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Dear Member.

Last weekend EPLAW organised its fifth Venice Symposium which was highly interesting.

As you know we have our annual meeting on November 20 in Brussels. Make sure you come!

In view of what happened in Venice it will be a very interesting day as you will be informed about the (sometimes surprising) views expressed during the Venice conference on subjects such as exhaustion and selection inventions (the latter having been the subject of the mock trial).

As you know the Commission is drafting the new Rules of Procedure for the future European patent litigation system. You will hear views expressed in Venice but Ms Fröhlinger will again come to Brussels to hear also our views. For the Brussels meeting we have included the (important) point of representation.

It is important that we show that we are a strong association with a strong membership and views to be respected. We all suffer from work pressure but I urge you not to miss our meeting. It is important for our association that you are there and it will be interesting and entertaining.

You find the agenda for the annual meeting, the program and form for your participation attached.

Kind regards,

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PLEASE NOTE: Young EPLAW Congress will be on Monday 17 May 2010

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