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Programme

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08.30 **Registration and coffee**

09:00 **Welcome, General Assembly**

President's report

Financial report

Board and Advisory Board announcements

Vote of new Board member

Organization of Board

Pros and Cons of Different Procedural Patent Litigation Systems in Europe

9:30 **Insiders perspectives on 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 are given to present their arguments orally; the duration of the trials; and the use of technical judges; all 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.

10:20 **Coffee break**

10:45 **Judges' experiences and views**

A panel of judges from Finland, Germany, Italy and the UK, will explain their views on the pros and cons of their different procedural systems, such as the role of expert witnesses (are they useful and should they be cross examined); 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?; expert judges - pros and cons?

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 **Networking Lunch**

13.30 **Views across Europe on SEP and FRAND**

- *Mark van Gardingen, Brinkhof*

14.00 **Case law; determination of damages – Report from the Judges Conference**

- *József Tálas, Sár & Partners*

- *Thierry Calame, Lenz & Staehelin*

14.45 **Coffee break**

15.00 **EPO report from the Boards of Appeal**

- *Marcus Müller, European Patent Office, Chairman of the Boards of Appeal*

15.30 **EPLAW closing remarks**

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