



**Conference on the training of UPC judges
(Budapest, 13-14 March 2014)**

Thursday, 13 March

- 9.00-10.00** Arrival, registration, coffee
- 10.00-10.30** Welcome on behalf of the Government of Hungary
Mr Tibor Navracsics, Deputy Prime Minister of Hungary;
Mr Zoltán Cséfalvay, Minister of State of the Ministry for National Economy of Hungary
- 10.30-10.45** Welcome on behalf of the European Patent Office
Mr Benoît Battistelli, President
- 10.45-11.00** Welcome on behalf of the Office for the Harmonization in the Internal Market
Mr António Campinos, President
- 11.00-11.15** Welcome on behalf of the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office
Mr Miklós Bendzsel, President
- 11.15-11.35** Keynote speech - General introduction to the Unified Patent Court and the work of the Preparatory Committee
Mr Paul van Beukering, Chairman of the UPC Preparatory Committee, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation of the Netherlands
- 11.35-11.55** Keynote speech - Overview of the work and results of the UPC Training and HR Group
Mr Olivér Várhelyi, Human Resources and Training Group Co-ordinator of the Preparatory Committee, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU
- 12.00-14.00** Buffet lunch



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- 14.00-14.30** Features of the training programme for the candidates selected in the pre-selection procedure
Mr Carl Josefsson, Advisory Panel, HR&Training Working Group, Senior Judge of Appeal, Svea Court of Appeal
- 14.30-16.00** *Panel discussion on the current system of training for judges in MSs, challenges in setting up the UPC in respect of judicial training*
Participants: Judges: Mr Peter Meier-Beck (DE), Lord Justice David Kitchin (UK), Ms Marie Courboulay (FR); Mr Edger Brinkman (NL); Mr Johannes Karcher (Coordinator, Working Group on Legal Framework of the Preparatory Committee); Ms Margot Fröhlinger (Principal Director of EPO)
Moderator: Mr Olivér Várhelyi
- 16.00-16.15** Summary of the 1st day's discussions
Ms Katalin Kiszely, Deputy Minister of State of the Ministry of Public Administration and Justice
- 16.15** Coffee
- 19.00-22.00** Evening reception
(Ceremonial hall, Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Országház u. 28-30.)
Welcome
Mr Benoît Battistelli, President; Mr Miklós Bendzsel, President

Friday, 14 March

- 09.30-09.50** Overview of the work of the Select Committee
Mr Jérôme Debrulle, Chairman of the Select Committee, Conseiller général, Intellectual Property Office, FPS Economy, S.M.E.s, Self-employed and Energy
- [09.50-10.50 Plenary session, including presentations on the following issues: current training offers and initiatives on IP, possible contribution to training UPC judges; possible topics to be included into the curricula; different skills for different types of judges, issues to be included into tailor-made trainings]*
- 09.50-10.10** Presentation by the representative of the European Patent Office
Mr Jean-Michel Zilliox, Director, IP Practice, European Patent Office



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- 10.10-10.25** Presentation by the representative of the Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI), University of Strasbourg, France,
Mr Christophe Geiger, Director General of CEIPI
- 10.25-10.35** Presentation by the representative of ERA – Academy of European Law
Dr. Wolfgang Heusel, Director of the Academy
- 10.35-10.45** Presentation by the representative of European Judicial Training Network, EJTN
Mr Wojciech Postulski, Secretary General Elect of the EJTN, Brussels
- 10.45-11.00** Presentation by the representative of OHIM
Mr Paul Maier, Director of Observatory
- 11.00-11.30** Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00** Panel Discussion – Stocktaking; Topic: what are the users’ and professional representatives’ expectations and views on training (how to deal with the challenges, predictability of the UPC, e.g. are current practices of national courts and EPO Boards of Appeal a useful ground to further development, and if yes, to what extent); special needs of UPC judges (e.g. language skills, differences between legally and technically qualified judges); special elements of the training (rules of procedures, writing judgements, how to lead the trial in a uniform way);
Participants: Mr Thierry Sueur, Chairman of BUSINESSEUROPE's "Patents" Working Group, Director, Intellectual Property Department, Air Liquide; Mr Kevin Mooney, EPLAW, Chairman of RoP Drafting Committee; Mr Pierre Véron, EPLAW, Member of RoP Drafting Committee; Mr Antonius Tangena, President, epi; Mr Ferenc Török, President, Hungarian Chamber of Patent Attorneys;
Moderator: Dr. Eugen Popp
- 13.00-13.30** Closing remarks, closing of the conference
Mr Olivér Várhelyi
- 13.30-14.30** Buffet lunch
- 14.30** End of the conference