



Patenting procedures relating to CII

Berne, Switzerland

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Roundtable: IGE, EPO, industry, academia and patent attorneys

Venue: IGE Stauffacherstrasse 65/59g
CH-3003 Berne

Moderated by Simon Strässle, IGE

- 08.45 **Registration**
- 09.00 **Welcome**
Alban Fischer, Vice Director General and Head of Patent Division, IGE
Antoine Réty, Programme Area Manager, European Patent Academy, EPO
- 9.15 **Inventions in the field of CII: how to retrieve data and find prior art**
- Classification and accessibility of data
- Filing figures and their evolution over time
Michael Moltenbrey/Frank Reise, Patent Examiner, EPO
- 9.45 **Prosecution of patent applications in the field of CII: how to meet the patentability requirements. Search and examination practice at the EPO and at IGE - résumé of the procedures (main steps)**
Michael Moltenbrey/Frank Reise, Patent Examiner, EPO
Pascal Weibel, Head of Patent Examination, IGE
- 10.30 **Coffee break**
- 10.50 **Patents and patent applications in the field of CII at the EPO: case studies**
- Practical cases
- Decisions of the EPO's Boards of Appeal
Michael Moltenbrey/Frank Reise, Patent Examiner, EPO



- 11.30 **Experience of Swiss companies in the field of CILs**
Philipp Rüfenacht, Keller & Partner
Michael Fischer, General Electric
- 12.30 **Discussion with the floor on patenting activities in the field of CILs**
- Patenting practices and field-specific hurdles as perceived by the audience
- Oppositions: recent trends as perceived by the audience
- Communication between examiners and applicants

Chair: Philipp Rüfenacht, Keller & Partner
- 13.00 **Closing remarks**
Antoine Réty, EPO
Heinz Müller, IGE
- 13.15 **Buffet lunch and networking**
- 14.00 **End of event**