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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to invite you to our forthcoming Congress to be held in Aci Castello (Sicily) from May 31 to June 3, 2017.

Right in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea, Sicily is a cultural crossroad studded with artistic and natural wonders. Greek, Roman, Norman, Islamic and Spanish influences, to say a few, have all contributed to mould this blessed land.

The iconic Greek theatre, that is depicted in the graphics of the congress material, is a symbol of the human longing for gathering and celebrating creativity. As such, it is a perfect symbol for UNION-IP and this major event, that will gather IP practitioners from all over Europe and beyond.

The Bureau, Executive Committee and Commissions of UNION-IP have worked hard to prepare the program of the Congress, whose theme is *"IP in a time of change"*.

Attractive plenary sessions and workshops will focus on developments and new challenges in the IP system caused by our changing political and technological environment.

Needless to say, the sea-side location of the Congress and the unique social program will make this event unforgettable for accompanying persons as well.

I look forward to seeing you all in Aci Castello!



Luigi Franzolin
President of **Union-IP**



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union Congress 2017 / detailed programme

Thursday 30/5	19.00/22.00	ExCo Welcome dinner (by invitation only)
Wednesday 31/5	09.00/17.00	ExCo meetings (by invitation only)
	19.00/22.00	Congress Welcome dinner
Thursday 1/6	09.00/10.30	Plenary session: Opening remarks, Luigi Franzolin, President of UNION-IP The Action Plans of WIPO and the EU Commission for the Protection of IPR Moderator: Enrique Armijo Chávarri, President, UNION-IP Litigation Commission WIPO speaker: Louise van Greunen EU Commission speaker: Michael Köenig
	10.30/11.00	Coffee break
	11.00/12.30	Plenary session: Strategies in a time of change for EU-wide Patent infringement: Panel discussion Moderator: Sabine Rojahn, UNION-IP Litigation Commission Speakers from a wide range of backgrounds, from the judiciary to in-house, including Tony Tangena, European Patent Institute
	12.30/14.30	Buffet Lunch
	14.30/15.30	Workshops 1: Patents How to draft EP proof patent (priority) applications - is the EPO raising the bar for the rest of the world? An insider view/Avoiding pitfalls such as Art. 123, 83 and 84 Moderator: Reinier Wijnstra, Vice-President, UNION-IP Patents Commission Speakers: from the EPO and private practice
		Workshop 2: Trademarks EUTMs: Use requirements after unwrapping the TM package Moderator: Laurent Overath, President, UNION-IP Trademarks Commission Speakers to be confirmed
	15.30-16.00	Coffee break
	16.00-17.30	Workshops 1: Trademarks International Trade Marks - is there a need to upgrade to Madrid 2.0? Moderator: Union IP Trade mark commission member Speakers: Marcus Höpperger, WIPO Jochen Höfeld, Partner, Klunker.Schmitt - Nilson.Hirsch Plus speakers from a national IPO and private practice
		Workshop 2: Patents What do foreign colleagues expect from EPO-style PCT applications? The view from outside/best practice/claim drafting Moderator: Paul Rosenich, UNION-IP Patents Commission Speakers: from the US, Japan and elsewhere
Friday 2/6	09.00/10.00	General assembly - Union-IP members only
	10.00/10.30	Coffee break
	10.30/12.30	Plenary session: Present and future IP cross-border litigation in the EU: Judges panel Moderator: Manuel Desantes, Professor of Private International law, Alicante, former Vice President EPO Judges to include Peter Blok, the Netherlands - Marie Courboulay, France
	13.00/14.30	Lunch
	14.30/16.00	Workshops 1: Life sciences Is your supported disclosure (non-) obviously sufficiently plausible? Moderator: Frits Schut, President, UNION-IP Life Sciences Commission
		Workshop 2: Software Where have my infringers gone? Split infringement: multi party/multi-territory infringement. Moderator: Virginia Driver, President, UNION-IP Software Commission
	16:00	Close
	16:00-17.30	Meeting of New Bureau of Union-IP (bureau members only)
Saturday 3/6		Optional Etna + Taormina Tour

union Congress 2017 / general information

venue & accomodation

Grand Hotel Baia Verde

Via Angelo Musco 8/10
95021 Aci Castello-(Catania)
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E-mail: baiaverde@baiaverde.it
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hotels reservations

Please use the enclosed Hotel Reservation Form to be sent by fax or e-mail to: Grand Hotel Baia Verde Fax: +39 095494464 - baiaverde@baiaverde.it
The rooms will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis subject to availability.
After March 30th, 2017 the room availability cannot be guaranteed.

registration

By returning the enclosed Registration Form together with a copy of the bank wire to Paolo Stucovitz - fax +39 02 8692258 - mail to: raipat@raipat.it
Registration fee and fees for optional events are indicated on the registration Form.
Registration Form received without full payment will be refused.

payment method

By bank transfer only with no expenses for the beneficiary to:
Union of European Patent Practitioners a.i.s.b.l. at
Banca Prossima Filiale di F.T. MILANO CITTÀ
IBAN : IT 97 J 03359 01600 1000 0014 4568
SWIFT BCITITMX

Cancellation refunds

Cancellation shall be requested in writing
registration fee refund
100% on or before jan. 31 / **50%** on or before feb. 28 / **25%** on or before mar. 31
NO refund after mar. 31
Hotel cancellation policy
Would you please refer to the Hotel Reservation Form.
On reservation, one night will be charged with no possibility of refund in case of cancellation.

airport & connection

The nearest International airport is
Fontana Rossa International Airport in Catania.
Union shuttle will be available on request.
See the annexed **Coach Reservation Form.**

climate

Unpredictable! Even if we can hope for sunny days and an average temperature of 25°C don't forget warm clothes, raincoats and waterproof shoes.

clothing

All the official events are designed for smart casual or smart dress.
Comfortable clothes and shoes for the excursions.
Black tie for men and formal evening attire for women for the closing banquet.
See the special remarks for the Etna Tour.

electrical outlets

220Volt / 50Hertz A.C.

meeting information desk

Will be located at the Venue Hotel.

dietary requirements

When registering please inform the Organizers about any special requests.

liability and insurance

All reasonable endeavors will be made to hold the UNION ExCo Meeting and to present the printed program as scheduled under circumstances that assure the comfort and safety of the attendees. However, neither UNION nor the organizers nor any of its or their representatives or agents shall have any liability to any person as a result of any cancellation of the meeting or any of the arrangements, programs, or plans connected therewith or any loss, injury, damage or inconvenience which may be suffered by any person while travelling to or from, or during such person's presence in Italy in connection with the meeting.
Participants are strongly advised to consider procuring their own insurance against any such occurrences.



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