

Sharon BOWLES

Member of the European Parliament. Sharon Bowles graduated in Chemical Physics with Mathematics and then researched on electroluminescent properties of III-V semiconductor materials in the Department of Metallurgy and Science of Materials at Oxford University. She qualified as a Chartered Patent Agent and European Patent Attorney in 1981 and founded her own firm, now Bowles Horton. Her practice has mainly been concerned with electronics, integrated circuit design and semiconductor fabrication.

Having contested Parliamentary and European Parliamentary elections in 1992, 1994, 1997, 1999 and 2004, in May 2005 she became a Member of the European Parliament for South East England. Upon arrival in the Parliament she immediately took an active part in the latter stages of the debate on CII and was instrumental in achieving the rejection of that proposed legislation, regarding the outcome, had it proceeded, as too confused to risk its continuance. She is a member of the Economics and Monetary Affairs Committee and the Committee of Inquiry into the crisis of Equitable Life Assurance Society, but her technical and professional experience means that she is sought out by technical industry over a range of matters spread over many other committees.

In January 2007 Sharon also became a substitute member of the Legal Affairs committee and will be leading on IP dossiers for ALDE.

Alison BRIMELOW

Commander of the British Empire. She joined the Department Of Trade And Industry in 1976. She worked in a variety of Headquarters policy jobs, including Private Office. She joined the UK Patent Office in 1991, where she became head of the Trade Marks Registry. In 1997 she returned to DTI Headquarters to work on European and international competition policy. She was appointed Chief Executive and Comptroller General of the Patent Office in March 1999. In 2003 she was elected President of the European Patent Office jointly with Professor Alain Pompidou of France. Her term of office begins on 1 July 2007. She resigned from the UK civil service on 31 December 2003. From November 2004 to December 2006 she was Chair of the Steering Board

of the National Weights and Measures Laboratory. In February 2005 she was elected Associate Fellow of Templeton College, Saïd Business School, Oxford.

Christian DIEMER

born 1964, managing partner of the Heitkamp & Thumann Group, Düsseldorf

Since 2004: Responsible for H&T Battery Components, based in Waterbury, Connecticut, U.S. H&T Battery Components has five production facilities, located in the United States, Germany, Singapore and China.

1999-2004: Managing Director for Business Development & Controlling at Heitkamp & Thumann Group

1992-1999: Several positions at Heitkamp & Thumann Group companies

1985-1991: Passau University, Diplom-Kaufmann (master's degree in business administration)

1983-1985: Training as a bank clerk at Deutsche Bank, Düsseldorf

Margot FRÖHLINGER

She graduated from Saarbrücken University with a law degree in 1976. Her post-graduate qualifications consist of the German professional law qualification (1979) and a Doctorate in law from the Trier University (1981).

From 1979 to 1983 she worked as senior assistant and lecturer in Constitutional, Administrative and European law at the Trier University. From 1983 to 1987 she was a judge at several Courts in Germany. In 1987 she joined the Commission of the European Communities. Her first posting was in the Commission's Directorate General for Competition where she dealt with banking, insurance and commerce and later with media and distributive trades. In 1994 she became the Head of the Media and Commercial Communications Unit in the Directorate General for the Internal

Market and Financial Services. This unit was in charge of the creation of an Internal Market Legal Framework for media, information society services and electronic commerce and in particular of the preparation and negotiation of the e-commerce directive adopted in June 2000. In 2001 she was appointed Head of a newly created unit for services and was in charge of the Commission's strategy for an Internal Market in Services launched in December 2000 as a reply to a request from the Lisbon Council. Following the preparation and adoption of the report "The State of the Internal Market for Services" adopted in July 2002 she was responsible for the preparation and negotiation of the "Directive on Services in the Internal Market" adopted in December 2006. Following the adoption of the Services Directive she has been appointed Director of the Directorate dealing with knowledge based economy where she is in charge of the Commission's policy on professional qualifications, on copyright and related rights and on industrial property including patents.

Klaus-Dieter LANGFINGER

Dr. Langfing is both a German and European patent attorney, and head of intellectual property at BASF Aktiengesellschaft, Ludwigshafen, Germany.

Dr. Langfing studied chemistry at the University of Karlsruhe from 1976 to 1981. In 1984 he gained a doctorate from the Max-Planck-Institute for Radiation Chemistry (today know as the Max-Planck-Institute for Bioinorganic Chemistry) in Mülheim. Between 1984 and 1989 he completed his European patent attorney training and in 1999 also qualified as a German patent attorney.

Today Dr. Langfing is head of BASF AG's intellectual property department ("Patents, Trademarks & Licenses") in Ludwigshafen. He is also a board member of the German section of Licensing Executives Society International (LESI), chairman of the intellectual property committee of the German Chemical Industry Federation (VCI), member of the intellectual property committee at the Federation of German Industries (BDI) as well as chairman of the patents working group (part of the company affairs committee) of UNICE, the European industry association.

Raimund LUTZ

Studied law at Regensburg University, did part of his preparatory service in Paris

1982 - 1984 Judge and then public prosecutor in Munich

1985 - 1989 Federal Ministry of Justice, Bonn
Desk officer at the Directorate-General for Commercial and Economic Law, intellectual property law with a focus on patent and trademark law

1989 - 1999 German Patent and Trade Mark Office, Berlin and Munich

Head of the Berlin office of the German Patent Office, from 1997 concurrently head of the Trade Marks Main Division at the German Patent and Trade Mark Office in Munich

2000 - 2006 Federal Ministry of Justice, Berlin

Head of the Directorate for Commercial and Economic Law, focusing on intellectual property Main responsibilities included the preparation and monitoring of national legislation in these fields, the representation of Germany in European and international organisations such as the European Union, the World Intellectual Property Organisation and the World Trade Organisation, and heading the German delegation in the administrative councils of the European Patent Office and the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) in Alicante.

Since

May 2006 President of the Federal Patent Court

Erika Mann

Erika Mann has been a member of the European Parliament since 1994; she is a member of the Committee on International Trade, as well as a substitute member of the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy and of the Committee on Budgetary Control. She is President of the Delegation to the EU/Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee.

In the Committee on International Trade, Erika Mann coordinates the foreign trade policy position of the European Socialists Group (PES). She has developed the notion of the transatlantic market between the EU and the USA in many European Parliament reports. Other priorities of her work include telecommunications and internet policy as well as patent law. She is a member of the patents working group of the PES Group. Ms. Mann is active in many networks; for instance, she chairs the Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN), is a member of the Kangaroo Group, a founding member and chairperson of the European Internet Foundation (EIF), and a Senator of the German Max Planck Society.

Certified educator (*Diplom-Pädagogin*); research work at Hanover University; business consultant in the IT sector. She joined the SPD (*Social Democratic Party of Germany*) in 1972.