EPLAW congress & general assembly
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Programme

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Social event of 29 November at 19:00

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8:30 Registration and Coffee
9:00 Welcome, General Assembly
   President’s report
   Financial report
   Board and Advisory Board announcements
   Vote of new Board members

Part 1 - Pros and Cons of Different Patent Litigation Systems in Europe
9:30 Insiders perspectives - from parallel patent litigation proceedings
   The patent litigation systems in Europe vary. Especially the role of
   expert witnesses; whether witnesses are cross-examined; how
   much time the lawyers is given to present their arguments orally;
   the duration of the trials; and the use of technical judges; differ a
   lot. Three internal patent counsel who have firsthand
   experience with parallel patent cases in many European
   jurisdictions will share some of their experiences and views on
   pros and cons of different patent litigation systems in Europe.

   The three in-house counsel are:
   Ivan Burnside, Eli Lilly
   Clemens Heusch, Nokia
   George Moore, Mylan

   Moderator: Rechtsanwalt Klaus Haft

10:20 Coffee Break
10:40 Judges' experiences and views
A panel of judges from Finland, Germany, Switzerland, the UK and Korea, will explain their views on the pros and cons of their different procedural systems, such as:

- Case management - can the main issues and documents of the case be pinpointed before the main hearing? If so, how and when?
- Should there be preliminary opinions from the court; Technical opinions from technical experts and/or statements ("summons") of central points to be discussed (EPO TBA style) before the main hearing?
- The role of expert witnesses - are they useful and should there be a right to cross-examine them; what is the value of cross-examination?
- Are cases best decided mainly on the basis of written submissions; what is the value of oral pleadings in court and what should the length be, if any;
- Is the result de facto open when the hearing starts? Should it be?

The panel of judges:

**Judge Jussi Karttunen**, Market Court, Finland
**Judge Andreas Voß**, Oberlandesgericht Karlsruhe, Germany
**Judge Sang Hoon Na**, Patent Court of Korea
**Christian Hilti**, non-permanent judge, Swiss Patent Court
**Attorney Myles Jelf**, UK (replacement for Justice Henry Carr)

Moderators: Advocaat **Bas Berghuis** and Advokat **Sture Rygaard**

12:00 Member survey - results and proposals
Results from an EPLAW Member survey on pros and cons of different aspects of patent litigation systems
12:15 Working Lunch
The Members will be given some questions to consider over lunch

13:00 Panel and floor debate
The judges, the internal patent counsel and the floor debate pros and cons of elements of different patent litigation systems and suggestions for best practices/improvements

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14:15 Coffee Break

Part 2 - The Judges' Venice Meeting 2018 -

14:35 Highlights and main takeaways from the Judges' Venice meeting

Presented by Advocaat Daan de Lange

Part 3 - UPC

15:00 - 15:20 Progress and recent developments on the UPC

Attorney Kevin Mooney
Avocat Pierre Véron

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