VENICE IV – Venice Judges’ Forum
14-15 November 2008 • San Servolo Island, Venice

PROGRAMME

Friday, 14 November

09.30  Welcome address
Willem Hoyng, President, EPLAW
Helge Rasmusen, Executive Director, European Patent Academy, EPO
Massimo Scuffi, President, IPJA

Session 1: Patents and Standards

10.00  Introduction
Willem Hoyng, Howrey LLP, The Netherlands and President, EPLAW

10.15  The role of the courts in patent/standard litigation
Sir Christopher Floyd QC, Royal Courts of Justice, United Kingdom

11.15  Standard setting process, FRAND, injunctive relief
Carl de Meyer, Howrey LLP, Belgium

11.45  Discussion

12.45  Lunch break

14.00  Session II: European Patent Judiciary and Community Patent

14.00  Developments in the Commission regarding the European Patent Judiciary and the Community Patent
Margot Fröhlinger, Director, Internal Market and Services DG, Knowledge-based Economy, European Commission

14.30  Update on the French Presidency
Benoît Battistelli, President, INPL, France

15.00  Remarks with respect to plans for a European Patent Judiciary
Jochen Pagenberg, Bardehle Pagenberg Dost Altenburg Geissler, Munich, Germany

Robert van Peursem, Vice-President, District Court of the Hague, Netherlands

15.50  Discussion

17.00  End of day
Saturday, 15 November

09.30 Recent development in the EPO
  Manuel Desantes, Vice-President, International & Legal Affairs, EPO

Session III: Mock Trial

10.15 Plaintiff
  Pierre Véron, Véron & Associés, Paris, France

11.35 Defendant
  Peter Ulrik-Plesner, Plesner Law Firm, Copenhagen, Denmark

12.15 Reply and rebuttal

12.30 Lunch break

13.30 Deliberation in various groups (different languages)

14.30 Judgment of the Court
  Sir David Kitchen, Royal Courts of Justice, United Kingdom
  Jens Feilberg, Maritime and Commercial Court, Denmark
  Eurico Marques dos Reis, Court of Appeal, Lisbon, Portugal
  Gabriella Muscolo, Court of Rome, Italy
  Michel Bonneur, Court of Appeal, The Hague, Netherlands

15.20 Discussion

16.30 End of Forum

20.00 Dinner
  Hotel Danieli
  Riva degli Schiavoni