

Congress agenda and invitation to the General Assembly 2024

Thursday, 28 November 2024

- 19.00 **Social Event (Drinks and Bites until 23:00)**
Venue: The Merode - Place Poelaert 6, 1000 Brussels

Friday, 29 November 2024

- 8:00 **Women in EPLAW**
Venue: The Hotel – Boulevard de Waterloo 38, 1000 Brussels
(lobby in front of the Grand Ballroom)
- 9:00 **General Assembly**
- President's report and update from committees
- Treasurer's financial report
- Approval of the annual accounts 2023
- Approval of the budget 2024-2025
- Discharge of the directors
- Renewal of the terms of the directors whose first term expires this year
- Appointment of a new director
- Election of a new President, President-Elect and Vice-President
- 9:45 **The UPC one and a half years on**
Dr Klaus Grabinski, President UPC Court of Appeal
Q&A moderated by Willem Hoyng, Chair Advisory Committee UPC
- 10.30 **Arbitration and Mediation in Patent Disputes**
- *The Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre (PMAC) of the UPC –
Competence and jurisdiction, referral tracks, incentives to opt for ADR*
Mr Aleš Zalar, Director of PMAC
- *Where does the PMAC fit in the ADR landscape?*
Moderator: Alex Wilson
Speakers: Thierry Calame, Klaus Haft

11:15 Coffee break

11:45 ***Liability for contributions to infringing acts: what now for the UPC?***

The UPCA envisages infringers and intermediaries, how should liability for contributions to infringement be handled - proposals from national jurisdictions

Moderator: Dominik Goebel

Speakers: Nora Kessler, Ricardo Dijkstra, Ludvig Holm, Peter FitzPatrick

12:30 **Lunch**

14:00 **Lessons from Venice**

Update from Mock trial, FRAND, Plausibility

Mark van Gardingen

14:45 **Pharma Package: SPC Manufacturing Waiver/Bolar/unitary SPC - a fair balance for originators and generics?**

Moderator: Justyna Rasiewicz

Speakers: Beatriz Diaz de Escauriaza, Head of IP Legal, Insud Pharma, and James Horgan, Chief IP Counsel Merck Sharp & Dome

15:30 **Farewell**