

# **Report on One-Day Workshop on “Introduction to International Patent Applications” Held on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

**Venue: MBA Hall, Karpagam Academy of Higher Education**

**Time: 10:00 am**

**Total attendees: 115**

The seminar was mainly organized to provide a basic knowledge about the IPR, patents and all the procedures for a filing a patent. The entire session was successively taken by Lt. Dr. K. P. Sridhar. We analyze the impact of accession to the regional patent system established by the International patent application(IPA) on 14 countries that acceded. We look at changes in patenting behaviour by domestic and foreign applicants at the national patent offices and the International patent application(IPA). Our findings suggest a strong change in patent filing behavior among foreigners seeking patent protection in the accession states, substituting IPA patents for domestic patents immediately. However, there is little evidence that accession increased FDI by patenting foreign companies in accession countries. Moreover, there is no discernible reaction among domestic entities in terms of domestic filings, although we do find some evidence that applicants in accession states increased their propensity to file patents with the IPA post-accession. Inventor-level information suggests that the underlying inventions originate in the accession states.