

Seminar on the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs

Geneva, June 6, 2012

PROGRAM

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- 9.00 – 9.30 Registration
- 9.30 – 9.45 Welcome address by:

Mr. Yves Closet, Head, Information and Promotion Section, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva
- 9.45 – 10.15 **General Overview of the Hague System**

Objectives and Basic Features of the Hague System
Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement and Latest Developments

Speaker: Ms. Päivi Lähdesmäki, Head, Legal Section, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO
- 10.15 – 11.00 **Preparing an International Application**

Entitlement to File an International Application
Languages
Representation Before the International Bureau of WIPO

Speaker: Ms. Sandrine Pitaccolo, Legal Section, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO
- 11.00 – 11.15 Coffee Break
- 11.15 – 12.30 **International Application and Examination**

Contents of an International Application
Reproductions of Industrial Designs
Examination of an Application by the International Bureau of WIPO
Electronic Filing of International Applications (E-filing)
Irregularities

Speaker: Mr. Patrick Cartant, Head, Operations Service, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 14.45 **International Registration**

Publication and Deferment of Publication
Possibility of Refusal
Effects of an International Registration

Speaker: Mr. Hiroshi Okutomi, Legal Officer, Legal Section, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO

- 14.45 – 15.30 **Managing an International Registration**

Change in Ownership and Other Changes
Renewal

Speakers: Mr. Bernard Volken, Attorney-at-Law, Fuhrer Marbach and
Partner, Bern

Ms. Sandrine Pitaccolo, WIPO
- 15.30 – 16.00 Practical Exercises

Speaker: Mr. Patrick Cartant, WIPO
- 16.00 – 16.45 **Advantages of the Hague System from the Users' Point of View**

General Discussion

Speaker: Mr. Bernard Volken, Fuhrer Marbach and Partner
- 16.45 – 17.00 Closing

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