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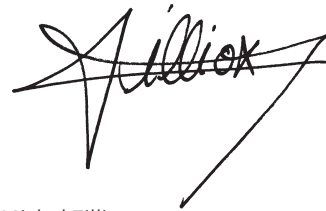
Foreword

Anyone who deals with patent applications originating in the US is familiar with the concept of a “continuation application”, the procedure for pursuing additional claims to an invention disclosed in an earlier application. Continuation is a notion that characterises our Guidelines2day seminar series. In a sense, Guidelines2day is a continuation of the dialogue we started some years ago, first with the introduction of EPC 2000 and then with initiatives such as Raising the Bar and other major changes in procedure. The legal basis for our work is the European Patent Convention, of course, and year after year we continue to refine our understanding of it through the annual publication of the Guidelines for Examination.

As one of a series of events held throughout Europe by the European Patent Academy, this seminar is a continuation also in another sense: with each seminar, we not only pass on knowledge but also build and strengthen relationships with you, our participants, through open and constructive dialogue with EPO experts. These highly rated and popular exchanges are very important to us too since they give us first-hand knowledge of how our work impacts the life of a large community of patent professionals.

Another continuation that characterises Guidelines2day is having a senior European patent attorney co-presenting alongside our EPO experts. This has become a valued tradition and has proven fruitful again and again in the exchange of best practices. I am very much indebted to the European Patent Institute (the epi) for its constant support in providing excellent speakers for this event.

Finally, Guidelines2day owes much of its success to its participants. With this in mind, I would like to say a special thank you to all who have become “regulars” at this event, and to extend a warm welcome to those who are joining us for the first time. I sincerely hope you will enjoy our Guidelines2day seminar and trust it will be a stimulating and rewarding experience!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zilliox', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

*Jean-Michel Zilliox
Director IP Programme
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Agenda

- 09.00** **Welcome**
- 09.15** **Recent developments at the EPO**
- 09.45** **Priority in the light of G1/15**
- Priority and same invention
 - Priority and same applicant
- 10.45 Coffee break
- 11.15** **Examination of amendments and auxiliary requests**
- Discretion used by the examiners (G7/93)
 - How to use amendments
 - Auxiliary requests
 - Positive suggestions
- 12.00** **Recent changes affecting examination**
- PCT Direct
 - Summonses
 - Third-party observations
- 12.45 Lunch
- 13.45** **The opposition procedure and oral proceedings**
- Opposition procedure
 - Procedural conduct and oral proceedings
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.30** **Unity of invention**
- How is an objection of lack of unity raised
 - What happens in cases of non-unity
- 16.30** **Wrap-up and closure**
- 17.00 End of the seminar

Speakers EPO



Anna Bacchin, IT, lawyer, Patent Law, EPO Munich. Studied law at the University of Padua and completed her postgraduate LL.M. IP studies at the Munich Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition and the George Washington University Law School. She worked as an attorney-at-law in Padua and Munich before joining the EPO in 2005. She has been a member of the EQE Examination Committee since 2011 and of the EQE Examination Board since 2015.



Johanna Guidet, FR, administrator, Patent Procedures Management, EPO Munich. Studied optical engineering at the École supérieure d'optique in Paris. Passed the EQE in 2016. Joined the EPO in 2006, where she worked as an examiner in applied physics before switching to the Patent Procedures Management directorate in 2017. She is currently in charge of co-ordinating procedural changes and associated work instructions for examiners.



Jaime Jiménez, ES, lawyer, Patent Law, EPO Munich. Studied law at UNED, Madrid. Doctoral studies in public law. Legal and policy advisor at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office from 2005 to 2011. Member of the EPO Committee on Patent Law in 2010 and 2011. Joined the EPO in 2011.



Jochen Moser, DE, administrator, Patent Procedures Management, EPO Munich. Studied electrical engineering at the universities of Karlsruhe and Southampton and at the ESIEE Paris. Passed the EQE in 2006. Work experience as a software developer for telecommunications networks in Germany. Joined the EPO in 2000, where he worked as an examiner in telecommunications before switching to the Patent Procedures Management directorate. He is currently in charge of co-ordinating procedural changes and associated work instructions for examiners.



Luigi Petrucci, IT, administrator, Patent Procedures Management, EPO The Hague. Studied aeronautical engineering at “La Sapienza” University in Rome and business administration at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam (master’s). Joined the EPO in 1999. Worked as an examiner in the area of big industrial machines and as a quality auditor. Since June 2013, he has been working in the Patent Procedures Management directorate, where he is entrusted mainly with the development of patent procedures and the co-ordination of the yearly review of the Guidelines. Passed the EQE in 2006.



Heli Pihlajamaa, FI, Director Patent Law, EPO Munich. Studied law at Helsinki University and at the Max Planck Institute in Munich. Work experience at the Finnish Patent Office and a patent attorney’s office in Helsinki. Joined the EPO in 1996 and became Director Patent Law in 2011. She acts as a legal member in opposition cases and advises EPO higher management on policy issues and legal amendments. She has written books and articles on patent law in Finnish.



Tilman Quarch, DE, lawyer, Patent Law, EPO Munich. Studied law in Freiburg and was trained, inter alia, in Brazil. He received a scholarship from the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, and worked as a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Private Law. He lectures at LMU Munich and at USP São Paulo. He contributes to the forthcoming edition of the Benkard EPC commentary.



Mario Sainz Martínez, ES, administrator, Patent Procedures Management, EPO The Hague. Studied mechanical engineering at the University of Cambridge. Joined the EPO in 2003, working as an examiner in various technical areas. He was also involved in developing training for search and examination tools, and responsible for co-ordinating all patent-related e-learning courses for examiners. In 2016 he transferred to the Patent Procedures Management department, where he co-ordinates communications in support of procedural development activities.



Cees Mulder, NL, European patent attorney, holds a PhD in physics and in law. Became one of the founding partners of DeltaPatents in 2001. Since 2009, he has been lecturing at Maastricht University's Faculty of Law, where he was appointed Professor of European Patent Law in a Global Context in 2017. He is the author of the books "The Cross-Referenced Patent Cooperation Treaty" and "A Self-Study Guide for the Pre-Examination – Part I: The Legal Questions" and co-author of the books "Smart in C – A Simple and Efficient Methodology for EQE Paper C", "Tactics for D – A methodology for EQE Paper D" and "Proceedings before the European Patent Office – A Practical Guide to Success in Opposition and Appeal".



Claude Quintelier, BE, European, Belgian and Dutch patent attorney. Studied physics at the University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands. Started his career as a patent attorney with N.V. Philips before joining Gevers in Brussels in 1988, where he worked as managing director of the patent department. Since 2015 he runs his own firm Koala s.p.r.l. in Brussels. He is an epi and CEIPI tutor and was treasurer of epi.



Holm Schwarze, DE/DK, European patent attorney. Holds a PhD in physics from the University of Copenhagen and has worked in private practice for 17 years. Since 2011, he is a partner at Guardian IP Consulting. He holds a diploma in patent litigation in Europe from CEIPI and is a tutor for the CEIPI Basic Training Course in Copenhagen as well as for the epi.



Derk Visser, NL, European patent attorney. After his PhD in physics he worked for ten years in research at Koninklijke Philips. He was in-house patent attorney for Philips and partner at the British firm EIP. He is the author of the annually updated commentary “The Annotated European Patent Convention”, now in its 25th edition.

Venues and dates 2018

EPO The Hague, Netherlands	13 March
Helsinki, Finland	20 March
Bern, Switzerland	15 May
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