

Pre-programme before **epi** Council Meeting C78

"Interactive simulation of Oral Proceedings before an Opposition Division of the European Patent Office"

Dear Council Members, Dear Chairs,

The next epi Council Meeting takes place on 25 April 2015 in Barcelona.

<u>Venue</u>

Meliá Barcelona Sarriá Hotel Avinguda de Sarrià, 50 08029 Barcelona Spain

For the first time **epi** presents a pre-programme one day before.

Starting at 16.00 hrs on 24 April 2015, **epi** members and interested public will have the opportunity to join an interactive oral proceeding for an opposition case. There will be audience participation as well as explanations of process and decision from the Opposition Division. The case involves easily-accessible subject matter and will illustrate important general principles for oral proceedings, as well as recurrent situations like late submissions and how to deal with those.

The pre-programme is offered free of charge! Please contact us in case of further questions.

Kind regards,

epi Education Team



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Programme

- Date:Friday, 24 April 2015Place:Meliá Barcelona Sarriá Hotel, Av. de Sarriá, 50, Barcelona
- 15.30 Registration
- 16.00 Welcome Address

Mr Tony Tangena - President of **epi** Ms Patricia García-Escudero - Director General of the Spanish Patent and TM Office

 16.10 Interactive simulation of Oral Proceedings before an Opposition Division of the European Patent Office
Mr Daniel Thomas - Professor at CEIPI, Former Director in DG1, EPO (FR) Mr Chris Mercer - European Patent Attorney (UK) Mr Claude Quintelier - European Patent Attorney (BE) Ms Gabriele Leissler-Gerstl - VicePresident of epi, European Patent Attorney (DE) Mr Luis-Alfonso Durán - European Patent Attorney (ES)

19.00 Cocktail Reception for participants and **epi** Council members

(*) Attendance is free of charge but registration is required, due to the limited capacity of the conference room.