4th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Unitary Patent Package Conference 2017

Brexit and the consequences for the introduction of the Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court

Highlights:
- What will be the consequences for the UP and the UPC?
- What will be the expected introduction date?
- How to deal with patents of non EU members?
- Expectations, wishes and fears of important In-house patent attorneys and Judges
- In-depth workshops on day 2 on Patent Strategy, Costs and Jurisdiction & procedure

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

Marie Courboulay
Vice-President, 3rd Chamber, Paris Court of Appeal, France

Kevin Mooney
Drafting Committee UPC

Margot Fröhlinger
Principal Director Unitary Patent, European and International Legal Affairs, EPO

Dr. Klaus Grabinski
Judge of Federal Court of Justice of Karlsruhe in Germany

Richard Vary
Partner Bird & Bird

Chairman

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Dear Patent Professional,

A lot of confusion about the introduction of Unified Patent Court and the Unitary Patent because of Brexit. By November the 28th the decision of the UK was announced that they will ratify the Unified Patent Court Agreement!

> What will be the consequences for the UP and the UPC?
> When will be the actual introduction date?
> How to deal with patents of the UK and other non EU members?

The 4th Annual Conference of the Unitary Patent Package Conference 2017 on Thursday 9 and Friday 10 February 2017 will therefore be a very interesting one because at that time most questions will be clarified.

At Day 1 you will hear the latest developments by the key note speakers Margot Fröhlinger, Kevin Mooney and Alexander Ramsay. Interesting Judges Panel discussion with Marie Courboulay (France), Klaus Grabinski (Germany) and Sam Granata (Belgium) and In-house Patents Attorneys Panel with Pfizer (UK), Flooring Technologies (Maltha) and Bracco Group (Italy).

You will hear about and discuss the last steps on the introduction of Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court, like:
> Update UPC: local/regional divisions, fees, selection and training of Judges & IT system
> Finalization Rules of Procedure and when is the Court ready?
> Preparing the last steps of the implementation of the Unitary Patent by the EPO and Member State?
> How companies from China and USA look at the European developments

**Stay day 2! In-depth workshops**
Take the opportunity to stay for Day 2 where you have the unique possibility to attend three interesting in-depth workshops after each other.

Don’t miss out this extraordinary Unitary Patent Package Conference! Register now and meet your fellow patent experts and ensure that you are prepared for the new Unitary Patent system.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, on the 9th and 10th of February 2017.

Best regards,

Irene van der Zwan
Conference Manager

Richard Vary
Chairman of the Conference
CONFERENCE
THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2017

09.00  Registration & morning coffee

09.30  Opening event, welcome and short introduction by Chairman Richard Vary, Partner Bird & Bird

09.40  The Unitary Patent and the UPC: Brexit and the last steps to be taken
> What will be the consequence of Brexit?
> What will be the expected introduction date?
> Courts: latest developments of the Unified Patent Court: Local and regional divisions, fees, Patent Litigation Certificate, Sunrise register, IT system etc.
> Judges: Selection and training
> Unitary Patent: latest developments on the practical issues

Alexander Ramsay, Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Unified Patent Court.

10.15  Unitary Patents and European Patents: substantive law issues
> The principle of unitary effect
> Differences between UP’s and EP’s
> Advantages and possible disadvantages of a Unitary Patent
> Advantages and possible disadvantages of an opt-out

Bas Pinckaers, Head Patent Department, Van Doorne

10.50  Coffee and tea break

11.10  Strategies for proceeding at the UPC
> The UPC will start in the fall of 2017, so get ready
> What needs to be done in 2017?
> Prepare your portfolio and your strategy for the new opportunities and challenges
> Combining litigation at the UPC and national courts, including the effects of Brexit
> The divisions of the Court, their locations, languages and ´couleur locale´
> Coordination, bifurcation, stays and speed of proceedings
> How to plan your litigation and deal with the judge-rapporteur

Wouter Pors, Partner, Bird & Bird

11.45  Panel discussions
1) Vision of In-house patent attorneys regarding the Unitary Patent and the UP
Dr. Werner Fröhling, Managing Director and Chief IP Counsel Flooring Technologies Ltd, Maltha
Francesco Macchetta, Director Intellectual Property, Bracco Group, Italy
James Hayles, President of the IP Federation and Senior Patent attorney, Pfizer, UK

2) Visions from the Bench: interviews with Judges regarding the Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court:
Marie Courboulay, Vice-President, 3rd Chamber – Intellectual Property, Paris Court of Appeal, France
Dr. Klaus Grabinski, Judge, Federal Court of Justice of Karlsruhe, Germany
Sam Granata, Judge, Court of Appeal of Antwerp, Belgium

12.45  Lunch

13.45  The UPC post Brexit: what are the consequences?
> What will happen with the Central Division in London?
> Publication of the final version Rules of Procedure-when?
> The training of both Legally Qualified and Technically Qualified Judges for the Court

Kevin Mooney, Chairman of the Drafting Committee for the Rules of Procedure for the Unified Patent Court and Partner at Simmons & Simmons LLP

14.20  Preparing the last steps of the implementation of the Unitary Patent by the EPO and Member States and how to deal with Brexit?
> The level of renewal fees and their distribution
> Implementing Rules and Rules relating to Fees
> Substantive law issues and accompanying measures by Member States

Margot Fröhlinger, Principal Director Unitary Patent, European and International Legal Affairs, European Patent Office

15.00  Round Table discussions part 1

15.45  Coffee and tea break

16.00  Round Table discussions part 2

16.45  Summary of results of round table discussions

17.00  Closing words by chairman & drinks
IN-DEPTH WORKSHOPS
FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2017

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

1. UPC and Brexit: what are the options and what does it mean for the timing?
Rules of Procedure – the final version and the training of Judges
> The last important changes of the Rules of Procedure to be discussed
> Vital issues discussed at the consultation of fees
> The training of both Legally Qualified and Technically Qualified Judges of the Court
Table Chair: Kevin Mooney, Chairman of the Drafting Committee for the Rules of Procedure for the Unified Patent Court and Partner of Simmons & Simmons LLP

2. Costs of obtaining and maintaining patents in the EP, the future UP and the USA system for different use cases:
> Influence of number of EP countries to be validated
> Influence of Brexit
> Influence of number of years maintaining the patent.
Table Chair: Hans Hutter, Partner and Dutch and European Patent Attorney, NLO

3. Forum shopping between various local and regional divisions, language regime and experience
> Where will the UPC Divisions be, what will they look like, who will be the judges and which languages will be available?
> Brexit scenario’s: the UK will ratify, but will the UK continue to participate and if not, what are the consequences
> Could you be sued in a language that you don’t understand?
> Do you want cross-examination of experts?
> How do you select the forum that is best for your case?
Table chair: Wouter Pors, Partner, Bird & Bird

4. The Italian point of view
> Italian role in the UP/UPC: from the participation in the enhanced cooperation towards the ratification;
> Developments in Italian law due to UPC ratification; and
> Competence of Italian Local Division.
Table chair: Michele di Sciua, Partner and Patent Attorney, Studio Torta, Italy

There are still possibilities to chair a Round Table Discussion. Please contact Irene van der Zwan for more information, e-mail: Irene.van.der.zwan@euroforum.nl and telephone number: +31 6 480 888 46.
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- European Patent Attorneys
- Intellectual Property Directors
- In-house Patent Attorneys
- Patent Consultants
- Lawyers and Judges who are preparing the impact of the Unitary Patent and the Unified Patent Court

A look back on the UPP conferences in 2015 and 2016.

“The speakers were excellent, and the format was good to share views and think about the topic in different ways.”

“Great selection of speakers and valuable breakout sessions with other professionals. I gained a lot from attending.”

“10, Very useful and topical”

“Very good selection of speakers: I learned a few very important new items of information.”

“Perfectly organized with top speakers!”

The last two conferences were visited by participants from over 10 different countries and rated with a high score of 8.1!
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