

Judges training

Cooperation with EPO Academy



Whitewash the fence



Judges training program

- no suitably experienced candidate from 7 countries
- only one suitably experienced candidate from 5-6 countries
- Preparatory Committee would like to see at least 2 legally qualified candidates who fulfil criteria from each member state



Judges training program 2

- beginning 2015 – substantive law on patentability for 24-25 person – based on existing EPO courses
- end of spring 2015 – patent infringement and litigation topics for same group
- autumn 2015 – advanced level training for experienced judges (planned for 80 people in 4 groups)



Judges training program

- co-operation with EPLAW
 - e-learning materials mainly for litigation topics
 - some trainers probably for litigation topics
 - assistance presumably in Mock Trails for advanced level training



E-learning

Modules in 3 (4) Blocks

- Block 1 – What is a patent? How to obtain a patent?
- Block 1b – Patent disputes before EPO
- Block 2 – Patent disputes (infringement / invalidity)
- Block 3 – Outcomes to patent disputes



E-learning 2

- blocks 2 and 3 need to be written by EPLAW
- “European approach” – not only one jurisdiction
- by end of February, contracts with EPO
- by 2 February to Penny, Klaus and József for review to ensure quality and consistency
- overall editor – Michael Fysh (EPO)