Hi Everyone,

Here are some updates and information from the Operational Committee:

**Intranet Review**

Nikesh will soon be carrying out a bi-annual review of intranet functionality. If you have any ideas for improving the existing intranet particularly in relation to improving your remote working experience, please let Nikesh or the Solutions Group know by 30 October 2020.  Please note the content of the ***IP Library / Manuals*** section of the intranet is currently being reviewed and will be updated soon -  more info on this to come.

**Inpro Billling / SUN system implementations**

The testing phase of the systems roll out is still in progress.  Thank you to the Finance team members and Records team/secretariat for all your work and efforts on testing, which is much appreciated.  There are still some issues to be resolved, but we are working to a Go Live date of 1 December 2020!  We will keep you updated on progress.

**IP Inclusive Events and Information**



***IP Inclusive Allies Event – 21 October 2020!***

The Allies Event running tomorrow is aimed at dealing with questions that came up as part of a recent ‘ask me anything survey’ which prompted a number of those questions which many of us have wanted to ask a colleague or someone else but didn’t know how to frame it correctly so chickened out so as not to offend anyone.  This virtual hour long lunch time event covers the answers to the questions submitted in the survey and provides valuable insight as well as practical tips to help us all support each other more confidently and effectively and to be better allies.  This event is open to all IP professionals and will be hosted via Zoom. [Click here](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvc-yopj4pG9wDnpqqamzftLgJBJGJXxTE) to register or email ipinclusiveevents@gmail.com and you will be sent an invitation.

***Black History Month***

The IP Inclusive website has some excellent news and resources around black history month which is held every October.  [IP Inclusive](https://ipinclusive.org.uk/) have posted articles around Black History Month to form part of an educational sharing series, with the aim of insight and education, starting with [What Does Black History Month Mean](https://ipinclusive.org.uk/newsandfeatures/what-does-black-history-month-mean/). Please check the articles out.

***LawCare mental wellbeing study***

LawCare have launched a “Life in the Law” study, aiming to find out how legal practice and workplace culture affect wellbeing, and to then use the results (which will be published next spring) to improve the support they provide. There's more information on the IP Inclusive Website [here](https://ipinclusive.org.uk/newsandfeatures/life-in-the-law-new-lawcare-study/) and you can access the questionnaire [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcS1XpRZs9OMTGdX2mMQo46mRGqZXJNBDkZjzbedFh2pZP1g/viewform). This questionnaire is open to anyone working in the legal sector, including business support employees, and only takes 15-20 minutes to complete with all your answers being kept confidential with LawCare.

**Thornchella**

Firstly, if you have any feedback for Thornchella - [click here](https://t.sidekickopen78.com/s1t/c/5/f18dQhb0S7kv8cN4_XW5KrjKx2zGCwVW8Jbw_83LQ4pjW8p-_dP3M2f7MW8q5vmn16gGCCf1czyV501?te=W3R5hFj4cm2zwW3KcjHj49PFWfW3Fdy8c41Y220W4rCV-F43WgzYW3Fbt5S4fLGdMF41DszpqGSy1&si=6215786966417408&pi=de7a471e-5c92-409c-ea03-edf12cb897b4).

**A reminder of Geoff’s forfeit for the Partners:**

Partners have to:

* turn up in fancy dress of their choice on an internal Teams/Zoom of their choosing next week; and
* slip in as many song titles as they can into that internal call

The other people on the call to:

* take a screenshot of the call and circulate it around the firm so we can all judge the fancy dress; and
* note down all the song titles they notice and circulate that at the end of the call so we can all see who managed the most.

**There will be a prize for the person who can supply Geoff / SocCom with both a great screenshot AND the most song titles collected in that call!**



Yes, **MOVEmber** is back (can you believe it is nearly a year since those office bike challenges and pledge board successes!)………this year the Wellness Champions and Social Committee have joined forces to plan a virtual action packed event that promises something for everyone.  More to follow very soon!



**Ongoing Reminders:**

***Remote Working Asset Register***

Please remember to complete a ‘Remote Working Asset Register’ form with Cezanne any time that you request or receive additional AAT equipment. Please see the how to guide attached for more details.

***Roll out of new PC’s at the Data Centre – IT Team will be in touch soon***

As of this week we are starting our rollout of new PC’s for everybody at the data centre pushing forward with our plan to reduce both our power draw and also our overall IT footprint in terms of space everything is taking up. We will be in contact with each of you individually to schedule a time where we will move you onto a new desktop in the office. All we need from you is some time uninterrupted to remove your machine from the racks, swap some hardware over and reconfigure. We are putting 1 hour per person initially for this and will adjust accordingly as we progress. We will be in touch to get everybody scheduled in shortly.

Many thanks

**The Operational Committee**

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