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### Dates

12 June 2008 Start: 09.30 – Finish: 17.00  
13 June 2008 Start: 09.00 – Finish: 16.30

### Registration & Coffee

12 June 2008 09.00

### Venue

The Rembrandt Hotel, 11 Thurloe Place, London SW7.

### Directions

Opposite V&A Museum.

Nearest Underground station: South Kensington.

Map available on Website under Hotels and Venues.

### Accommodation

A limited number of bedrooms have been reserved at The Rembrandt Hotel, 11 Thurloe Place, London SW7, at a special rate of £127.66 (Superior) inc. English breakfast, £144.69 (Executive) inc. English breakfast. All +17.5% VAT – subject to availability.

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Email: [reservations\\_rembrandt@sarova.co.uk](mailto:reservations_rembrandt@sarova.co.uk)

**All bookings should be made directly with the hotel quoting Management Forum and your credit card number.**

### Fee

**£945 +17.5% VAT.** The fee includes course documentation as well as mid-session refreshments and lunch. Invoice and confirmation will be forwarded to you.

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**16 April 2008 and tick this box ☐.**

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# PATENT SYSTEMS IN EUROPE

## A Schematic Overview

### Topics to be covered at this event:

- Outline of the Paris Convention & Other Patent-Related International Agreements
- The European Patent Convention (EPC)
- The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)
- The Interface Between PCT and EPC

With:

**Yvonne Podbielski**

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**Simon Roberts**

BT Group Legal, London

**Eric Wolff**

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The Rembrandt Hotel, London



## OBJECTIVE

This valuable two-day course aims to provide a unique schematic overview of the multinational aspects of the Patent System in Europe, with selected topics being discussed in depth.

A brief outline of the various patent-related international treaties in force will be followed by a more detailed examination of both the European Patent Convention (EPC2000) and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) as currently in force. The interface between the two systems will be explained.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- IP Managers
- IP Engineers
- Patent Attorneys
- Senior Patent Administrators & Paralegals
- EOE Candidates

## ATTENDANCE LIMITED – EARLY REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

This limitation, a unique feature of all MANAGEMENT FORUM seminars, will give participants the opportunity for a thorough discussion of the complex issues to be covered by the programme.

## DOCUMENTATION

Delegates will receive a course material folder containing comprehensive documentation provided by the speakers, which will be a valuable source of reference for the future.

**A Certificate of Attendance for Professional Development will be given to each participant who completes the course.**

## SPEAKERS

**Yvonne Podbielski** is a lawyer in the Legal Research Service of the Boards of Appeal at the European Patent Office. After obtaining a PhD from Cambridge University, she qualified as a solicitor in 2000 and practised in a City Law firm until joining the EPO in 2004.

**Simon Roberts** is head of the patents division of the IP department of British Telecommunications. He qualified as a Chartered Patent Agent in 1985 and as a European Patent Attorney in 1986. Since 1989 he has been involved with the Centre d'Etudes Internationales de la Propriété Industrielle (CEIPI) of the University of Strasbourg, teaching on the basic EP patent law training course in London, and since the early 1990s teaching on the week-long preparatory seminars for paper D which are held in Strasbourg. Simon has been a tutor on the FICPI SEAD patent drafting course, which is held for two weeks each year in the Far East since its inception in 1997. He is editor and co-author (with Andrew Rudge) of the textbook *A Complete Guide To Passing The European Qualifying Exam* the fourth edition (2008) of which was published in the autumn of 2007.

**Eric Wolff** is a technically qualified member of a Technical Board of Appeal (Physics), at the European Patent Office. He qualified to practice before the British Patent Office and the European Patent Office in 1983. He worked in the telecommunications and computer industry and between 1989 and 1994 managed the patent department of a UK/US joint venture opto-electronics company. From 1994 until joining the EPO Boards of Appeal in 1999 he was senior legal officer in the PCT Legal Division of the World Industrial Property Organisation (WIPO).

Disclaimer: Ms. Podbielski and Mr. Wolff teach this seminar in a private capacity and do not represent the EPO or its official views. Any opinions expressed in this seminar are their own.

## PROGRAMME

- ▶ **The Paris Convention and other Patent-related International Agreements**
  - Paris Convention
  - TRIPs
  - Vienna Convention
  - Patent Law Treaty
  - London Protocol
- ▶ **The European Patent Convention (EPC)**
  - Procedural law
    - Application, grant procedure
    - Opposition, appeals, limitation/revocation
  - Substantive law
    - Invention, novelty, inventive step, etc
  - Common Provisions
    - Right to be heard, etc
- ▶ **The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)**
  - Chapter I of the PCT
    - Filing, international search, publication of the international application
  - Chapter II of the PCT
    - International preliminary examination
  - Common provisions
    - Calculation of time limits, representation, withdrawals, etc
- ▶ **The Interface between PCT and EPC**
  - Commencement of the national/regional grant procedure ('national phase entry')*
  - Euro-PCT applications