



Unitary Patent & Unified Patent Court

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Thursday, 26 SEPTEMBER | 09:00 – 17:00 CEST

AGENDA

08:30 *Registration*

09:00 *Welcome*

by Nuno Cruz (Chair of the IP Commission of ICC Portugal)

09:10 **The Unitary Patent (UP)**

- A unitary patent?
- Legislation
- The basic concept
- How is the EPO involved?
- Financial Aspects
- The UP as an object of property
- The UP Register
- Prior national rights
- Actions against decisions of the EPO

10:40 *Break*

11:00 **The Unitary Patent (UP) (continued)**

12.40 *Lunch Break*

13:30 **The Unified Patent Court (UPC)**

1. General overview over UPC structure & organisation
 - Legal framework
 - Structure of UPC
 - Territorial scope
2. General overview over procedure before UPC
3. “opt-out” and “opt-in” procedures

15:00 *Break*

15:20 **The Unified Patent Court (UPC)**

4. Role of Patent Attorneys at UPC; representation, privileges and Code of Conduct
5. UPC Register and CMS

15:45 **First experiences and decisions of the court**

(presented by Rute Lopes and Bart van Wezenbeek)

16:45 *Question and answer session*

17:00 *End of the seminar*

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SPEAKERS



UP Speaker

Manolis Samuelides (GR)

- is a member of the European Patent Institute (epi) since 1999
- has been patent examiner at the EPO (1987-1992)
- was Vice President (1995 -1997) and CEO (2001-2005) at the Organization of Industrial Property in Greece
- is Member of the Greek delegation in the Administrative Council of the EPO of the Governing Bodies of WIPO (2001-2005)
- is lecturing on the Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court for Politecnico di Milano since 2017
- is currently Professor at the National Technical University of Athens
- is vice chair of the European Patent Practice Committee of **epi** and chairing the PCT sub-committee
- of IP law at the University of the German Armed Forces in Munich



UPC Speaker

Bart van Wezenbeek (NL)

- has a Master in biology and civil law
- practiced as attorney in a large pharmaceutical company, in a biotech start-up and in private practice
- is Deputy justice in the appeal court in The Hague
- is Member of epi's Professional Education Committee since 2012



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MODERATOR



Rui Gomes (PT)

- Practices as an attorney since 2014, and previously was a patent examiner at the Portuguese IPO
- is a Portuguese IP Official Agent and a European Patent Attorney – a **epi** member since 2017 –, as well as a Unified Patent Court Representative
- is an Invited Assistant Professor on IP at the Universidade Lusófona Lisbon
- has a degree in Physics Engineering and a PhD in Technological Physics
- is part of **epi**'s Professional Education Committee since 2020

Invited Guests



Rute Lopes, UPC Judge, Lisbon Local Division

- Judge at Unified Patent Court, Lisbon Local Division
- Judge since 1997; Commerce Court judge (2009-2014) for Intellectual Property cases
- Head of the Court of North Lisbon (2014-2020)
- Judge at the Intellectual Property Court in Lisbon (2020-2022)
- Attended training at EPO and EUIPO, including a 2017 Internship at the Boards of Appeal



Nuno Cruz, Chairman of the IP Commission of ICC Portugal (since June 2016)

- is Chair of the IP Commission of ICC Portugal
- is a Partner of J. Pereira da Cruz, S.A. and founding Partner of the law firm Pereira da Cruz e Associados
- is a Portuguese IP Official Agent (1984) and a Portuguese Lawyer (1987)
- is a European Patent Attorney (1992) and European Trademark and Design Attorney before the EUIPO
- is part of **epi**'s Litigation Commission (LitCom)



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