

Objective

This conference will provide intellectual property practitioners with an in-depth analysis of the legal framework applicable to internet domain names at international and at EU levels as well as of landmark judgments.

Key topics

- The international legal framework for the protection of internet domain names
- Coexistence of domain names and trade marks on the market
- Brand owners' strategies in registering a domain name
- The .eu top level domain name and clarifications brought by the CJEU on speculative and abusive registrations (Cases C-376/11 and C-569/08)
- Scope, advantages and shortcomings of uniform domain name dispute resolution (UDRP) in practice
- Selection of relevant decisions on abusive registration based on UDRP
- Proving registration or use in bad faith
- The hacking of social networking accounts and domain names

Who should attend?

Lawyers in private practice, in-house counsel, civil servants and other practitioners of law dealing with domain names, trade marks and industrial property.

Travel to Trier:

Shuttle services from Luxembourg airport to the ERA Conference Centre can be booked at special rates at: www.taxi-franken.de/era

Speakers

Mette Andersen, Director, Corporate Counsel, LEGO Juris A/S, Billund

Geert Glas, Partner, Allen & Overy LLP, Brussels

Prof Lambert Grosskopf, IT and Media Lawyer, Bremen

Matthew Harris, Partner, Waterfront Solicitors LLP, London

Virginia Melgar, Lawyer, ICLAD, Litigation Department, OHIM, Alicante

Olof Nordling, Director, Services Relations Branch Manager, ICANN, Brussels *

Charlotte Spencer, Lawyer, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, World Intellectual Property Organization, Geneva

Benoit Van Asbroeck, Partner, Bird & Bird LLP, Brussels

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INTERNET DOMAIN NAMES: FROM REGISTRATION TO DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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Thursday, 21 March 2013

- 08:45 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:15 **Setting the scene**
Florence Hartmann-Vareilles
- I. LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND STRATEGIES**
- 09:30 **The international legal framework for the protection of internet domain names**
Lambert Grosskopf
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 **Brand owners' strategies**
- *Mette Andersen*
 - *Geert Glas*
- 11:15 Discussion
- 11:30 Coffee break
- II. REGISTRATION OF INTERNET DOMAIN NAMES**
- 12:00 **Registration of internet domain names under trade mark law: a question of distinctiveness**
Virginia Melgar
- 12:45 Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch

- 14:30 **Update on new generic top-level domains (gTLDs)**
Olof Nordling
- 15:15 Discussion
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 16:00 **Safeguarding trade marks against identical or confusingly similar domain names**
Jean-Christophe Vignes
- 16:45 Discussion
- 17:00 **Clarifications brought by the CJEU on speculative and abusive registration of the .eu top-level domain**
Cécile Vrignon
- 17:45 Discussion
- 18:00 End of the first day
- 19:00 City tour
- 20:00 Dinner

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Friday, 22 March 2013

- III. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**
- 09:00 **Scope, advantages and shortcomings of Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution (UDRP) in practice**
Tony Willoughby
- 09:30 Discussion
- 09:45 **Safe harbour for the registrant: demonstrating rights and legitimate interest**
Charlotte Spencer
- 10:30 Discussion
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:15 **Perspective of the complainant: proving registration or use in bad faith of a domain name**
Matthew Harris
- 12:00 Discussion
- IV. TO COMPLETE THE PICTURE**
- 12:15 **The hacking of social networking accounts and domain names : different solutions for two neighbouring issues**
Benoit Van Asbroeck
- 13:00 Discussion
- 13:15 End of conference
- Light lunch