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Opposition and Appeal

Roadshow for professional representatives

Programme

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TUESDAY, 16 MAY 2017

08.30 – 09.00 Registration
09.00 – 09.10 Welcome Address

O P P O S I T I O N

09.10 – 09.25 Introduction
09.25 – 09.45 Admissibility of opposition
09.45 – 10.10 Extent of opposition and grounds of opposition
10.10 – 10.30 Late filings during opposition proceedings

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 11.25 Amendment of patent
11.25 – 11.55 Oral proceedings in opposition
11.55 – 12.05 Decisions in opposition
12.05 – 12.10 Continued opposition after appeal
12.10 – 12.20 Third-party observations
12.20 – 12.30 Q&A

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch break

A P P E A L

13.30 – 13.40	Introduction
13.40 – 13.55	Admissibility of appeal
13.55 – 14.40	Late filings during appeal proceedings
14.40 – 14.45	Oral proceedings in appeal
14.45 – 14.50	<i>Reformatio in peius</i>
14.50 – 15.00	Decisions in appeal
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 15.45	Petition for Review
15.45 – 15.50	<i>Ex-parte</i> appeals
15.50 – 16.45	Sundry issues: - Burden/Standard of proof - Use of description to interpret granted claims - How to draft patent applications to avoid problems later in opposition and appeal proceedings
(optional)	Apportionment of costs
(optional)	Intervention
(optional)	Reimbursement of appeal fee
16.45 – 17.00	Q&A
17.00	End of the Seminar

Roadshow speakers



Marcus Müller (DE)

Member of the Boards of Appeal / Deputy Chairman of Board 3.3.09 of the European Patent Office (Munich)

Previous experience:

Patent examiner at the European Patent Office (Munich)

European Patent Attorney (trainee) at AkzoNobel (Arnhem, NL)

PhD in polymer chemistry (1996)



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European patent attorney

Associate professor of Intellectual Property Law (Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, NL)

PhD in physics (1982) and in law (2011)

Author of the books:

- *The Cross-Referenced Patent Cooperation Treaty*

- *A Self-Study Guide for the Pre-Examination of the EQE - Part I: The Legal Questions*

Co-author of the books:

- *Smart in C - A simple and efficient methodology for EQE Paper C*
- *Tactics for D - A methodology for EQE Paper D*

Marcus Müller and Cees Mulder are the authors of the book "*Proceedings before the European Patent Office - A Practical Guide to Success in Opposition and Appeal*" issued by Edward Elgar (2015)



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