

Standing Committee on the Law of Patents

Twentieth Session
Geneva, January 27 to 31, 2014

SEMINAR ON EXCEPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS TO PATENT RIGHTS

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1. Pursuant to the decision taken at the nineteenth session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP), a 1/2 day seminar will be organized during the twentieth session of the SCP on the following five exceptions and limitations: (i) private and/or non-commercial use; (ii) experimental use and/or scientific research; (iii) preparation of medicines; (iv) prior use; and (v) use of articles on foreign vessels, aircrafts and land vehicles.

2. The seminar consists of the following three segments:

(1) Presentation of documents SCP/20/3 to 7 by the Secretariat

Duration: 30 minutes (including Q&A)

(2) Effectiveness of exceptions and limitations when addressing developing concerns and how national capacities affect the use of exceptions and limitations

- Mr. Carsten Fink, Chief Economist, WIPO

- Mrs. Cathy Garner, Board Member of the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED), London, United Kingdom

- Mr. Nikolaus Thumm, Visiting Fellow, Max Planck Institute, Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Munich, Germany

Duration: 75 minutes (including Q&A)

(3) Case studies on implementation of exceptions and limitations (presentations by Member States)

Duration: 75 minutes (including Q&A)

3. The first segment will take place in the course of agenda item 6. The second and third segments will start at 10.00 on January 31, 2014.

4. The *curricula vitae* of Mrs. Garner and Mr. Thumm are as follows:

Cathy Garner, Board Member of the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED), London, United Kingdom

Dr. Garner has a background in university commercialization, international knowledge transfer and intellectual property management. She is currently a Non-Executive Director of Places for People Group, one of the largest property management, development and regeneration companies in the United Kingdom (UK); a Chair of Castle Rock Edinvar Housing Association in Scotland and a Member of Lancaster University Management School Advisory Board. She was a member of the UK Strategic Advisory Board for Intellectual Property between 2008 and 2010 and a member of the UK Cabinet Office Innovator's Council in 2009. Between 2002 and 2007, she was a Board Member and founding CEO of the Centre for the Management of Intellectual Property in Health Research and Development (MIHR). She was a long standing member of the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) in the United States of America and served as their inaugural Vice President for International Relations.

Nikolaus Thumm, Visiting Fellow, Max Planck Institute, Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Munich, Germany

Dr. Thumm is currently Senior Visiting Fellow with Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition in Munich. Until recently, he was the Chief Economist of the European Patent Office (EPO) and Executive Secretary of the EPO Economic and Scientific Advisory Board. Prior to joining the EPO, he was working as Senior Economic Counselor at the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property. He was a chairman of the United Nations' Advisory Group on the Protection and Implementation of Intellectual Property Rights for Investment, a private-public partnership group. He also worked for the European Commission in Spain and spent time as a researcher at the European University Institute in Florence and with Europa-Kolleg Hamburg, where he received his doctorate in economics.

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