Preconference Workshop on IP Management & Licensing Activities at Academic Institutions on February 2, 2012

This workshop was conducted preceding to the Management of Intellectual Property and strategy (MIPS) Conference organised by SOM. The objective was to get together IITB and other similar academic institutions on a platform to discuss their experiences on IPR and its management over the last nine years. 50 participants from national and international organisations attended the workshop.

Presentations were made by the IRCC team and Prof. Sudhirkumar Barai (IIT Kharagpur) on IP policy, IP protection and licensing. This was followed by an open house discussion in conflict of interest in academia vs. Industries; IP policy; Ownership, inventorship and publications; Legal aspects; Filing of IP and cost of IPR filing and maintenance; Evaluation of IP, commercialisation, licensing and rights assignment; and Sabbaticals and student internships.

It was observed that a balance needs to be drawn between dissemination of knowledge and information and the commercialisation of new technology developed.