

Registration Form

MILANO – December 16, 2011
Palazzo delle Stelline
Corso Magenta, 61

UNION ROUND TABLE

Yes, register me for the Round Table

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Union member: yes no

Date Signature.....

Participation is free of charge, for Union members and for non members; however registration is required. A buffet lunch will be offered by the Italian group of Union.

The entire Round Table will be conducted **in English**.

Accommodation is not provided

Please send the completed form **by e-mail only** to the Secretariat of the Round Table c/o:

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WHAT IS A “UNION ROUND TABLE”

A UNION Round Table offers the opportunity for practitioners to hear from authoritative speakers on topics of interest in the European IP field, and just as importantly to interact with and influence them by feeding back their own practical experience. The integral question and answer sessions and friendly discursive nature of the event, with the opportunity to chat during breaks, lead to real exchange and development of views on both sides.

Participants tend to find these events a real and useful antidote to the more commercial seminars familiar to all.

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ROUND TABLE

A) Computer-implemented inventions
comprising non-technical subject-matter

B) Oral Proceedings in examination

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ROUND TABLE PROGRAM

with

Falk GIEMSA and Christiaan GABRIEL
Examiners Computers | Dir. 2.2.21

10.00 Registration

10.30 Welcome word by UNION

10.40 Session A

Computer-implemented inventions comprising non-technical subject- matter

- treatment of non-technical matter for the purpose of establishing novelty (Article 54 EPC), inventive step (Article 56 EPC) and added matter (Article 123(2) EPC)
- consequences of opinion G0003/08 of 12 May 2010 and other important case-law decisions
- Q&A

13.00 Buffet lunch

14.00 continuation of Session A

- practical examples
- the do's and don'ts when drafting applications
- questions and answers

15.00 Session B

Oral Proceedings in examination

- consequences of (non) appearance at the Oral Proceedings
- application of Rule 137(3) EPC (obtaining the examining division's consent to further amendments)
- questions and answers

16.30 Closing of the Round Table

This round table will address two issues that affect the practical professional life of European patent attorneys.

The first session will guide the audience in reconsidering the well-known issue of technical and non-technical features when seeking protection for inventions in the field of so-called computer-implemented invention. Despite well established case law on the matter, doubts and uncertainties still puzzle patent attorneys.

The second session will address oral proceedings during examination. These oral proceedings are normally considered less risky and difficult than oral proceedings in opposition, but still require special attention.

Falk GIEMSA and Christiaan GABRIEL will share their valuable experience as EPO examiners with the audience, giving high relevance to practical aspects.

As usual in Union's Round Tables, ample room will be left to interaction with the audience.