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23 November 2016 - Ref: 9610

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Timings for both courses

Registration and refreshments

09.00

Start - 09.30 - Finish - 17.30

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Advanced Drafting Techniques for Successful EPO Patent Applications

23 November 2016 • 14 June 2017

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Key topics covered in this programme:

- Article 123(2) - added subject matter
- Avoiding problems with amendments
- Article 83 - sufficiency of disclosure

Expert trainer:

Daniel X Thomas Former Director in DG1, European Patent Office, Munich

Effective Defence of EPO Patent Applications - avoiding common pitfalls

24 November 2016 • 15 June 2017

The Rembrandt Hotel, London

Key topics covered in this programme:

- Article 84 - clarity
- Effective use of the problem/solution approach
- Article 56 - inventive step

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Includes: Interactive and practical exercises

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Why you should attend

Many patent applications and patents are lost before the EPO, either before Opposition Divisions or before Appeal due to incorrect original drafting, and added subject matter is a recurrent problem. Amendments made during the grant procedure to incorporate new prior art, amount to added subject-matter, often fatal in opposition procedure before the EPO, and in nullity proceedings before national courts.

Sufficiency of disclosure can also be a problem and if initial disclosure is insufficient, amending it can amount to adding subject matter.

The purpose of this seminar is to identify the problems of added subject matter and sufficiency of disclosure, and show how they can be easily avoided by careful drafting.

Programme

- 09.00 ▶ **Registration and refreshments**
- 09.30 ▶ **Article 123(2) - added subject matter**
 - Tools used in assessing added subject matter
 - Examples and specific cases
 - Broadening of features
 - Intermediate generalisation - essentiality test
- 11.00 ▶ **Refreshments**
- 11.15 ▶ **Article 123(2) - added subject matter continued**
 - Added subject matter and extension of protection
 - Disclaimers
 - Care with original drafting
 - Avoiding problems with amendments
- Workshop**
Practical exercises to exemplify the concepts used
- 13.00 ▶ **Lunch**
- 14.00 ▶ **Article 83 - sufficiency of disclosure**
 - Fundamentals of insufficiency
 - Essential features of enabling disclosure
- 15.00 ▶ **Refreshments**
- 15.15 ▶ **Article 83 - sufficiency of disclosure continued**
 - Sufficiency vs added subject matter
 - Care with original drafting
 - Avoiding problems with amendments
- Workshop**
Practical exercises to exemplify the concepts used
- 16.30 ▶ **Case law**
- 17.30 ▶ **Close of course**

Who should attend?

- Trainee patent attorneys
- EQE candidates
- Qualified European patent attorneys
- Patent attorneys in private practice
- Corporate patent attorneys and lawyers
- People working or training in intellectual property
- US attorneys working in Europe

Those already familiar with the field will find the seminars valuable for updating their knowledge.

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Why you should attend

Clarity in drafting patent claims has always been a serious issue: Clarity is required to distinguish the subject matter of a claim from prior art, and an unclear claim can be interpreted to the disadvantage of the applicant or proprietor. **This is not just a formal matter, but a substantial issue of first importance.**

The ‘problem/solution’ approach is not officially part of the EPC, but is a criterion which has been developed by case law. It is now hard to find a decision of the Boards of Appeal which does not rely on the problem/solution approach in order to decide upon inventive step. It looks easy, but when applied, it should be applied correctly.

The purpose of this seminar is to teach delegates the essentials of clarity, and the most effective use of the problem/solution approach, giving them an edge over other parties.

Programme

- 09.00 ▶ **Registration and refreshments**
- 09.30 ▶ **Article 84 - clarity of claims**
 - Tools used in assessing added subject matter
 - Clarity vs novelty
 - Structural vs functional features
- 11.00 ▶ **Refreshments**
- 11.15 ▶ **Article 84 – clarity of claims continued**
 - Essential features
 - Effect of lack of clarity on claim interpretation
 - Clarity in opposition
- Workshop**
Practical exercises to exemplify the concepts used
- 13.00 ▶ **Lunch**
- 14.00 ▶ **Article 56 - inventive step**
 - The problem/solution approach as practiced by the EPO
 - The steps involved in the problem/solution approach
 - Correct application of the problem/solution approach
- 15.30 ▶ **Refreshments**
- 15.45 ▶ **Article 56 - inventive step continued**
- Workshop**
Practical exercises to exemplify the concepts used
- 16.30 ▶ **Case law**
- 17.30 ▶ **Close of course**

Expert trainer for both courses

Daniel X Thomas is an electronics engineer by training. He started his career in the patent field as search examiner at the former Institut International des Brevets in The Hague in 1971. After incorporation of the IIB into the EPO in 1978, he was search examiner in the EPO’s DG1. Daniel joined the EPO’s DG2 in 1979 as substantive examiner in the field of computers and memories. He became a Director in DG2 in 1989, and subsequently headed directorates in various fields of electronics, physics and mechanics. He retired from the EPO on 1 January 2013 but continues to train patent specialists for CEIPI in Strasbourg, the epi and the Academy of the EPO. He also prepares candidates for the European Qualification Examination, and ‘grandfathers’ for new Contracting States.



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