

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

**Geneva, November 13, 2014**

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: Mr. Yves Closet, WIPO
- 10.15 – 11.00 **The New E-Filing Interface for the International Registration of Industrial Designs Under the Hague Agreement**  
  
How to Use the New E-Filing Environment:  
Create a User Account; File an Application; and Manage your Applications Through the E-Filing Portfolio Manager  
  
How to File an International Application Through the New E-Filing Interface  
Practical Exercises  
  
Speaker: Ms. Kateryna Gurinenko, Examiner, Operations Service, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO
- 11.00 – 11.15 Coffee Break
- 11.15 – 12.15 **International Application and Examination**  
  
Examination of an Application by the International Bureau of WIPO  
  
Irregularities  
  
Examination and Requirements Concerning Reproductions  
  
Speaker: Ms. Kateryna Gurinenko, WIPO
- 12.15 – 12.30 Questions
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

- 14.00 – 14.30      **International Registration**
- Publication and Deferment of Publication
- Possibility of Refusal
- Effects of an International Registration
- Speaker:    Mr. Hiroshi Okutomi, Senior Legal Officer, Legal Section, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO
- 14.30 – 15.00      **Managing an International Registration**
- Change in Ownership and Other Changes
- Renewal
- Speaker:    Mr. Patrick Cartant, Head, Operations Service, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO
- 15.00 – 15.15      Coffee Break
- 15.15 – 16.00      **Advantages of The Hague System from the Users' Point of View**
- General Discussion
- Speaker:    Mr. Bernard Volken, Attorney-at-Law, Fuhrer Marbach and Partner, Bern
- 16.00 – 16.45      **Expansion of the Hague System – What the Future Membership of the United States of America Will Change in the Users' Practices**
- Update on the Latest Developments Regarding the Ratification by the United States of America – What Would Have to Be Taken Into Consideration When Making a Designation of the United States of America in Their International Applications
- Speaker:    Mr. David Gerk, Patent Attorney, Office of Policy and International Affairs (OPIA), United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Department of Commerce, Alexandria
- 16.45 – 17.00      Discussions and Closing

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