

General Assembly Program

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Friday November 8, 2007 at 9:30 am

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8:30 Registration - Coffee

9:30 General Assembly

1. Opening speech by Mr. Pierre Véron
2. Latest developments of EC Commission's works on Community Patent
3. Latest developments in the evolution of a draft European Patent Litigation Protocol

11:00 Working Committees (discussion and preparation of resolutions)

A. Organisation of the court system and jurisdiction issues: centralisation, regionalisation, possible technical judges, levels and extents of appeals, territorial jurisdiction issues, material jurisdiction issues (what about questions regarding the ownership of the patent, possible impact of a contract, etc), lis pendens and related procedures, etc;

B. Procedural aspects: language of the procedure, representation of the parties, writ of summons, files, translations, written and oral submissions, witnesses, pleadings, appeal formalities, etc.;

C. Admissible evidences, possible "saisie-contrefaçon", conflict of laws in this respect;

D. Financing the system: acceptable court fees, payment by the losing party.

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Plenary Session: presentation of the results of the Working Committees - adoption of resolutions (with possible participation of members of the Commission and/or the European Patent Office)

16:00 Administrative session

17:00 End of meeting