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Happy Holiday Season, and Yes, to Gifts that Give Back to Global Public Interest IP!



### Announcements

None at the moment.

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### [PIIPA 2016 Brief Staffing and Board News](#)

2016 has been a busy and productive year for PIIPA. We are currently working on interesting projects, which cannot be shared at the moment, but will most likely be completed by next year and will then be reported. As part of that burst of activities, Pacyinz Lyfoung became PIIPA's Executive Director and a new Program Assistant, Bridget Kelly, is now taking the lead on the pro bono matchmaking program, other research projects, and will work on more communications/outreach next year. Both Pacyinz and Bridget look forward to working with the PIIPA community on global public interest IP in 2017.

The PIIPA Board of Directors is still going strong (list on our [website](#)), and as many never forget to ask, we

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are pleased to still bask in the light of Michael Gollin's bright spirit.



Pacyinz Lyfoung




Bridget Kelly


### [2016 Global Public Interest IP Highlights](#)

2016 was a very dynamic year, with many activities taking place around the globe. Public interest IP remains a key element of many endeavors seeking to promote sustainable and equitable economic development in developing countries. PIIPA was pleased to be invited to work on several projects with global impact, always seeking to refine how IP as a development and anti-poverty tool could function.

Although the interest in and expansion of global online platforms continues, it has been PIIPA's experience that they are just not the equivalent of the trusted and tailored IP technical support of the kind that PIIPA's experienced project management and PIIPA's network of pro bono experts can provide to effectively address substantively, geographically and/or culturally innovative and sometimes complex endeavors.

If you have a project at the intersection of innovation

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and IP for the common good that would benefit from PIIPA's services, please contact Pacyinz Lyfoung, Executive Director, at [plyfoung@piipa.org](mailto:plyfoung@piipa.org).

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PIIPA relies on the PIIPA IP Corps estimated at 3,500 IP experts located in 50 different countries. We want to thank you all for joining our volunteer network and standing by, ready to take on pro bono cases. You have been the backbone of PIIPA's work, whether running with cases or advising PIIPA.

We also want to thank PIIPA's many friends and supporters who love PIIPA from far away. Just remember, you are not strangers and are always welcome to actively engage in PIIPA's activities. As any NGO, PIIPA needs the talent and goodwill of its friends and supporters to keep going.

**WISHING YOU ALL HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND MAY  
THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU GREAT SUCCESS!**

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