



# Patenting procedures in the food industry

## **Draft Programme**

**Discussion platform for exchange on patenting procedures**

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## Speakers

### **Ms Simona Marzetti**

Head of unit IV: Assistance to enterprises in the fight against counterfeiting, IP promotion and international affairs

Directorate General for the fight against counterfeiting - Italian Patent and Trademark Office, Ministry of Economic Development

She studied Political Science at the University of Rome and obtained a master in EU law and in international trade in 1997. Before working at the Ministry for economic development in 2011, she worked for the Italian Institute for Industrial Promotion, a governmental agency, where she was responsible for innovation, technology transfer and international relations. Before joining the IPTO in late 2012, she worked as head of agroindustry policy at the Ministry.

### **Ms Anna Bassanini**

Liaison Officer DG5 European Patent Academy, European Patent Office

*Anna studied management and production engineering at the University of Rome and obtained a PhD in management engineering in 2001. Before joining the EPO in 2003 she held an academic position at the University of Rome. Anna works as an examiner in the Joint Cluster Computers. She has significant experience in classification, search, examination and chairing of oral proceedings. Besides her tasks as an examiner, since 2012 Anna is also working for DG5 European Patent Academy, organising seminars and training events for the examiners of the National Patent Offices of EPO Member and Non Member States.*

### **Ms Cristina Freyria Fava**

Patent Attorney, Studio Buzzi, Notaro, Antonielli D'Oulx

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### **Ms Dominika Barac**

Examiner, Joint Cluster Industrial Chemistry, European Patent Office

*Dominika studied "Technology and Biotechnology of Food" at TU München. Before joining the EPO as a patent examiner in 2008, she worked as a Product and Process Development Manager of frozen bakery products for the company CSM n.v. At the EPO she works in the field of Food Science*

*and Technology. Her tasks include search and examination of patent applications, classification, and opposition procedures. She is also chairing oral proceedings in both examination and opposition. Dominika has successfully passed the EQE in 2014.*

**Mr Marino De Terlizzi**

Examiner, Joint Cluster Medical and Consumer Technology, European Patent Office

*Marino has a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Padova and a PhD in mechanical engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles. Before joining the EPO in 2001 as a patent examiner, he held academic positions at the University of California and the University of Michigan, and worked as a structural analyst for Delphi Automotive Systems Luxembourg. At the EPO, Marino works in the field of Kitchen Equipment and has gained extensive experience in all aspects of classification, search, examination and opposition. He is also an instructor in the internal training of EPO examiners. Marino has obtained the EQE in 2006.*

**Ms Carmen Lamacchia**

Lead inventor, University of Foggia and founder of New Gluten World spin-off

*Carmen studied Chemistry and Farmaceutical Technology at the University of Rome and obtained a PhD in Agricultural Science in 1999 at the University of Bristol. Before becoming researcher and professor in food science at the University of Foggia in 2005 she worked as a researcher at the CRA (Centro di Ricerca in Agricoltura) in Foggia. Carmen has significant experience in chemistry and biochemistry of gluten and studies the effects of technological processes on the structural and functional properties of gluten proteins.*

*She is author of numerous scientific publications and has been scientific coordinator of several funded projects.*

**Ms Loredana Guglielmetti**

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# Wednesday, 10 June 2015

## Public event: Italian food industry, University, Patent attorneys, UIBM and EPO

- 09.00           Arrival and registration
- 09.30           **Welcome speech**  
*Ms Simona Marzetti*  
*Head of unit IV: Assistance to enterprises in the fight against counterfeiting, IP promotion and international affairs*  
*Directorate General for the fight against counterfeiting - UIBM*
- 09.45           **Presentation of the EPO**  
*Ms Anna Bassanini*  
*Liaison Officer DG5 European Patent Academy, EPO*
- 10.00           **Inventions in the food field, how to meet the patentability requirements**  
*Ms Cristina Freyria Fava*  
*Patent Attorney, Studio Buzzzi, Notaro, Antonielli D'Oulx*
- 10.30           **Patentability of inventions in the field of food industry: search and examination practice at the EPO**  
*Mr Marino De Terlizzi and Ms Dominika Barac*  
*Examiners, EPO*
- 11.00           Coffee break
- 11.30           **Patenting in the food technology field at the EPO: facts and figures**  
- Filing figures and their evolution over time  
- Opposition procedures: recent figures and trends  
  
*Mr Marino De Terlizzi and Ms Dominika Barac*  
*Examiners, EPO*
- 12.00           **The experience of the Italian University of Foggia: Method for the detoxification of gluten proteins from grains of cereals.**  
*Ms Carmen Lamacchia*  
*Lead inventor, University of Foggia and founder of New Gluten World spin-off*

12.30 **Discussion with the floor on patenting activities in the field of food industry**

- Patenting practices and field-specific hurdles
- Oppositions: recent trends, procedural aspects
- Communication between examiners and applicants

*Moderator: Dr. Cristina Freyria Fava*

13.30 **Wrap-up by the moderator**

*Dr. Cristina Freyria Fava*

**Closing remarks**

*Ms. Loredana Guglielmetti*

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