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epi - Paper A weekend workshop

Programme

18 – 19 May 2019
Munich, Germany



Saturday, 18 May 2019

8.30 – 9.00 **Registration**

09:00 – 09:30 Introduction to the formal aspects of Paper A
(Presentation)

A review of the provisions of REE and IPREE relevant to Paper A. The documents that will form Paper A and what is expected in the answer.

09:30 – 11:00 Practical aspects of Paper A
(Presentation, sharing experiences and exercises)

This session will introduce and explore the letter from the client, the types of information that might be expected in the paper, and basic concepts necessary for tackling Paper A. Concepts include claim categories, essential features and optional features, novelty, inventive step, clarity and conciseness. Tips and tricks for extracting information.

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 Identifying the relevant information – Part 1
(Group discussion)

This session will develop the concepts from the previous session by reading through a sample Paper A, jointly identifying potentially important information for the answer.

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch break



13:30 – 14:30 Identifying the relevant information – Part 2
(Group work and discussion)

This session will be in groups working to classify and organise the information identified in the previous session in preparation for an answer.

14:30 – 15:00 Creating an outline answer – Part 1
(Presentation and discussion)

In this session participants will learn and discuss how to create a framework for the independent claims, dependent claims and introduction.

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:45 Creating an outline answer – Part 2
(Group work and discussion)

Participants will work in groups in this session to prepare an outline for the answer based on the previous session.

16:45 – 17:00 Considering different methodologies
(Plenary)

A brief review of methodologies for tackling Paper A.

17.00 **End of Day 1**



Sunday, 19 May 2019

09:00 – 09:15 Recap from Day 1
(Presentation and questions)

09:15 – 11:00 Drafting the independent claims
(Individual work and discussion)

Participants will be given a sample Paper A and in this session they will evaluate the information provided and draft appropriate independent claims in consultation with the tutors as required. The session will finish with a discussion of the paper and suitable independent claims.

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 Drafting the dependent claims
(Individual work and discussion)

In this session participants will continue to prepare their answers to the sample paper by drafting dependent claims, which will be discussed at the end of the session.

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 14:15 Drafting the introduction
(Individual work and discussion)

In the third drafting session participants will complete their answers by drafting an introduction, concluding with a brief discussion of the introduction.



14:15 – 15:15 Analysis of the paper and possible answers – Part 1
(Presentation and group discussion)

This session will review the sample paper in the light of the Examiners' Report and highlight where marks can be gained or lost. It will also explore how participants can continue to make use of the Examiners' Reports between the workshop and EQE to assist in their preparation for Paper A.

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 16:45 Analysis of the paper and possible answers – Part 2
(Presentation and group discussion)

Review of the sample paper continued.

16:45 – 17:00 Closing
(Plenary)

Advice to participants on how to continue their preparation for EQE together with a final roundup of any questions and feedback on the workshop in general.

17:00 **End of the workshop**

Tutors

Jelle Terpsma



Jelle has a degree in chemical engineering and for a number of years has worked in different industries before entering the field of intellectual property end of 2005. Jelle qualified as Dutch and European patent attorney in 2009 and has since then been involved in the training of EQE candidates, predominantly as an EPI tutor. Currently, Jelle is working as a senior Intellectual Property counsel with a petrochemical company and having office in the Netherlands. Jelle speaks Dutch, English and German.

Derek Jackson



Derek has been a European patent attorney since the inception of the EPO and an epi tutor since 1993. He has a degree in chemical engineering and has run his own IP firm since 1990. He was involved in the development and presentation of projects for the EPO Academy including the pre-exam course and also serves as an Examiner for the national patent attorney examinations in the UK.

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