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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Monday, March 2, 2015

7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. Welcome Reception at the Art Museum Riga Bourse

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

8.00 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.15 **OPENING SESSION**

Welcome addresses by:

- Mr. Sandris Laganovskis, Director, Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia, Riga
- H.E. Mr. Dzintars Rasnačs, Minister for Justice, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia, Riga

9.15 – 9.45 Keynote speech Intellectual Property (IP) – The Basis of Competition in the Contemporary Economy

Speaker: Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

9.45 – 10.15 Topic 1 The European Union (EU) IP Rights (IPR) Policy on the Harmonization of the Laws of the Member States

Speaker: The representative from the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), European Commission, Brussels

10.15 – 10.30 Topic 2 Latvian Innovation Policy

Speaker: Mr. Mārtiņš Lazdovskis, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Latvia, Riga

10.30 – 11.10 Coffee Break

THEME I TRADEMARK AND INDUSTRIAL DESIGN PROTECTION

Moderator: Ms. Dace Liberte, Director, Department of Trademarks and Industrial Designs, Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia, Riga

11.10 – 11.40 Topic 3 European Trade Mark and Design Network (ETMDN) – New Challenges Ahead

Speaker: Mr. António Campinos, President, Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM), Alicante, Spain

11.40 – 12.00 Topic 4 TO BE CONFIRMED

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| 12.00 – 12.20 | Topic 5 | Certification Marks – New Territory for Europe |
| | Speaker: | Mr. Christoph Ernst, Deputy Director General, Division of Commercial and Economic Law, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Berlin |
| 12.20 – 12.40 | Topic 6 | AirDog IP Strategy |
| | Speaker: | Mr. Edgars Rozentāls, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Helico Aerospace Industries, Ltd., Jelgava, Latvia |
| 12.40 – 1.00 p.m. | Discussion | |
| 1.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. | Lunch Break | |
| THEME II | DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN PATENT SYSTEM | |
| | Moderator: | Mr. Guntis Ramāns, Director, Department of Examination of Inventions, Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia, Riga |
| 2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. | Topic 7 | TO BE CONFIRMED |
| | Speaker: | Mr. Alberto Casado Cerviño, Vice-President of the European Patent Office (EPO), Munich, Germany |
| 3.00 p.m. – 3.20 p.m. | Topic 8 | The European Patent with Unitary Effect – A Significant Support for Innovation (Implementation of the European Patent with Unitary Effect) |
| | Speaker: | Mr. Jérôme Debrulle, Chair, EPO Select Committee, and Director, Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of Economy of Belgium, Brussels |
| 3.20 p.m. – 3.40 p.m. | Topic 9 | The Unified Patent Court (UPC) Nordic-Baltic Regional Division and Setting-up of UPC |
| | Speaker: | Ms. Susanne Ås Sivborg, Director General, Swedish Patent and Registration Office, Stockholm |
| 3.40 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. | Topic 10 | Patent Strategy and Practical Problems |
| | Speaker: | Mr. Jānis Ošlejs, Chief Executive Officer, PRIMEX Ltd., Riga |
| 4.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. | Coffee Break | |
| 4.30 p.m. – 4.50 p.m. | Topic 11 | TO BE CONFIRMED |
| | Speaker: | Mr. Brian Hinman, Senior Vice President, Chief IP Officer for Royal Philips, Philips Intellectual Property & Standards, Eindhoven, The Netherlands |

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| 4.50 p.m. – 5.10 p.m. | Topic 12 | Problems of IP Protection – From the Viewpoint of a Public Sector Player |
| | Speaker: | Mr. Ivars Kalviņš, Director, Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis, Riga |
| 5.10 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. | Topic 13 | TO BE CONFIRMED |
| | Speaker: | Mr. Alexandros Papaderos, Head, Patent and Licensing Office, Technical University of Munich, Germany |
| 5.30 p.m. – 5.50 pm. | Discussion | |
| 7.00 p.m. | Dinner at the Railway Museum | |

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

THEME III TRADE SECRETS

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| 9.00 – 9.30 | Topic 14 | Directive on Protection of Undisclosed Know-how and Business Information (Trade Secrets) Against their Unlawful Acquisition, Use and Disclosure (to be confirmed) |
| | Speaker: | Mr. Pavel Svoboda, Chair, Committee on Legal Affairs, European Parliament, Brussels |

THEME IV THE IMPACT OF INNOVATION PROTECTION ON ECONOMIC GROWTH

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| | Moderator: | Mr. Anselm Kamperman Sanders, Professor, Intellectual Property Law, Maastricht University, The Netherlands |
| 9.30 – 10.00 | Topic 15 | The Oxford University Model for IP Commercialization |
| | Speaker: | Ms. Elena Andonova, Consultant, Isis Enterprise, Isis Innovation Ltd, Oxford, United Kingdom |
| 10.00 – 10.20 | Topic 16 | The Role of the European Patent Attorney in Promoting the Economic Growth |
| | Speaker: | Mr. Tony Tangena, President, European Patent Institute, Munich, Germany |
| 10.20 – 10.40 | Topic 17 | Building Sustainable IP Support Services for SMEs in Europe |
| | Speaker: | Mr. Serge Quazzotti, Coordinator, IPorta Project, Intellectual Property Institute, Luxembourg |
| 10.40 – 11.00 | Discussion | |

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| 11.00 – 11.30 | Coffee Break | |
| THEME V | IPR ENFORCEMENT | |
| | Moderator: | Ms. Ingrīda Kariņa-Bērziņa, Partner, Head, IP and Information Technology Group, Raidla Lejins & Norcous, Riga |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | Topic 18 | The Challenges of IP Enforcement: Some Initiatives of the EU Observatory |
| | Speaker: | Mr. Paul Maier, Director, EU Observatory on Infringements of IPR, Alicante, Spain |
| 12.00 – 12.30 | Topic 19 | IP Aspects of 3D Printing |
| | Speaker: | Mr. Anselm Kamperman Sanders, Professor, Intellectual Property Law, Maastricht University, The Netherlands |
| 12.30 – 12.50 | Topic 20 | Simplify, Clarify and Enforce – Is it really so? Does the Regulation (EU) No 608/2013 Meet our Expectations? |
| | Speaker: | Ms. Rūta Olmane, Second Vice President, European Communities Trade Mark Association (ECTA), Latvian and European Trademark and Design Attorney, METIDA Law Firm, Riga |
| 12.50 – 1.10 p.m. | Topic 21 | Enforcement of IPR from the Perspective of IPR Owner |
| | Speakers: | Ms. Indra Jonāne-Oša, Head, Patent Division, GRINDEKS JSC, Riga Ms. Maija Liberte, Trademark Expert, Latvian and European Trademark Attorney, GRINDEKS JSC, Riga |
| 1.10 p.m. – 1.30 p.m. | Final Discussions | |
| 1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. | CLOSING SESSION | |

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