

IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITY

The **Legal Advisory Group (LAG)** is a committee that is created to assist the IP Cell of the Centre and shall be comprised of:

- a. One Chairperson, who shall be **Prof. T. Ramakrishna**, IPR Chair, CIPRA, NLSIU
- b. One Key Member from Centre shall be the **Dr. Jitendra Kumar**, Director of Bangalore Bioinnovation Centre, Bangalore.
- c. One Industry Legal Head/Manager, who shall be **Mr. Nandakumar**, Head-Legal, Syngene International.
- d. One member who is expert in legal matters who shall be **Prof. Sairam Bhat**, Professor of Law, NLSIU.
- e. One Member Secretary who shall be **Dr. Mary Mangaiyarkarasi MS**, Consultant – IP of Bangalore Bioinnovation Centre, Bangalore and
- f. One expert on Prior Art and Patent related matter who shall be **Mr. Ravi Bhola**, Partner, Kns Partners with experience in Life Sciences and Pharma.
- g. Such other Co-Opt members as may be deemed fit and necessary by the committee from time to time.

The roles and functions of the LAG of the Centre is deemed to be:

- Subject to the applicable law, the LAG shall have a recommendatory role to the IP Cell.
- Unless otherwise provided, subject to the consent of the centre, the LAG may meet at such time and manner, convenient to its members.
- Advise start-ups in the initial phases about their innovations, IP Rights and IP due diligence.
- Advise start-ups regarding evaluation, drafting and filing of patents, patent search prosecution, commercialization of such technologies etc.,
- Assist the IP Cell in the mandate of creating a Biotechnology Patents' Database to aid commercializing, operationalizing and Licensing of such technology.
- Such other matter, subject to the consent of the centre as may be deemed appropriate by the LAG.
- The LAG shall have power to make recommendations to the centre, provided that nothing contained in the recommendations of the LAG shall be construed as a Legal Advice or Legal Opinion rendered by the Members, in either their independent capacity or in their representative capacity as the member of the LAG. The recommendations are not binding on the centre.
- The members of the LAG shall with utmost honesty and professional integrity attend such number of meetings as may be required under the terms and conditions of this policy.
- The members of the LAG shall subject to the information provided by the Centre provide due consideration to the interests of all stakeholders including the Centre.
- The members of the LAG shall vote on the matters called for in the Meeting of the LAG, without any bias or prejudice.

- The LAG is responsible for reviewing and interpreting this IP policy and for resolving any dispute that may arise in the context of IP and IP management at the centre.
- The LAG will also provide guidelines for technology transfer undertaken by the centre and for technology licensing practices of the centre.
- The LAG will also provide recommendations and guidelines on regulatory compliance issues.

Convening of Meetings:

- The LAG shall be chaired by the Chairperson or his Nominee.
- All meetings shall be convened by the Chairperson or his Nominee at such date and time as may be convenient with the Chairperson or his Nominee.

Term of the LAG and Frequency of Meetings:

- Initial term for all the members in the group shall be for a duration of one year (12 months) only.
- The LAG shall meet atleast once in every three months.
- The Venue for all meeting shall be the Centre (i.e., Bangalore Bioinnovation Centre) or at CIPRA, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru as may be decided.
- The Honorarium for the members including Co-Opt members shall be entitled to a reasonable honorarium in addition to reimbursement of reasonable travel and other expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their responsibilities under the terms of this IP policy.