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Working Programme

FICPI's 21st Open Forum is an opportunity to cement relationships and create new links, driven by FICPI's focus on common solutions and advocacy for independent IP attorneys across the globe.

Plenary Sessions, led by expert practitioners, promise to enhance professional excellence and to share insights and viewpoints from IP attorneys across continents.

FICPI's popular "three-stream" sessions will feature pre-eminent judges in the IP field, including [Lord Justice Colin Birss](#), who is a judge of the Court of Appeal of England and Wales, and [Judge Dr. Klaus Grabinski](#), who has been appointed president of the Appeal Court of the new Unified Patent Court (UPC).

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09:00-10:30	Plenary // Intellectual property (IP), traditional knowledge (TK), traditional cultural expressions (TCEs), and genetic resources (GRs) - How to deal with and balance their interoperability? Read more

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11:00-12:30	<p>Patents // Patents in international waters, air and space - can they be enforced? Read more</p> <p>Trade Marks & Designs // Protecting 3D Product Configuration Trade Marks Read more</p> <p>IP Practice Management // Leadership and Organisation or 'Management 101: Taking command of your IP firm' Read more</p>	11:00-12:30	<p>Patents // Post filing evidence in patents - assessment for inventive step and plausibility: Extrinsic evidence - holy grail for new forms of known substances Read more</p> <p>Trade Marks & Designs // The juxtaposition between Courts and Administrative Tribunals Read more</p> <p>IP Practice Management // Instilling a culture of business development throughout the firm Read more</p>
14:00-15:30	<p>Patents // Status of Frand/SEP Case Law Read more</p> <p>Trade Marks & Designs // The unglamorous side of counterfeit goods Read more</p> <p>IP Practice Management // How to Implement strategy: Getting the results after the decisions : 'Getting things done - Part 2' Read more</p>	14:00-15:30	<p>Patents // Amending your patent - can it be done prior to or during litigation? Read more</p> <p>Trade Marks & Designs // The protection of digital goods Read more</p> <p>IP Practice Management // Sustainable profitability in IP firms Read more</p>
16:00-17:30	<p>Patents // The Unified Patent Court (UPC) - What has been the experience 100 days in? Read more</p> <p>Trade Marks & Designs // Are Multi-Lateral IP Treaties a thing of the past? Read more</p> <p>IP Practice Management // IP service providers: blessing or curse? Read more</p>		

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[Michael Caine \(AU\)](#)

FICPI // Vice President

Davis Collison Cave

"I am delighted that as well as being Vice President of FICPI, I also have the pleasure of taking the lead in organising the working programme for the FICPI 21st Open Forum for 2023, running from 4-7 October in London."



Michael became the Vice President of FICPI in 2022 after four years as Vice President of FICPI's Study & Work Commission (CET). Prior to that he spent six years as the chair of the International Patents Group of the CET. He is also the Immediate Past President of the Institute of Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys of Australia (IPTA). During his 23 years as a member of IPTA council he has served a number of roles including President from 2019 to 2021, Vice President from 2015 to 2019, convenor of the International Patents Committee from 2001 to 2009 and convenor of the Patents Legislation Committee from 2009 to 2019.

Michael is a patent attorney and principal of Davies Collison Cave in Melbourne, Australia, where he heads up the firm's organic chemistry/pharmaceutical group. Michael's professional activities include providing patent infringement and validity advice, conducting patent oppositions, filing and prosecuting pharmaceutical patent term extensions, and providing litigation support and strategic patenting advice.



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