



**3rd EPIP Annual Conference
CALL for PAPERS**

Deadline for abstract submission
Notification of paper acceptance

May 15, 2008
June 20, 2008

The EPIP association will hold its 3rd Annual Conference on October 3rd and 4th, 2008 in Bern (Switzerland). Scholars and practitioners interested in the economic, legal and management aspects of intellectual property rights are encouraged to attend the conference with or without paper presentation.

As for the previous conferences (2006 in München and 2007 in Lund), the 2008 EPIP Annual Conference will address topics of general interest in the area of IPR, such as:

- National and European legal regime's evolution
- Incentives and organisation of patent offices
- IPR litigation and enforcement
- University patenting
- Patents in new technological fields
- The governance of IPR systems
- The impact of IPR on competition and innovation
- The new methods and tool for the management of intellectual assets.

Because of the close geographical proximity of the conference location to WIPO, WTO, WHO and UNCTAD (all based in Geneva), emphasis will be given to the challenges encountered by developing countries in the context of the TRIPS (trade related aspects of intellectual property rights) regime. Empirical and theoretical papers on innovation capacity, technology transfer and access to knowledge in developing countries as well as the impact of TRIPS will be particularly welcome. Country case studies on the building of IPR institutions (cost, benefits, procedures).

Invited Speakers:

- o Felix ADDOR – Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Director Legal & Internat. Aff. Div.
- o Ashish ARORA – Carnegie Mellon University, Professor
- o James E. BESSEN – Boston University, School of Law, Professor
- o Alison BRIMELOW – European Patent Office, President
- o *(tbc)* Francis GURRY – WIPO, General Deputy Director

Scientific Committee:

- o Susana BORRÁS – Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
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- o Rachel S. GRIFFITH – IFS and University College London, UK
- o Dominique GUELLEC – OECD
- o Bronwyn H. HALL – University of California at Berkeley/University of Maastricht, USA/NL
- o Dietmar HARHOFF – Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München, Germany

- Reto M. HILTY – Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Universities of Munich and Zurich
- Brian G. KAHIN – University of Michigan, USA
- Peter LOTZ – Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
- Jacques MAIRESSE – CREST-ENSAE/University of Maastricht, France/The Netherlands
- Pierre MOHNEN – University of Maastricht, Netherlands
- Xavier VENCE – Universidad Santiago de Compostela, Spain
- Reinhilde VEUGELERS – K.U. Leuven, Belgium
- Bertrand WARUSFEL – Université de Lille II, France

Submission procedure / guidelines

The following guidelines must be followed when submitting an abstract:

- Submission on the conference webpage: <http://www.epip.eu/conferences/epip03>
- Format: PDF
- Length: 2 A4 pages, single-spaced
- The abstract must include:
 - the title of the paper
 - the name(s), affiliation(s) and academic position(s) of the author(s)

The abstracts will be selected by the Scientific Committee using the criteria of scientific excellence.

Conference Fees

Early bird conference fee	→ until July 15 (~100 EUR)	170 CHF
Normal conference fee	→ from July 15 to August 31 (~150 EUR)	250 CHF

Time Schedule

Deadline for abstract submission	May 15, 2008
Notification of paper acceptance	June 20, 2008
Opening of registration	June 20, 2008
End of early bird registration	July 15, 2008
End of registration	August 31, 2008
Full paper submission	September 15, 2008

Additional information for authors with accepted papers

Each participant will only be allowed to present one paper during the conference. Co-authored papers may be presented by any of the participating co-authors.

More information

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