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# SUMMER SCHOOL ON IP IN EUROPE

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Strasbourg  
2 - 7 July 2012





The course is organised by the Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI) at the University of Strasbourg and has been attracting many participants from all over the world since three years now.

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's management.

The summer course will be held over 6 working days, from Monday July 2 to Saturday July 7, 2012.

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 2

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

JULY 3

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 4

09:00 – 12:00

EPO'S PROCEEDINGS 2/3

**Emanuela AREZZO** – Associate professor in Patent and New Technology at University Luiss  
**Guido Carli** - 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)

18:00 – 19:30

GUIDED TOUR OF STRASBOURG CITY CENTER

JULY 5

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

13:30 - 16:00

EU DIRECTIVE ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF IP RIGHTS IN EUROPE – PROCEDURES AT THE CUSTOMS

**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 6

08:30 – 12:00

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

13:00 – 15:00

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

15:00 – 18:00

OPERATING IP RIGHTS IN EUROPE – EP LIMITATIONS TO AGREEMENTS

**Ioannis LIANOS** – Reader in competition Law - University College - London

**Gutenberg Research Chair, ENA**

IP rights and the EU treaties – exhaustion of rights – competition rules – sanctions for non compliance

JULY 7

09:00 – 13:00

WORKSHOP ORAL PROCEEDINGS

– SAMPLE CASE

**Daniel THOMAS** – Director at the DGI of the EPO  
**Claire MOUGET-GONJOT** – Patent attorney  
**Kaisa SUOMINEN** – Patent attorney

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