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PROGRAMME

Venue: Polícia Judiciária Headquarters, Rua Gomes Freire, Lisbon

09:00–09:30 | Welcome and Opening Remarks

Welcome Address

Aleš Zalar

Director, Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre of the Unified Patent Court

Opening Addresses

Rita Alarcão Júdice (TBC)

Minister of Justice of the Portuguese Republic

Klaus Grabinski

President, Court of Appeal of the Unified Patent Court

António Campinos

President, European Patent Office

João Negrão

Executive Director, European Union Intellectual Property Office

09:30–10:30 | European IP Dispute Resolution Policy Challenges

This panel will explore the evolving role of alternative dispute resolution within the European intellectual property landscape and discuss current institutional perspectives and future policy developments.

Moderator

Aleš Zalar

Director, Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre of the Unified Patent Court

Speakers

Sven Stürmann

President of the Boards of Appeal, European Union Intellectual Property Office; Internationally accredited Mediator

Ana Margarida Bandeira

President of the Directive Council of INPI, Portuguese Institute of Industrial Property

Karin Žvokelj

Director, Slovenian Intellectual Property Office; Chair, Management Board, European Union Intellectual Property Office

Nazareth Romero

Professor; FCI Arb. Chair Ciarp Iberian Chapter EU Branch; Partner Ovoli Frugoni Romero Arbitration Litigation; PMAC Neutral

Yvonne Podbielski

Legally Qualified Member of the Boards of Appeal, European Patent Office

10:30–11:00 | Coffee Break

11:00–12:30 | Judges' Panel – Territorial Rights, Global Standards: Judicial Perspectives on SEP/FRAND Disputes

This judicial panel will examine contemporary developments in SEP/FRAND disputes, exploring the relationship between litigation and ADR, recent judicial developments and the role arbitration and mediation may play in resolving global licensing disputes.

Moderator

Sir Robin Jacob

Sir Hugh Laddie Professor of Intellectual Property Law, University College London; Former Lord Justice of Appeal; PMAC Neutral

Speakers

The Rt Hon. Lord Justice Richard Arnold

Court of Appeal of England and Wales

Lars Meinhardt

Presiding Judge, Higher Regional Court of Munich

Emmanuel Gougé

Judge, Court of Appeal, Unified Patent Court

Judge, Unified Patent Court (TBC)

12:30–13:30 | Lunch**13:30–14:30 | PMAC FRAND Guidelines**

This session will present the PMAC FRAND Guidelines Working Group's discussion paper and address key topics under consideration for future PMAC FRAND Guidelines.

Moderator**Simon Dack**

PMAC Expert Committee Member; PMAC Neutral

Speakers**Matthias Zigann**

Presiding Judge, Local Division Munich, Unified Patent Court

Aleksandra Kuźnicka-Cholewa

Counsel at CMS Poland; Assistant Professor Institute of Law Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences; PMAC Neutral

Richard Buttrick

Independent IP Consultant and expert witness on SEP/FRAND matters; PMAC Neutral

Tom Oliver

Partner, Powell Gilbert

Thierry Calame

Managing Partner, Lenz & Staehelin; PMAC Neutral

14:30–15:30 | Arbitrability of Disputes Concerning the Validity and Ownership of Intellectual Property Rights

This panel will examine the arbitrability of disputes concerning the validity and ownership of intellectual property rights from comparative and practical perspectives, considering recent developments in international arbitration and national legal systems.

Moderator**Vítor Palmela Fidalgo**

Partner at Inventa; Lecturer at the University of Lisbon School of Law; PMAC Expert Committee Member and PMAC Neutral

Speakers**Dário Moura Vicente**

Full Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon; Attorney-at-Law and Arbitrator; PMAC Neutral

Antje Baumann

International Arbitrator; Founding Partner, BAUMANN Resolving Disputes

Yanfang Wang

Professor and Doctoral Supervisor, East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL); PMAC Neutral

Jacques Raynard

Professor Agrégé of the Faculties of Law; Professor of Private Law, University of Montpellier; Professor, Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI), University of Strasbourg; PMAC Neutral

15:30–16:00 | Coffee Break**16:00–17:00 | Arbitration of Patent Licensing, Technology Transfer and Life Sciences Disputes**

This panel will explore the role of arbitration in patent licensing, technology transfer and life sciences disputes. Bringing together leading practitioners from different jurisdictions, it will offer practical perspectives on current developments, emerging challenges and best practices in resolving complex commercial and intellectual property disputes.

Moderator**Cândida Ribeiro Caffé**

Partner, Dannemann Siemsen, Past President of LES Brasil, Professor of Intellectual Property at PUC-Rio

Speakers**Penny Gilbert**

Founding Partner, Powell Gilbert LLP; PMAC Neutral

Joana Piriquito Santos

Founding Partner and Managing Partner at NLP Law firm; PMAC Neutral

Steven Baldwin

Partner, Intellectual Property Litigation, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Shaohui Yuan (participating online)

Vice President, CCPIT Patent & Trademark Law Office; President, Licensing Executives Society China; Vice President, China Trademark Association; Expert, National Intellectual Property Experts Pool; Arbitrator, CIETAC; Mediator, CCPIT Mediation Center; PMAC Neutral

17:00–17:10 | Closing Remarks**Aleš Zalar**

Director, Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre of the Unified Patent Court