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"INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN AN AI-DRIVEN WORLD"

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PROGRAM AGENDA*

DAY – I (JANUARY 22, 2025) Wednesday

THE BALLROOM

09:00 AM – 10:00 AM	REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK OPEN
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	INAUGURAL CEREMONY
	 Welcome & Opening Address: Pravin Anand, Managing Partner at Anand and Anand (India)
	 Keynote & Theme Address: Dr. Sourabh Khemani, Principal Group Director at L.S. Davar & Co. (India)
	 Guest of Honour & Special Address: Hon'ble Justice Prof. Douglas H. Ginsburg (U.S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C.) Grigory Ivliev, President, Eurasian Patent Office (Russia) Hemant Singh, Managing Partner, Inttl Advocare (India) Jatin Trivedi, Senior Partner at Y. J. Trivedi & Co. (India)
12:00 PM – 01:15 PM	LUNCH BREAK AND NETWORKING SESSION
01:15 PM – 01:30 PM	THE SUCCESS OF IP IN RUSSIA Keynote Address: Dr. Alexey Vakhnin, President, The Chamber of Patent
	Attorneys of the Russian Federation (Russia)
01:30 PM – 03:00 PM	FOSTERING ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH IP AND INNOVATION NETWORKS
	MODERATOR
	 Dr. Venkat Reddy Donthi Reddy, Senior Counsel (India)

03:00 PM – 04:00 PM	 SPEAKERS Dr. Andre Gorius, Partner, Winnotek (France) Dr. Tanja Sovic, Founder, Tanja Sovic Consulting (Austria) Muhammad Anum Saleem, Legal Director at Mohammed AlDhabaan & Partner at Eversheds Sutherland (Saudi Arabia) Sumit Kapoor, Customer Trust External Relations, Manager, Amazon (India) EVENING COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING SESSION
04:00 PM – 05:30 PM	GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES AND SIGNS: PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE IN DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS
	 MODERATOR Evgeny Alexandrov, Partner, Gorodissky & Partners (Russia)
	 SPEAKERS Dr. Oleg Neretin, Director, Federal Institute of Industrial Drements (Duration)
	 Property (Russia) Alexey Kratiuk, Partner, Head of Trademark Department, Gorodissky & Partners (Russia) Shalva Gvaramadze, PhD., Head of Gvaramadze Patent Bureau
	(Georgia) ■ Irina Kireeva, Lawyer, Associate, O'Connor & Company (Belgium)
05:30 PM onwards	 Diego Cervieri, Partner, Cervieri Monsuarez (Uruguay) COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING SESSION

DAY – II (JANUARY 23, 2025) Thursday

D2/TS1/R1 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM ROOM: Ballroom-F	 OWNERSHIP VS. INVENTORSHIP ISSUES IN PATENT DUE DILIGENCE MODERATOR Antriksh Mishra, Associate Partner, L.S. Davar & Co. (India) SPEAKERS Tarun Khurana, Partner, Khurana and Khurana (India) Dariusz Szleper, Attorney at law, Szleper Henry Naumann Avocats (France) K. Subodh Kumar, Head IP Services, Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (India)
D2/TS1/R2 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM ROOM: Ballroom-B	 INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS SPEAKERS John Taylor McEntire, Founder and CEO, Mutual Prosperity, LLC (USA) "Achieving Mutual Prosperity - Developing Innovation Ecosystems Designed to Thrive" Bob Zeidman, President, Zeidman Consulting (USA) "How I Disproved the Myth of Voting Machine Hacking in the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election and won \$5 million" Richard Milchior, Partner, Herald (France)
D2/TS1/R3 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM ROOM: Meeting Room-8	 VALUATION AND FINANCE IN IP MODERATOR Dr. Andre Gorius, Partner, Winnotek (France) SPEAKERS Louis Ross, CEO and Founder, MEI Micro, Inc. (USA) Santhosh Metri, Director – IP, M&A, Moodys Analytics (UK) Michael A. Siem, Partner, Co-Chair of Patent Litigation Group, and Chair of University Patent Litigation Group, Devlin Law Firm LLC (USA) Dr. Shalini Sitaraman Menezes, Founding Partner, Menezes Gaonkar LLP (India) Sanaz Javadi Farahzadi, IP Attache MENA Region, UK Intellectual Property Office (UAE)
D2/TS1/R4 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM	 IP PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT IN AN AI WORLD MODERATOR Christian A. Camarce, Director, Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein

ROOM: Meeting Room-10	& Fox PLLC (USA)
	 SPEAKERS Todd M. Hopfinger, Director, Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox PLLC (USA) Diderico van Eyl, GM & Chief Counsel, Intellectual Property, SABIC (Saudi Arabia) Sonal Mishra, Partner & Attorney-at-Law, L.S. Davar & Co. (India) Shailesh Tavate, Global Patent Counsel, Grab
TIME: 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING SESSION
D2/TS2/R1 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ROOM: Ballroom-F	 Al'S TRANSFORMATIVE INFLUENCE: EXPLORING CROSS-SECTOR IMPACTS MODERATOR Rory Radding, Partner, Maschoff Brennan LLP (USA) SPEAKERS Dr. Stephan Wolke, Chief Executive Officer, Thyssenkrupp Intellectual Property GmbH (Germany) Justin Pierce, Partner, Venable LLP (USA) Eleonora Carrillo, Managing Partner, Jacobacci & Partners (Spain) David V. Sanker, Ph.D., Founder/CEO, SankerIP (USA) Nathan A. Frederick, Director, IP Services, Cardinal Intellectual Property (USA) Lakshika Joshi, Global Contract Management and IPR Program, Harvard Business Publishing Ramakrishna Damodharan, Managing Director, Adipven (M) Sdn. Bhd. (Malaysia)
D2/TS2/R2 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ROOM: Ballroom-B	 NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF COPYRIGHT: LEGISLATION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR AI IN THE EU, US, AND BEYOND MODERATOR Hon'ble Justice Prof. Douglas H. Ginsburg (U.S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C.) SPEAKERS Prof. Mark Engelman, IP Barrister, 4-5 Gray's Inn (UK) Jezamine Fewins, Partner, Lewis Silkin LLP (Hong Kong) Jyothi V K, General Counsel and Sr. Vice President - Legal, Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited (India)
D2/TS2/R3 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ROOM: Meeting Room-8	CRAFTING STRATEGIC GLOBAL PATENT PORTFOLIOS AND POLICIES MODERATOR • Surbhi Ashri, Founder and CEO, Intelacia (India)

	 SPEAKERS David Kellis, Patent Attorney, Kellis IP (USA) Olivier Corticchiato, Founder, CORTI-IP Consulting (Switzerland) Alyaman Amer, Associate, Fish & Richardson P.C. USA) Saurabh Vaid, Associate Partner, LexOrbis (India) Cary A. Levitt, Managing Director, Azami Global (USA)
D2/TS2/R4 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ROOM: Meeting Room-10	 FAIRNESS IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SPEAKERS Pravin Anand, Managing Partner at Anand and Anand (India) Siddhant Chamola, Associate Partner, Anand and Anand (India) Shobhit Agrawal, Associate Partner – Litigation, Anand and Anand (India)
TIME: 12:30 PM - 01:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK AND NETWORKING SESSION
D2/TS3/R1 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 01:30 PM - 03:30 PM ROOM: Ballroom-F	 NAVIGATING THE INTERSECTION OF AI, EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, AND IP MODERATOR Susan McGahan, Assistant Vice President – Senior Legal Counsel, AT&T (USA) SPEAKERS Richard Nugent, Head of IP Strategy & Services, Mathys & Squire Consulting (UK) Dr. Jakob Valvoda, Partner, Boehmert & Boehmert (Germany) Jude Umeh, Director, AI Business Strategy, Salesforce (UK) Prof. Daryl Lim, H. Laddie Montague Jr. Chair, Penn State Dickinson Law (USA) Barrett Spraggins, Partner, Kennedy Lenart Spraggins LLP (USA) Mamta Rani Jha, Senior Partner & Head – Litigation, Inttl Advocare (India)
D2/TS3/R2 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 01:30 PM - 03:30 PM ROOM: Ballroom-B	 ROLE OF STAKEHOLDERS IN TAKING AN INNOVATION FROM ACADEMIC LABS TO MARKET: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE MODERATOR Dr. Yatin Karpe, Assistant Vice President for Innovation, Commercialization and Engagement, Texas State University (USA) SPEAKERS Dr. Rajiv Vaid Basaiawwmoit, Head of Sci-tech Innovation

	 & Entrepreneurship, Aarhus University (Denmark) Dr. Anji Miller, Senior Partner, Academic /Engagement, LifeArc (UK) Ahmed Ellaithy, Director, Technology Transfer, NYU Technology Opportunities and Ventures (UAE) Gabor Frank, Innovation Manager, HUN-REN TKI, Office for Supported Research Groups (Hungary) Dr. Victor Lau, Head, Venture Acceleration and Entrepreneurship, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong) Dr. Iman Noshadi, Associate Professor, University of California, Riverside (USA) Jennifer Speed, Assistant Vice President for Research Development, Texas State University (USA) Dr. Ruzena Stemberkova, Director, Office of Technology Transfer, University of South Bohemia (Czech Republic) Mary Albertson, Director, Office of Technology Licensing at Georgia Institute of Technology (USA) Dr. Avinash Thakur, Director, Amplinext Vision Pvt. Ltd. (India)
D2/TS3/R3 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 01:30 PM - 03:30 PM ROOM: Meeting Room-8	 SPOTLIGHT ON EU UNITARY PATENT & UNIFIED PATENT COURT MODERATOR Dr. Stephan Wolke, Chief Executive Officer, Thyssenkrupp Intellectual Property GmbH (Germany) SPEAKERS Prof. Dr. Matthias C. Leistner, Professor of Intellectual Property Law, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich (Germany) Dr. Clemens Heusch, VP, Head of Global Litigation and Disputes, Nokia (Germany) Olaf Ungerer, Managing Partner, Page White Farrer (Germany) Philipp Rastemborski, Partner, Eisenfuhr Speiser (Germany)
D2/TS3/R4 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 01:30 PM - 03:30 PM ROOM: Meeting Room-10	 PATENTING BIOTECHNOLOGY AND PHARMACEUTICAL INVENTIONS – NAVIGATING THE COMPLEXITIES MODERATOR Prof. Dr. Mei-Hsin Wang, CEO, BioMedical & Technology Application Association (Taiwan) SPEAKERS Michael Fuller, Partner, Knobbe Martens (USA) Dr. Madhuri (Mani) Roy, Partner, Cooley LLP (USA) Divya Shekar, Practice Head – Biotechnology & Chemistry and Branch Head – Bengaluru, De Penning & De Penning (India)

TIME: 03:30 PM - 04:00 PM	 Avi Garg, Partner, LexOrbis (India) Suman Lata Prasad, Managing Associate, L.S. Davar & Co. (India) Vadim V. Kukava, Executive Director, NCO Association of Pharmaceutical Companies "Innovative Pharma" (Association InPharma) (Russia)
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D2/TS4/R1 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 04:00 PM - 06:00 PM ROOM: Ballroom-F	 A BETTER TRADE SECRETS MANAGEMENT FOR A MORE SUCCESSFUL TRADE SECRETS LITIGATION IN EUROPE MODERATOR Dr. Stephan Wolke, Chief Executive Officer, Thyssenkrupp Intellectual Property GmbH (Germany) SPEAKERS Giovanni F. Casucci, Partner, EY (Italy) Roberto Valenti, Partner, DLA Piper (Italy) Melanie Mueller, Lecturer/Readers, Bucerius Law School (BLS) (Germany) Peter Camesasca, Partner, Peter Camesasca Advokaat BVBA (Belgium)
D2/TS4/R2 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 04:00 PM - 06:00 PM ROOM: Ballroom-B	 INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES IN IP MANAGEMENT AND GROWTH MODERATOR: Sanil Khatri, Local Principal, Baker McKenzie (Singapore) SPEAKERS Michael Waltrip, Former Managing Director, IP Strategy and Commercialization, Xerox Corporation and Palo Alto Research Center, Inc. (USA) Andre Frieden, Global General Counsel, Innova Solutions (USA) Merve Oney Barlas, Chief Legal and Compliance Officer, TurkNet (Turkey) Ishani Chandra, Managing Partner, Sagar Chandra & Associates (India) Dr. Paromita Ghosh, Senior Manager – IP, CI & External Collaborations, Duracell Inc. (India) Cary A. Levitt, Managing Director, Azami Global (USA)
D2/TS4/R3 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 04:00 PM - 06:00 PM ROOM: Meeting Room-8	 INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS SPEAKERS Marius Schneider, Founder and Partner, IPvocate Africa Legal Advisers (Mauritius)

	 "2024 Trends for Platform Liability" Daniel Albrecht, Managing Counsel, Starke IP (China) "Safeguarding Digital Identities: Cybersecurity and Brand Protection Strategies" Jonathan Skovholt, Vice President of Search Operations, Ensemble IP (USA) AI and Machine Learning in Patent Search Systems: Friend or Foe?
D2/TS4/R4 DATE: January 23, 2025 TIME: 04:00 PM - 06:00 PM ROOM: Meeting Room-10	 GUARDIANS OF THE DIGITAL REALM: EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR CYBER SECURITY AND DATA PRIVACY MODERATOR Ahmed Zaki, SVP for Legal Affairs, Al Hamra Group LLC (UAE) SPEAKERS Beatriz Ruiz Beato, Head of Global Data Privacy, NEC Corporation (Spain) Peter F. McLaughlin, Partner, Lucendo Law (USA) John Douglas Graham, Founder, Ideation Inc and Zero Inc (USA) Biju K. Nair, Founding Partner, Legalitech (India)

DAY – III (JANUARY 24, 2025) Friday

D2/704/04	DATENTS LINIVELLED, BALANCING TRADE SECRETS INTUNCTIONS
D3/TS1/R1	PATENTS UNVEILED: BALANCING TRADE SECRETS, INJUNCTIONS, AND STANDARD-ESSENTIAL PATENTS
DATE: January 24, 2025	
TIME: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	MODERATOR
ROOM: Ballroom-F	 Pankaj Soni, Partner, Remfry & Sagar (India)
	SPEAKERS
	 Earl Nied, CEO/Founder, Veracity IP Consulting, LLC (USA)
	 Christian Dubuc, Founder, President and CEO, Harfang IP
	(USA)
	 Sadique Mohd, Head of International Arbitration and
	Common Law Practice Group, Al Aidarous Advocates and
	Legal Consultants (UAE) Samir Dixit, Global Head, ACORN Management Consulting
	 Samir Dixit, Global Head, ACORN Management Consulting Pte Ltd (Singapore)
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D3/TS1/R2	MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
DATE: January 24, 2025	DISPUTES IN AN AI-DRIVEN WORLD
TIME: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	
ROOM: Ballroom-B	MODERATOR
	 Clive D. Thorne, Partner, McCarthy Denning (UK)
	 SPEAKER Rana Gosain, Senior Partner, Daniel Law (Brazil)
	 Sergey Zuykov, Managing Partner, Zuykov and Partners
	(Russia)
	 Dr. Joo Sup Kim, Adviser, LX Semicon (Korea)
	 CJ Rosenbaum, Attorney at Law, Rozenbaum & Segall, P.C.
	AmazonSellersLawyer (USA)
	 Srishti Singhania, Principal Associate, K Singhania & Co.
	(India)
D3/TS1/R3	PATENTABILITY ISSUES PERTAINING TO EMERGING
DATE: January 24, 2025	TECHNOLOGIES – BLOCKCHAIN AND GENAI
TIME: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	MODERATOR
ROOM: Meeting Room-8	 Indranil Sarkar, Ph.D., Principal, Fish & Richardson P.C.
	(USA)
	SPEAKERS
	 Orlando Lopez, Partner, CMLaw, formerly Culhane
	Meadows (USA)
	 David Carstens, Partner, Carstens, Allen & Gourley, LLP
	(USA)
	 Naman Seth, Associate, Leydig, Voit & Mayer (Germany) Kirk A. Sigmon, Barthar, Bannor & Witcoff Ltd. (USA)
	 Kirk A. Sigmon, Partner, Banner & Witcoff Ltd. (USA)

TIME: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	MORNING COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING SESSION
D3/TS2/R1 DATE: January 24, 2025 TIME: 12:00 PM - 02:00 PM ROOM: Ballroom-F	 IP STRATEGIES FOR SMALL ENTITIES AND START-UPS: KEYS AND WATCH-OUTS MODERATOR Vikrant Rana, Managing Partner, S. S. Rana & Co. (India) SPEAKERS Olivier Corticchiato, Founder, CORTI-IP Consulting (Switzerland) Liat Galily-Perel, Founding Partner, Perel Law Office (Israel) Wioletta Niwinska, Legal Counsel, Sano – Centre for Computational Personalised Medicine – International Research Foundation (Poland) Monika Zuraw, PhD, Partner, Zuraw & Partners (Poland) Samir Dixit, Global Head, ACORN Management Consulting Pte Ltd (Singapore) Dr. Weisun Rao, Managing Partner, Venture Partner, LLC (USA)
D3/TS2/R2 DATE: January 24, 2025 TIME: 12:00 PM - 02:00 PM ROOM: Ballroom-B	 INNOVATIONS IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW: TRENDS, CHALLENGES, AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES MODERATOR Ramesh Ganapathy, Principal Attorney, Mission Legal (India) SPEAKERS Usman Khan, Principal, Fish & Richardson P.C. (USA) Dr. Lorenz Kaiser, Lawyer, GE Aerospace (Germany) Yannis Skoulikaris, Founder, CEO, PatentMind Group (Netherlands) Kamal Sharma, Director & Assistant General Counsel, Procter & Gamble (UAE) Sameet Gambhir, Sr. Vice President & Head - Legal, UFlex Limited (India) Manish Sanwal, Associate Partner, L.S. Davar & Co. (India)
D3/TS2/R3 DATE: January 24, 2025 TIME: 12:00 PM - 02:00 PM ROOM: Meeting Room-8	 THE ROLE OF IP IN CLIMATE CHANGE AND ACHIEVING THE U.N. MILLENNIUM GOALS MODERATOR Dr. Sushil Iyer, Principal, Fish & Richardson P.C. (USA) SPEAKERS Dr. Bertram Huber, Principal, IP*SEVA – Intellectual Property for Sustainable Energy Ventures (Germany) Irina Kireeva, Lawyer, Associate, O'Connor & Company (Belgium) Gustavo Sartori, Partner, Daniel IP (Brazil)

	 Saloni Tuteja, Head of Legal and Compliance, Middle East, Servier Pharma FZ LLC (UAE)
TIME: 0 2:00 PM - 03:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK AND NETWORKING SESSION
D3/TS3/R1 DATE: January 24, 2025 TIME: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM ROOM: Ballroom-F	 INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS SPEAKERS Simba Makahamadze, Founder & CEO, AfricanLaw (Zimbabwe) "Contemporary Issues in Intellectual Property Law in Africa" Jordan Pledger, Business Development Manager, Minesoft (UK) "Industry Specific IP Solutions and challenges" Luis Alejandro Jarillo Barrientos, Founding Partner, Jarillo Mexico IP Consulting Services, SC (Mexico) "IP Enforcement Through Trade Agreements" Herbert Schmidt, CEO, Omega Consulting Group GmbH (Germany) "Shift left in IP" Antonio LoVecchio, Foreign Lawyer, Allasya (China) "Non – Use cancellation in Chinese practice"
D3/TS3/R2	TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AS A DRIVER OF INNOVATIVE
DATE: January 24, 2025 TIME: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM ROOM: Ballroom-B	 DEVELOPMENT MODERATOR Samir Dixit, Global Head, ACORN Management Consulting Pte Ltd (Singapore) SPEAKERS Dr. Madeleine Martinek, Lawyer, Corporate / M&A, CMS Hasche Sigle Law Firm (Germany) Prof. Olga Pyataeva, Deputy Director of the Centre for Commercialization and Technology Transfer, Higher School of Economics (Russia) Dr. Sami Bashir, Vice Provost - Research Translation & Entrepreneurship, New York University Abu Dhabi (UAE)
D3/TS3/R3 DATE: January 24, 2025 TIME: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM ROOM: Meeting Room-8	 LEGAL NUANCES AND ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN IP PRACTICE MODERATOR Augusto Perera, Esq., Intellectual Property Attorney, Augusto Perera, P.A. (USA) SPEAKERS Rob Deans, Principal, Ownership (UAE)

	 Yasir Masood, IP Manager, Rouse (UAE) Dr. Abd Almageed Awad Eisa, General Legal Counsel, Elite Legal Consultancy Firm (UAE) Dr. Amr Eldakak, Principal, Amr Eldakak IP Firm (UAE)
TIME: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	NETWORKING OVER COFFEE

*The conference agenda may be subject to change.

*Errors & Omission Expected