchain

April 11, 2016 by Graham Haynes

In the past 6 months, the US Patents & Trademark Office (USPTO) has published more than 200 patent applications filed by Bank of America, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase and other top-tier financial institutions for their own proprietary blockchain systems. Previously the territory of online anarchists and drug dealers, why are banks suddenly so interested in protecting this technology? It's quite simple: it could save them a lot of money transferring money. A report co-authored by UK-based Santander, the world's tenth largest bank according to Forbes, estimated that blockchain technology could reduce banks' infrastructure costs by up to \$20 billion dollars per year. While the blockchain is so much more than a bank's cost-cutting measure, I endeavored to investigate for this purpose.

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The Right to Be Forgotten, A "Bad Solution to a Very Real Problem"

April 11, 2016 by [Nazli Jelveh](#)

Jonathan Zittrain[1] calls the right to be forgotten a "bad solution to a very real problem." This article sets out to answer two questions. Firstly, what is the problem that the right to be forgotten is trying to solve? Secondly, why is the right to be forgotten a bad solution to this problem?

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Fashion Labels and Inuit Designs: When Law is Not Enough

April 8, 2016 by Jasmine Godfrey

A recent incident involving replication of an Inuit design by a UK fashion label raises interesting questions regarding whether businesses should be required to go beyond the scope of law and consider what is ethical within the culture being borrowed from. Salome Awa, an Inuit woman, was outraged to discover a sweater made by fashion label Kokon To Zai (KTZ), which appeared to be an exact replica of her great-grandfather Ava's Inuit design. According to copyright laws in Canada, copyrights from original literary, dramatic, musical or artistic work can be automatic upon creation, and last for the life of the creator and 50 years following the end of the calendar year of the creator's death. In this case, it is likely that Ava died more than 50 years ago, thus the design is in the public domain. So, what is the problem?

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