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SUMMER SCHOOL ON IP IN EUROPE

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The course is organised by the Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI) at the University of Strasbourg.

The lecturers are chosen from those of the CEIPI and IP specialists including Academics, Patent and Trademark attorneys, Attorneys-at-law, as well as a member of EPO.

The summer school will be held over 6 working days, from Monday July 4 to Saturday July 9, 2011.

The course aims to provide an academic and practical overview of the IP-related aspects of the legal system in the European Union, as well as giving concrete ideas about IP litigation in Europe. The course is directed mainly at students and practitioners who want to acquire the basics of the European IP system.

Focus will be given on proceedings before the EPO and before the OHIM, as well on national laws of the three key countries involved in IP in Europe.



JULY 4

09:00 – 12:00

EU BASICS

Guy Tritton - Barrister, Hogarth Chambers, London
General introduction to the European legal system: European Union law, national laws

13:30 – 16:30

COPYRIGHT AND NEIGHBOURING RIGHTS IN EUROPE

Raquel Xalabarder - Professor at the Open University of Catalonia (UOC), Barcelona
Basic notions of copyright protection- Introduction to the different existing traditions of copyright in Europe- Acquis communautaire in the field of copyrights

17:15 – 19:00

VISIT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT STRASBOURG

Departure by bus at 16:45, CEIPI entrance

JULY 5

9:00 – 12:00

COMMUNITY TRADEMARK AND DESIGN

Aurelia Marie - Trademark attorney
Proceedings before the OHIM; community trademarks and designs

13:30 – 16:30

EPO'S PROCEEDINGS 1/3

Simone Kling - Patent attorney
Role of the EPO – grant proceedings – post-grant proceedings: oppositions, limitations and revocations – appeal proceedings

17:00

BOAT TRIP

JULY 6

09:00 – 12:00

EPO'S PROCEEDINGS 2/3

Emanuela Arezzo - Lecturer and Senior Research fellow, Luiss Guido Carli University, Roma

EPC regulations and EPO's approach on patentability: exclusions of patentability – approach for software and pharmaceutical products – assessment of novelty (disclaimer) and of inventive step (problem-solution approach)

13:30 – 17:30

EPO'S PROCEEDINGS 3/3

Jérôme Collin - Patent attorney
Grant proceedings before the European Patent Office (various steps of examination – key office actions – computation of terms for responding – opposability of prior art - differences between the direct European route and the Euro-PCT route - unity of invention)

18:15 – 19:30

GUIDED TOUR OF STRASBOURG CITY CENTER

JULY 7

09:00 – 12:30

CLAIMS DRAFTING EP, FR, GB, DE

Didier Intes - Patent attorney
Presentation of the structure of claims - drafting of main claims in view of the problem-solution approach prevailing at the EPO – presentation of sub-claims – consequences on patent prosecution – brief view of the situation in France, the United Kingdom and Germany

13:30 – 16:00

EU DIRECTIVE ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF IP RIGHTS IN EUROPE

Tania Kern - Attorney at law
Presentation of the Directive: aim – main provisions – status of implementation in the main European countries – actual impact on IP rights enforcement

16:30 – 18:00

LITIGATING IP RIGHTS IN FRANCE, GERMANY AND THE UK

Thomas Bouvet - Attorney at law
Presentation of the main procedural aspects of IP litigations in these three key countries – evidence – actions on the merits – provisional actions – timing – cost – damages

JULY 8

10:00 – 12:00

CONTRACTS INVOLVING IP RIGHTS

Thierry Sueur - General Manager, IP department of AIR LIQUIDE

Kinds of contracts – main provisions – focus on licenses – traps to avoid – sub-contracting – cross-licensing

13:00 – 16:00

OPERATING IP RIGHTS IN EUROPE - EP LIMITATIONS TO AGREEMENTS

Beatriz Conde-Gallego - Senior Researcher at Max Planck - Institute for Intellectual Property and Competition Law, München

IP rights and the EC treaty – exhaustion of rights – competition rules – sanctions for non compliance

16:00 – 18:00

IP STRATEGY IN EUROPE

Patrice Vidon - Patent attorney
Choosing the right option to protect a given innovation – considering the kind of innovation – considering the market – how of speed up patent prosecution – how to limit the costs

JULY 9

09:00 – 13:00

WORKSHOP ORAL PROCEEDINGS - SAMPLE CASE

Daniel Thomas - Director at the DGI of the EPO
Claire Mouget-Goniot - Patent attorney
Kaisa Suominen - Patent attorney

A concrete view of examination proceedings before the EPO – oral proceedings before the EPO (mock trial)