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Dear [ECONMED](#) participants:

On this occasion we are glad to share with you the recording of the session we held this morning to, virtually, present the results of the Conceptual (Legal and Institutional) Map on Public Health and Intellectual Property (MC SPPI). We shall thank all those participants who followed the presentation. Next step will be the delivery of the country-reports through ECONMED while simultaneously uploading them to the web page of the [Public Health perspective of Intellectual Property Rights management](#) project within the Medicines and Health technologies working group.

[Link to access the recording](#)

<https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/launch/play.jnlp?sid=1110&psid=2011-06-17.0727.M.399298597B8EFF0C2D865FF2DC2BE1.vcr>

Virtual Seminar Search for patents, patentability and monitoring patent expiration

- Following the request submitted by the Medicines Technical Commission at the Andean Health Organisation- Hipolito Unanue Agreement (ORAS-CONHU) to PAHO, the Medicines and Health Technologies Unit is going to be organizing a virtual seminar on **Search for patents, patentability and monitoring patent expiration**. The information contained patent titles can be of vital importance for processes such as the transfer of technology or alternative decisions of public procurement. However, there is a wide range of obstacles which health authorities might face in order to have access to such information: lack of coordination between institutions, unawareness of processes and deadlines and lack of opportunity.
- This virtual seminar seeks **to examine in detail the process of granting/renewal of patents and how they can be used by public health officials as a tool to guide their actions, improving their effectiveness and efficacy.**
- Some successful experiences in ensuring a greater degree of transparency of the patent regimen, such as the [searchable patent database bank created by the Patent Pool Foundation](#) and other initiatives aimed at rationalizing the protection of the intellectual property rights. National experiences of litigation and judicial redress used against granting/extension of patents, including among others previous consent, cautionary measures, and public actions in defense of competition will also be taken into account.
- Virtual seminar will be held next **Tuesday June 21st between 10- and 13** (WDC time) and will be recorded for later distribution

[Link to participate](#) (Room 6)

<https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=1110&password=M.E6E71280AB931BE40FB1AFA0B493C1>

Prior to the seminar some materials will be distributed to be used during the session, most specially a document prepared by **ECONMED** participant Claudia Chamas on the technical symposium held in Geneva last february between WTO, WHO and WIPO on the issue ([Access to Medicines, Patent Information and Freedom to Operate](#))

ECONMED counts on the contribution (through requests of information, sharing of best practices, dissemination materials of interest ...) of its participants to keep building up collaborative spaces of work between public health professionals in the Americas. You can submit your communications on any topic related to the legal and economic regulation of pharmaceutical products for approval to econmed@listserv.paho.org

