

**UNION-IP CONGRESS ACI CASTELLO 2017**  
**PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday 30 May**

19.00 - 22.00 ExCo Welcome dinner (by invitation only)

**Wednesday 31 May**

09.00 - 17.00 ExCo Meetings (by invitation only)

19.00 - 22.00 Congress Welcome dinner

**Thursday 1 June**

09.00 - 10.30 PLENARY SESSION

Opening remarks: Luigi Franzolin, President of Union - IP

The action plans of the WTO and the EU Commission for the protection of IPR

Moderator: Enrique Armijo Chávarri, President, Union-IP Litigation Commission

Michael König, European Commission  
Dr Anthony Taubman, Director, WTO IP Division

10 30 - 11.00 Coffee break

11 00 - 12 30 PLENARY SESSION

Strategies in a time of change for EU-wide patent infringement: panel discussion

Moderator: Sabine Rojahn, Union-IP Litigation Commission

Toni Tangena, European Patent Institute  
Dr Klaus Bacher, X. Zivilsenat, Karlsruhe, Germany  
The Hon. Mr Justice Sir Colin Birss, Chancery Division, High Court of Justice of England and Wales

Dr Massimo Scuffi, President, Court of Aosta, Italy  
Chris Hardingham, NXP

12 30 - 14 20

Lunch

14 30 - 17 30

WORKSHOPS

14 30 - 15 30

WORKSHOP 1 – Patents

How to draft EP proof patent (priority) applications – is the EPO raising the bar for the rest of the world?

An insider view/Avoiding pitfalls such as Arts 123, 83 and 84.

Moderator: Reinier Wijnstra, Vice-President, Union-IP Patents Commission

Stef Polderdijk, EPO  
Andrew Parker, Meissner Bolte, Germany

WORKSHOP 2 – Trademarks

EUTMs – Use requirements after unwrapping the TM package

Moderator: Laurent Overath, President, Union-IP Trademarks Commission

Maarten Haak, Partner, Hoogenraad & Haak Advocaten  
Luca Rampini, EUIPO Legal Practice Service

15 30 - 16 00

Coffee break

16 00 - 17 30

WORKSHOP 3 – Trademarks

International trademarks – is there a need to upgrade to Madrid 2.0?

Moderator: Union-IP Trademark Commission member

Marcus Höpferger, WIPO  
Jochen Höfeld, Klunker IP  
Carmela Rotundo, Metroconsult

## **WORKSHOP 4 – Patents**

What do foreign colleagues expect from EPO-style PCT applications? The view from outside/best practice/claim drafting.

Moderator: Rainer Beetz, Sonn & Partner, Austria

**Patricia Rogowski, Panitch Schwartze IP Law**

**Mr Keisaku Ishihara, Foreign Department, Nagoya International Patent Firm, Japan**

### Friday 2 June

09 00 - 10 00      **General Assembly - Union-IP members only**

10 00 - 10 30      **Coffee break**

10 30 - 12 30      **PLENARY SESSION**

Present and future IP Cross-Border litigation in the EU:  
judges panel

Moderator: Manuel Desantes, Professor of Private International Law,  
Alicante, former President, EPO

**Mr.dr. Peter Blok, Raadsheer, Civiel Recht, Gerechtshof Den Haag, The Netherlands**

**Dr Klaus Bacher, X. Zivilsenat, Karlsruhe, Germany;**

**The Hon. Mr Justice Sir Colin Birss, Chancery Division, High Court of Justice of England and Wales;**

**Dr Massimo Scuffi, President, Court of Aosta, Italy**

**Me Amandine Metiér, Partner, Véron & Associés, France**

12 30 - 14 30      **Lunch**

14 30 - 16 00      **WORKSHOPS**

**WORKSHOP 1 – Life sciences**

Is your supported disclosure (non-) obviously sufficiently plausible?

Moderator: Frits Schut, President, Union-IP Life Sciences Commission

Michael Silverleaf QC, 11 South Square

Jan Krauss, Boehmert

Lawrence Cullen, UK-IPO

**WORKSHOP 2 – Software**

Where have my infringers gone? Split infringement: multi party/multi-territory infringement.

Moderator: Virginia Driver, President, Union-IP Software Commission

Matthew Hitchin, Canon

Daniel Northway, Centrica

Peter Kather, Kather Augenstein

16.00

Close

16 00 - 17 30

Meeting of New Bureau of Union-IP (bureau members only)

Saturday 3 June

Optional Etna and Taormina Tour