

Benoît BATTISTELLI

French IP Commissioner and Director general of the National Institute for Industrial Property (INPI)

Deputy-Chairman of European Patent Office's Administrative Council

Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the European Patent Academy

Has occupied different positions in the French Ministry for Economy Finance and Industry such as Deputy Head of Cabinet to the Industry Minister, Deputy Undersecretary for Industry in charge of economic, international and employment affairs, then in charge of innovation and competitiveness

Has a large experience in economic international relations as Regional Director for Foreign Trade for Paris and the Ile-de-France region, Trade Commissioner for France in different countries (Turkey, India, Italy), Director for Industry and Services at the French Foreign Trade Centre (CFCE) and Head of Department in the French Ministry for Foreign Trade.

Degrees in Law, Economics and Political studies. Graduate from ENA.

Bertram HUBER (Rechtsanwalt)

Senior Vice President, Robert Bosch GmbH, Stuttgart, Germany

Head of Corporate Intellectual Property

Born 1947, studied law in Muenster and Tuebingen, he holds a doctorate degree in Law (Dr. jur.) of the University of Tuebingen. Started his professional career 1978 at AEG-Telefunken AG. 1983 – 1994 headed the Legal and Patents Department of ANT Nachrichtentechnik GmbH. Joined Robert Bosch GmbH in 1995. Since 2000 has been responsible for the global IP activities of the Bosch Group which rates among the major patent applicants worldwide. Educational stages in Brazil, other Latin American countries, and Spain. Extensive negotiation experience in particular in the field of technology transfer/licensing with main focus on China, Japan and other parts of Asia as well as Europe and the Americas. Focus on patent strategy, patent marketing and organization of IP in a globally active group of companies. Various publications encompassing in particular technology transfer to China and Brazilian inflation treatment.

Active in a number of IP organizations and professional IP expert groups: i. a. AIPPI (Programme Committee), Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (Board of Trustees), BUSINESS EUROPE (Patents Working Group), BDI (Sonderausschuss Gewerblicher Rechtsschutz), GRUR, VPP, Past President of LES Germany.

Christof KEUSSEN

born in 1962, studied chemistry at Kiel University, where he earned a PhD in the field of microwave spectroscopy. Since his admission as a patent lawyer in 1994, he has been a partner at the Hamburg offices of the law firm Glawe, Delfs, Moll. He is active mainly in the field of patent law, with a focus on the representation before the European Patent Office and in patent disputes. He is also responsible for supplementary protection certificates. Trademark law is another focus of his work. Since 2000, he has been working for the board of the German Chamber of Patent Lawyers, where he serves as vice president and chairman of the industrial property department. The fields of technology he focuses on are chemistry, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology.

Klaus-Jürgen MELULLIS

Born in Königsberg (Prussia) on 15 March 1944. After attending schools in Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg, studied law in Hamburg and Freiburg. During and after his preparatory service in Hamburg, he worked with a lawyer and later as an assistant at Hamburg University. Judge since mid-1971; until 1980 at Hamburg Regional Court (competition and patent chamber), then at Hamburg Higher Administrative Court; since 2 November 1990 at the Federal Court of Justice, where he has been the presiding judge of the patent panel since 1 November 2001.

Erik NOOTEBOOM

Erik Nootboom joined the European Commission in 1987. Since 1998, he has been Head of the Industrial Property Unit in the Internal Market directorate-general. He has been in this position since 1998. Nootboom is in charge of all matters relating to the EC Industrial Property policy. This includes the recent debate on the new patent policy for Europe, the Community Patent, the patentability of Computer Implemented Inventions, the Community Trademark and the Community Design, the Enforcement Directive, WIPO and WTO - IP matters and relations of the EC with the Harmonisation Office at Alicante and the European Patent Office at Munich. Nootboom has a degree in civil law from the University of Amsterdam, where he specialised in copyright, industrial property law and media law. Before graduating, he started his career in IP with the reorganisation and day-to-day management of the Dutch Federation for protection and enforcement of copyright of photographers "Burafo" (1981-1982). After graduating (1982), Nootboom moved to the Legal Department of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, where he was legal advisor for industrial property matters. In this capacity he was charged with the preparation and proceeding with legislation on a national level and at the level of the Benelux countries.

Sir Nicolas PUMFREY

The Royal Court of Justice, High Court, London.

Thierry SUEUR

Vice President, Intellectual Property and Vice President, European & International Affairs of AIR LIQUIDE.

Graduated as a Chemical Engineer and from CEIPI (Strasbourg Law University) before becoming a European Patent Attorney.

After nine years in private practice, he joined THOMSON as Vice-President, Intellectual Property in 1984 until 1992. From 1988 to 1992, he was Director of the Board of RCA Licensing.

Thierry SUEUR is also Past-President and Gold Medalist of LES International (Licensing Executives Society). Since 1997, he has been Chairman of the Intellectual Property Committee of the MEDEF (French Industry Federation) and since 1999, he has been Vice-Chairman

of the Patent Working Group of Business Europe, Member of the Board of the French Patent Office, Member of the “Conseil Supérieur de la Propriété Industrielle” (Advisory Body to the French industry Minister), Member of the Board of Directors of the Intellectual Property Owners Association (US industry IP organization). Since 2000, Thierry SUEUR has been Chairman of the Programme Committee of AIPPI.