

TO: All MUNFA Members

FROM: The MUNFA Executive Committee

DATE: January 22, 2009

SUBJECT: Planned Intellectual Property Workshop

We write to notify members that arrangements have been made to offer a workshop on intellectual property. The workshop will be facilitated by Mr. Paul Jones, CAUT's expert on the subject, and scheduled to last 90 minutes to 2 hours. It will include both formal presentation and informal discussion of issues raised from the floor. The formal presentation will discuss:

- what is meant by intellectual property and why it is an issue for CAUT and for Academic Staff Members (ASMs) who are users, creators, and owners of intellectual property;
- the concept of copyright, including a creator's legal, economic, and moral rights, and the balancing of the interests of owners, users, and creators of copyright;
- the companion issue of patent, which protects the rights of an inventor of a process, product, or device;
- how and why an ASM may assert their intellectual property rights; and
- the history of legislative initiatives in Canada that impact intellectual property rights.

The workshop will be offered twice on the St. John's campus (Monday, February 23 at 2:00 PM and Tuesday, February 24 at 10:00 AM) and once on the Grenfell campus (Wednesday, February 25 at 2:00 PM).

In order that we can finalize plans for the workshops, we ask you to indicate in advance your interest in participating. **Please send an email to the MUNFA office (munfa@mun.ca) by February 15, 2009 stating which date and time you prefer.** We will then be back in touch with exact details about the room where the workshop will be held. We encourage you to write as soon as possible indicating your interest given that registration in each workshop will be limited.