

List of Speakers and Chairpersons

Chairpersons

Mr Paul Maier, President of the Boards of Appeal, OHIM, Alicante

Ms Ulla Wennermark, Member of the First Board of Appeal, OHIM, Alicante

Mr Tomás de las Heras Lorenzo, Chairperson of the Second Board of Appeal, OHIM, Alicante (*)

Mr Theophile Margellos, Chairperson of the First and Third Boards of Appeal, OHIM, Alicante

Speakers

Mr Achim Bender, Member of the First Board of Appeal, OHIM, Alicante

Mr Giuseppe Bertoli, Legal Secretary, Court of First Instance, Luxembourg

Professor Eduardo Galán Corona, University of Salamanca (*)

Professor Karl-Heinz Fezer, University of Constance

Dr Henning Hartwig, Attorney-at-Law, Munich

Mr David Keeling, Member of the Second and Third Boards of Appeal, OHIM, Alicante

Professor Annette Kur, Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law, Munich

Mr Antonio Pérez Van Kappel, Legal Secretary, European Court of Justice, Luxembourg

Mr Martin Schlötelburg, Coordinator, Designs Department, OHIM, Alicante

Mr Philipp von Kapff, Member of the First Board of Appeal, OHIM, Alicante

Invited (*)

Contents

The seminar will focus on significant developments since 2005, when the last ERA seminar was held at the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM).

In the field of designs, the accession of the European Community to the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement concerning the international registration of industrial designs will be presented and its consequences discussed.

Concerning trademarks, the seminar will focus on conflicts of laws: Impact of Rome II for trademarks and consequences of the recent ECJ cases (GAT and Roche Nederland) for multinational litigation and infringement proceedings in national Courts.

Also in the field of jurisprudence, the most significant community case law on invalidity decisions concerning trademarks and designs will be presented.

The last part of the seminar will be dedicated to the mechanisms aiming to reinforce intellectual property rights. The implications of the proposed directive on criminal measures aimed at ensuring the enforcement of intellectual property rights (COM(2005)276 final) will be discussed.

Experts from OHIM, academics and practitioners will be invited to give their point of view.

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Thursday, 22 November 2007

09:00	Arrival and Registration of Participants
09:30	Welcome and Introduction ERA/OHIM
<i>Chair: Paul Maier</i>	
09:45	Consequences of GAT and Roche Nederland ECJ Cases on Multinational Litigation and Infringement Proceedings in National Courts <i>Henning Hartwig</i>
10:30	Discussion
11:00	Coffee Break
11:30	“Rome II” Regulation on Non-Contractual Obligations and its Impact on Trademark Law <i>Annette Kur</i>
12:15	Discussion
12:45	Lunch

<i>Chair: Theophile Margellos</i>	
14:45	Links Between National and Community Courts: A German Perspective <i>Achim Bender</i>
15:30	Coffee Break
16:00	Single Letters and Single Numbers as Trademarks? <i>David Keeling</i>
16:45	Discussion
17:00	Trademark Categories: their Filing and their Protection <i>Philipp von Kapff</i>
17:45	Discussion
18:15	End of First Conference Day

Friday, 23 November 2007

<i>Chair: Ulla Wennermark</i>	
09:00	Recent Case Law from the CFI <i>Giuseppe Bertoli</i>
09:45	Discussion

10:15	Coffee Break
10:45	Procedural Aspects Regarding Preliminary Rulings <i>Antonio Pérez Van Kappel</i>
11:30	Discussion
12:00	Topic to be determined <i>Karl-Heinz Fezer</i>
12:45	Discussion
13:00	Lunch
<i>Chair: Tomás de las Heras Lorenzo</i>	
15:00	EC Accession to the Hague Agreement and its Consequences for Designs <i>Martin Schlötelburg</i>
15:45	Discussion
16:15	The Future of Mechanisms Aiming to Reinforce Intellectual Property Rights <i>Eduardo Galán Corona</i>
17:00	Discussion
17:30	End of the Seminar

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