

Second call for papers - European Intellectual Property Teachers' Network Workshop

This is the second call for papers for the fourth annual workshop of the European Intellectual Property Teachers' Network (EIPTN), sponsored by the European Patent Academy of the European Patent Office, in Spain on Thursday 24 June and Friday 25 June 2010.

The workshop will be hosted by Dr. Adoración Pérez Troya at the University of Alcalá (Madrid) and will include the Annual EIPTN Dinner on the evening of Thursday 24 June.

The theme of the 2010 workshop will be "Teaching across Boundaries" and the keynote address will be given by Mr. Alberto Casado Cerviño, Director of the Spanish Patents and Trade Marks Office (OEPM), on "The Future of IP Education in Europe?".

The EIPTN is multi-disciplinary in focus and aims to bring together IP teachers from across Europe to exchange ideas on best practice in intellectual property teaching and learning activities.

In particular, the EIPTN aims to raise awareness and disseminate information relating to:

innovations in the teaching of intellectual property, including web-based teaching and learning activities; problem-based teaching and learning; and multi-disciplinary teaching and learning.

Given the informal nature of the workshop, we do not expect participants to prepare a full paper to present at the meeting on 24-25 June, but we are issuing a call for proposals to give 15 minute presentations on issues relating to experiences of teaching IP, for example on teaching innovations, problems associated with teaching IP and emerging issues in IP teaching. Examples of

presentations given at the workshops in previous years can be found on the EIPTN website.

The working language for proceedings at the workshop will be English.

If you would like to participate in the EIPTN meeting on 24-25 June 2010 by offering to be a speaker, please send a 100 word abstract, setting out the main themes of your proposed talk on IP teaching issues, to: enquiries@eiptn.org. The deadline for receipt of abstracts is Monday 12 April.

The European Patent Academy has kindly agreed to fund economy travel, accommodation and subsistence and the cost of attending the Annual Dinner for speakers at the event near Madrid.

It will also be possible to attend the meeting on 24-25 June without giving a talk on IP teaching issues but, in this instance, you will be expected to fund your own travel and accommodation costs. In addition, a small fee will be payable by non-speakers to cover the cost of attending the Annual Dinner and the meeting. Notification of the programme of speakers for the workshop and further details about how to register for the event if you are not a speaker will be sent after the deadline for receipt of abstracts has expired.

We look forward to receiving your abstracts by Monday 12 April and hope to see many of you at the workshop on 24-25 June.

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