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## **WIPO CONFERENCE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES (SMEs)**

organized by  
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

in cooperation with  
the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland

**Warsaw, November 19 and 20, 2003**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Wednesday, November 19, 2003

- 9.00 – 11.00 Registration of the participants
- 11.00 – 11.10 Welcome address  
Speaker: President of the Patent Office
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Speaker: Representative of the Ministry of Economy of Poland
- 11.40 – 12.10 Presentation  
Speaker: Prof. Manuel Desantes, Vice President, European Patent Office (EPO)
- 12.10 – 12.40 Major Trends in Development of International Protection of Intellectual Property – WIPO's Perspective  
Speaker: Mr. Philippe Petit, Deputy Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- 12.40 – 13.00 OHIM and the implications for the Office of the forthcoming enlargement  
Speaker: Mr. Wubbo de Boer, President, Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM)
- 13.00 – 14.30 Luncheon
- 14.30 – 16.30 Occasional address "Poland in International Conventions on Industrial Property", Prof. Aurelia Nowicka.  
Occasional addresses of the Guests  
Ceremony of decoration of merit with medals and awards
- 17.30 Gala reception at the Grand Theatre

Thursday, November 20, 2003

- Support provided by National Intellectual Property (IP) Offices and International Organizations to SMEs
- 9.00 – 9.20 Topical presentation  
Speaker: Dr. Alicja Adamczak, President of the Patent Office

Thursday, November 20, 2003 (continued)

- 9.20 – 9.50 Intellectual Property – A Powerful Tool for Competitiveness of SMEs  
Speaker: Mr. Guriqbal Singh Jaiya, Director, SMEs Division, WIPO
- 9.50 – 10.20 Topical presentation  
Speaker: a representative of the EU Commission
- 10.20 – 10.50 OHIM's strategies in supporting SMEs  
Speaker: Mr. Miranda de Sousa, Director, General Affairs and External Relations, OHIM
- 10.50 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 12.00 Best Practices of IP Offices for Assisting SMEs to use the IP System  
Speaker: Mr. Guriqbal Singh Jaiya
- 12.00 – 15.00 Panel discussion: Best Practices of IP Offices for Assisting SMEs to use the IP System  
Speakers: representatives of the national offices from the following countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, as well as representatives from Poland.
- 15.15 Reception hosted by WIPO

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