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## **5th Annual International Workshop**

### **"The Output of R&D and Innovative activities: Harnessing the Power of Patents Data"**

**Thursday 19th – Friday 20th September 2013**

Venue: JRC-IPTS, Edificio EXPO  
Isla de la Cartuja, c/Inca Garcilaso 3, Seville, Spain  
Meeting Room A30, 1st floor

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Dear Colleagues,

On Thursday 19th – Friday 20th September 2013, the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (JRC-IPTS, European Commission) will host its 5th Annual Workshop "The Output of R&D activities: Harnessing the Power of Patents Data" in Sevilla, Spain.

The Workshop Scientific Committee invites interested applicants to submit abstracts for theoretically and empirically grounded papers. Those abstracts should reflect critically on the relations between patents (and other Intellectual Property Rights) and Research & Development and Innovation (RDI) as well as the factors affecting such relations. The abstracts should draw on the results of academic research and help informing ongoing policy debates relevant for Europe. A specific focus on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) at all level of analysis (technology, sector or company) is encouraged.

### **Format of the Workshop**

The overall format of this two-days annual workshop is of an open plenary session, consisting of 3-4 successive sessions, each of them composed of three to four 15' slots for presentation and 30' slots for Q/A to each speaker. The audience is rather specialised and made out of some 40 experts. Please note that experts from the industry with a specific case related to the workshop theme are also encouraged to submit. Information on previous workshops is available at: <http://is.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pages/ISG/patents/index.html>

Within the umbrella theme of the workshop, - the relations between patents (and other Intellectual Property Rights) and Research & Development and Innovation (RDI) as well

as the factors affecting such relations -, the topics for interventions are defined as following:

### **1. Patent system: Institutional aspects**

A global view about how the regulations and the organisations managing the Patent system evolve/ are challenged/ adapt.

Discussing benefits and limitations, improvements and lessons learnt. Consequences for (academic) research, industry strategies or policy making as well as comparisons/conclusion for the EU IPR system. This session might include insights in other IPR regimes and institutions.

### **2. Collecting and analysing patent data: Methodological aspects**

How to collect, organise, process and analyse worldwide patent data, with a particular attention to PATSTAT, the global database developed and maintained by the EPO.

Discussing benefits and limitations, improvements and failures. Consequences for academic research or evidence-based policy support.

Sector-, technology- or company-level analyses are all very welcome, in particular with a focus on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).

This session might include insights in other IPR data and methods.

### **3. Patent analysis: Research outputs**

Results of patent data analysis (in particular using PATSTAT) and other Intellectual Property Rights (such as Trademarks for example). Highlights for policy support at EU and global level.

Sector-, technology- or company-level analyses are all very welcome, in particular with a focus on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).

### **Abstracts**

Call for Abstracts: March 15, 2013.

Deadline for abstract submission: April 30, 2013.

Abstracts will be submitted as MS Word attachments, and sent by e-mail at: [Marc.Bogdanowicz@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Marc.Bogdanowicz@ec.europa.eu) with Subject: Abstract Patent Workshop 2013.

Notification of selected abstracts to their main author: 30 June 2013.

Submission of final draft presentations requested by 1 September 2013 (for comments from the session chairs).

Abstracts should:

- be maximum 800 words

- specify the research question(s), the theoretical framework and the methods, the data source(s), the empirical content and findings as well as the EU policy relevance

- indicate to which topic the presentation is expected to belong (see above)

- should not include any reference to their authors, as abstracts will be submitted to a blind peer review by the members of the Patent Workshop Scientific Committee.

**Publication**

IPTS does not plan to publish separately the papers from the workshop. Nevertheless, IPTS will encourage for completing papers and will publish those, together with the slide presentation, if authorised by the author, on the workshop website after the workshop.

**For more information:**

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.  
Best regards,

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