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Joined the European Commission in 1996. Since then held different positions in directorate General for trade: Trade defence; Aerospace issues; executive assistant to Director-General M.P. Carl; and since 2005 Head of unit for Intellectual Property and Government Procurement in the Directorate General for Trade

Prior to joining the commission, was a banker in corporate finance, M&A and conducted international negotiations in the US, Brazil, China and Japan.

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Panije DUAN

Associate Professor, NTD Patent & Trademark Agency Ltd. China.

- 1963-68 Studies in German language and literature, Peking University.
Academic degree: Bachelor of Arts (Chin.: wen xue shi).
- 1970-76 Postgraduate studies in metallurgy, Central Iron & Steel Research Institute (CISRI), Beijing.
- 1977-82 Research Fellow, Department No. 1, CISRI.
- 1983-92 Member of the Chinese Patent Office.
- 1987 Appointed Associate Professor (Chin.: fu yan jiu yuan).
- 1990 Appointed Vice Director, Main International Cooperation Department.
- 1992-94 Associate, company China Contact (GbR), Tutzing.
- 1995-99 Counsellor, China Desk, Law Firm Wessing.
- Since 1994 European Representative, NTD Patent & Trademark Agency Ltd. China.
- Since 1997 Visiting lecturer, IP-Advanced Studies, ETH Zurich.

Gérard GIROUD

Positions at the European Patent Office

- Since 2005 Principal Director
Principal Directorate European and International Affairs
Munich, Germany

1998-2005 Principal Director
Principal Directorate Tools
The Hague, Netherlands

1991-1998 Principal Director in charge of the Vienna Sub-Office
Principal Directorate Patent Information
Vienna, Austria

1990-1998 Principal Director
Principal Directorate Patent Information
Munich, Germany

1987-1989 Director
Set-up of the Directorate International Technical Co-operation
Munich, Germany

1983-1987 European Patent Office, International Affairs
Head of the International Technical Co-operation Office
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1980-1983 European Patent Office, Substantive Examiner
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Donald KOBLITZ

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Donald Koblitz was born in New York and educated at Columbia and Stanford universities. He clerked for two years for Chief Judge William Bryant of the U.S. Federal District Court in Washington, D.C. before serving for nine years in the U.S. State Department's Legal Adviser's Office. At the State Department he worked on issues ranging from the pursuit of Nazi war criminals who had settled in Latin America to attempts to prevent emerging nations from acquiring nuclear weapons. In 1985-89 he was the American Legal Adviser in Berlin. His last U.S. government posting in 1991 was as U.S. Legal Counsel to the 2+4 negotiations on the reunification of Germany.

Beginning in 1992 Mr. Koblitz practiced law in Germany, initially running his own law firm and for the past nine years as an in-house counsel for Volkswagen AG. Immediately prior to his current post he was in charge of all Asian legal work at the VW corporate headquarters in Wolfsburg.

Mr. Koblitz has lectured in the United States and Europe on negotiating skills and has also published newspaper and academic articles on Germany and China.

Ruud PETERS

a national of the Netherlands, was appointed chief executive officer of Philips Intellectual Property & Standards in 1999 and is responsible for managing Philips' worldwide IP Portfolio creation and value extraction activities, and standardisation activities in the fields of O.A. Optical Storage (CD/DVD/BD), Content Management and Wireless/Interconnectivity Technologies. He joined the Philips IP&S organization in 1977 after graduation from the Physics Faculty at the delft technical University. He became director responsible for licensing in 1990. He participated in standards bodies, such as ISO and ETSI, where he was active in the formulation of IP policies. Currently, Philips IP&S has 500 people working in 15 countries around the world. Mr. Peters is also a board member of three Technology/IP Licensing/Trading Companies.

Jürgen SCHADE

was born on 3 December 1942 and studied theology and law in Munich. Between 1973 and 1977, he worked as a postgraduate researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law. In 1978, he was awarded his doctorate in law. In 1997, Dr. Schade started working for the German Patent and Trade Mark Office. Between 1981 and 1982, he was seconded to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva. In 1986, he became a judge at the Federal Patent Court. From 1994 to 1998, Dr. Schade served as a member of the state parliament of Bavaria. In 1999, he resumed his work as a judge at the Federal Patent Court, latterly as a presiding judge. Since 1 August 2001, Dr. Schade has been President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office, the central authority in the field of industrial property rights protection in Germany.

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Graduated in 1977 from Chongqing University with the major of Industry Automation Instrument, and graduated in 1981 from the Postgraduate School of University of Science and Technology of China, completed dissertation in the Automation Research Institute of CAS and obtained MA degree.

Had further education in the US Patent and Trademark Office for six months, in Germany Federal Patent Office and Germany Federal Patent Court for six months, in John Mashall Law College (Chicago) for three months, and carried out research work in the Intellectual Property Research Institute of Max Planck Institute of Germany for six months.

Has worked with the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) since 1982, Senior Member of the Patent Appeal Board and Director of Physical Appeal Chamber, Deputy Director General of the Administrative Department of Patent examination, and Director General of the Legal Affairs Department.

Councilor of China Law Society, Standing Councilor of Intellectual Property Research Association of China, Deputy Secretary General of China Branch of AIPPI, Pluralistic Professor of Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Pluralistic Professor of South-West University of Politics and Law, Honored Professor of Economy Law College of China University of Politics and Law, Honored Professor of Intellectual Property Training Center of SIPO, Senior Researcher of SIPO, Deputy Chairman of SIPO Academic Committee, Consultation Adviser of Beijing Municipality High Court, IP Adviser of Shanghai Municipality High Court, IP Adviser of Jiangsu Province High Court, Consultation Adviser of Fujian Province High Court, and Member of the 16th plenary of Committee of China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission.

Took responsibility to prepare on behalf of SIPO the draft for the second revision on the Chinese Patent Laws and its Implementation Regulations and took part in the full course of the revision in the State Council and National People's Congress. Delegated to take part in the various meetings of the Standing Committee of Patent (SCP) of WIPO on the Substantive Patent Law Treaty (SPLT) and the meetings on the reform of Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), and has acted the Deputy Chairman of the meeting for many times. Right now is in charge of the preparatory work of SIPO concerning the third revision of the Chinese Patent Law.