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**MUNICH - February 26, 2016**  
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## WHAT IS A "UNION-IP ROUND TABLE"

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## UNION-IP Round Table Program, February 26, 2016

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**08:15 - 08:45 Registration**

**08:45 - 09:00 Welcome words**

**Luigi Franzolin**, President UNION-IP  
**Cornelia Rudloff-Schäffer**, President DPMA

**Moderator**

**Reinier Wijnstra**, WijnstraWise Patents (NL)  
Vice President Patents Commission UNION-IP

**09:00 - 09:50 Poisonous priorities and G1/15  
- the view from the EPO**

by **Heli Pihlajamaa**, Director, Directorate Patent Law, EPO and  
**Tilman Quarch**, Lawyer, Directorate Patent Law, EPO

**09:50 - 10:30 Poisonous priorities and G1/15  
- the attorney's view**

by **David Pearce** (aka Tufty the Cat), Barker Brettell (GB)

**10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00 - 11:40 Priority Rights in the UK**

Current issues by **Judge Sir Colin Birss**, High Court of Justice  
of England and Wales

**11:40 - 12:20 Priority Rights in Germany**

Current issues by **Judge Dr. Klaus Bacher**, Federal Court of  
Justice

**12:20 - 13:00 Priority Rights in the  
Netherlands**

Current issues by **Judge Edger F. Brinkman**, Court of Appeal,  
The Hague

**13:00 - 13:10 Closing Remarks**

**Jochen Kilchert**, Meissner Bolte (DE)  
President Patents Commission UNION-IP

**13:10 - 15:00 Get Together**

Priority rights are often fundamental to the validity of a patent. Accordingly, problems related to priority rights strike at the very heart of the patent, and can have fatal consequences if they cannot be resolved. This year's Round Table of **UNION-IP** deals with different aspects of priority rights from different angles. What is the status of the current discussion around so called toxic EP Divisionals? What are the EPO's and attorney's views on this fiercely debated issue? What are the hot spots in connection with priority rights as seen from the judge's bench in the United Kingdom, in Germany and in the Netherlands?

**UNION-IP** invites you to take part in the discussion and to make use of this unique opportunity to inform yourself on the current status of the case law on priority rights in Europe. Please note that each time slot includes 5 min. at the end of discussion with the respective speakers.