

## Events

**September 1, 2016**

***Osgoode Clubs Fair***

Visit IP Osgoode's table at this year's Osgoode Hall Law School Clubs Fair to learn more about our programs and activities.

**September 13-14, 2016**

***ICT Seminar 2016***

In New York City. Co-organized by the EPO and the Intellectual Property Owners Association. Visit the [EPO event website](#) for details.

**September 14, 2016**

***Formalities of Filing and Prosecuting Patents before CIPO and the USPTO***

An IPIC webinar. Visit the [IPIC event website](#) for details.

**September 28-30, 2016**

***Intellectual Property Institute of Canada Annual Meeting***

In Quebec City. Visit the [IPIC AGM website](#) for details.

**October 3-4, 2016**

***International IP Law Association Annual Meeting***

In San Francisco. Visit the [IPLA website](#) for more details.

## IP Notes

**August 31, 2016**

Extended deadline to submit comments on [CIPO's consultation regarding the governance model and disciplinary process for IP agents](#).

***Call for Papers***

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## The IPIGRAM (4 August 2016) Feature Posts



### Pole Vault in Rio 2016: A Contest of Skill or a Contest of Patents?

August 4, 2016 by [Justin Philpott](#)

With the [Rio 2016 Summer Olympics](#) getting started on August 5th, there is no time like the present to explore the evolution of patents relating to the vaulting pole. Originally, pole vaulting was a practical way to cross obstacles, such as rivers or enemy walls. Inevitably, this led to competitions among Ancient Greeks, Cretans and Celts. The pole vault became a male Olympic sport in 1896, while the female pole vault made its Olympic debut in 2000. As you might expect, the pole used by vaulters has changed significantly since the sport's inception.

In a hundred years, the vaulting pole has changed from a piece of hardwood to an intricately-built piece of fiberglass and carbon fiber, assembled through patented methods. Unsurprisingly, the pole vault record is the most frequently broken world mark in men's track and field history. As of 2014, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) has reportedly ratified [71 world records](#), set by 33 different vaulters. The [current record holder](#) is Renaud Lavillenie of France, who cleared a height of [6.16 metres](#) in Donetsk, Ukraine in 2014. To put this into perspective, the world record in 1904 was 4.02 metres. The best pole captures all of the energy transferred to it by the vaulter and efficiently transfers it back to the vaulter as they are launched into the air. Minimal increases in the world record in the last decade have hinted that the combination of materials technology and athletic performance may be reaching its peak. The heights achieved by modern pole vaulters undoubtedly rely on the

**Rising to the Challenge of Change?”**. Prof. Carys is the guest editor for this special issue. Visit [LAWs website](#) for details.

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 **pick of the week**

[Lassonde](#) Professor [Hui Jiang](#) and visiting researcher Quan Liu won first place at this year's [CommonSense Reasoning Competition](#) held in July in New York City. The researchers are working on ways to improve artificial intelligence (AI), and used deep learning to train a computer to recognize the relationship between different events.

## This is Why You Have an Editor: Politics, Plagiarism, and Copyright



July 27, 2016 by [Sebastian Beck-Watt](#)

The inescapable world of U.S. politics, especially in an election year, consistently offers much legal debate. Somewhat less often, politicians and their entourages accidentally wade into the domain of intellectual property law. Politicians have famously gotten themselves into [controversies](#) by using musical works [without the artists' permission](#) (though, without strong [moral rights](#) in the U.S., it is typically legally sufficient that a politician just obtain a licence from a songwriter's association). Political speeches have a long [history](#) in copyright law. However, [recent events](#) have raised another copyright issue in the political arena: [plagiarism](#).

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## EU-US Privacy Shield Adopted: Now What?

August 4, 2016 by [Keith D. Rose](#)

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On July 12, 2016, the European Commission formally issued its [adequacy decision](#) endorsing the EU-US Privacy Shield, following the [approval](#) of the deal by the Article 31 Committee on July 8.

Although the European adequacy decision has immediate effect, U.S. organizations will not be able to take advantage of the Privacy Shield until the U.S. Department of Commerce begins accepting self-certifications, on August 1.

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“Open Banking” is an emerging term in financial services / financial technology that refers, among other things, to the use of open application programming interfaces (“**APIs**”) enable third party developers to build applications and services around a financial institution. This requires a financial institution to throw open the doors to its customer data and allow it to be used by developers and other third party providers. Think of it as an app store for banks, where the apps allow consumers to compare rates, manage their accounts, obtain credit and make payments – all without having to actually engage a bank.

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