

Patenting in the pharmaceutical field

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Roundtable: exchange with representatives of the pharmaceutical industry, academia and patent attorneys

Moderator : Jenő Kürtössy, Senior Advisor, Patent Department, HIPO

08:45 Arrival and registration

09:00 Welcome speech

Jenő Kürtössy, HIPO

Aliko Nichogiannopoulou, Director, European and International Co-operation, EPO

09:15 EPO search practice and classification in the pharmaceutical field

Data accessibility and relevance

Dr. Gabriela Greif, Patent examiner, EPO

09:35 EPO case law related to pharmaceutical field including novelty, inventive step, added subject matter and clarity issues

Dr. Ulrike Sindel, Patent examiner, EPO

10:10 Unity problems during search and examination in the pharmaceutical field having biotechnological aspects

Dr. Csaba Seregélyes, Patent examiner, HIPO

10:40 Coffee break

11:00 Aspects of the a posteriori unity approach

Dr. Ferenc Török, Patent attorney (Danubia Ltd.), Head of the Chambers of Patent Attorneys

Dr. Gábor Lezsák, Patent attorney (Danubia Ltd.)

11:45 Discussion with the floor on patenting activities in the pharmaceutical field

- patenting practices and field specific hurdles

- oppositions: trends and procedural aspects

- communicating between examiners and applicants/representatives on patentability issues

Chaired by Dr. Ferenc Török, Patent attorney (Danubia Ltd.), Head of the Chambers of Patent Attorneys

12:15 Wrap-up by the moderator

12:30 Closing remarks in the plenary

Dr. Katalin Mikló, Deputy Head, Patent Department, HIPO

Aliko Nichogiannopoulou, Director, European and International Co-operation, EPO

SPEAKERS

Jenő Kürtössy,

Senior Advisor,
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Mr. Jenő Kürtössy is the senior advisor at the Patent Department of HIPO since 2013. Previously, he was Deputy Head of the Patent Department and Head of the Pharmaceutical Division. He joined the HIPO as a patent examiner in the field of chemistry, doing substantive examination and novelty search, in 1988.

He graduated from the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Chemical Engineering, and finished his PhD studies in the field of Technical and Innovation Management in 2003. He became one of the professional representatives before the European Patent Office in 2004. Since 2007, he is Associate Professor (Budapest University of Technology and Economics).

In 2016 he was appointed to be the Quality Manager of the Visegrad Patent Institute.

He is co-inventor of the US Patent 4.794.083 and Hungarian Patent 195 413.

Gabriela Greif

Patent examiner
Joint Cluster PAOC (Pure and applied organic chemistry)
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Gabriela Greif is a pharmacologist. After her Ph.D. studies, she worked at Harvard Medical School and California University of Technology as a scientist, before joining the EPO in the year 2000 as a patent examiner in the field of pharmaceutical sciences.

At the EPO she works in the fields of pharmacy, especially medical use of chemical compounds, peptides, bacteria, plants and plant extracts and cells and tissues (biopharmacy). She is involved in search and examination of patent applications, in classification, as well as in opposition procedures.

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Ulrike Sindel is a pharmacist. After her Ph.D. studies, she worked at BASF in the global technical service for vitamins, before joining the EPO in 2001 as a patent examiner in the field of pharmaceutical sciences.

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Dr. Katalin Mikló

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Ms Katalin Mikló is a chemical engineer specialised in the field of organic synthesis of pharmaceutically active compounds. After having completed her studies and gotten the Ph.D. degree at the Technical University Budapest, she has been appointed as a researcher at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences for 3 years. During this period she spent 6 months at the Cambridge University (UK) with Professor Ian Fleming as a young visitor scientist doing research work in the field of organic silyl compounds.

In the year 2000 she joined the former Hungarian Patent Office (now Hungarian Intellectual Property Office) as a patent examiner in the Pharmaceutical Section. In 2009 she became technical counsellor of the HIPO, in 2012 she has been appointed Head of the Agricultural and Plant Variety Section (now Pharmaceutical and Agricultural Section), and in 2015 she became Deputy Head of the Patent Department.

Mr. Csaba Seregélyes

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Mr. Csaba Seregélyes graduated in biology. After his PhD (Szeged, Hungary, nonsymbiotic plant hemoglobins), he worked at the University of Manitoba (Winnipeg, Canada, nonsymbiotic plant hemoglobins) and at the Laboratoire des Interactions Plantes Micro-organismes, INRA (Toulouse, France, nodulation signalling) as a postdoc scientist. He joined the Department of Chemistry and Biotechnology of HIPO in 2007 as a patent examiner. He is involved in search and examination of patent applications.

Dr Ferenc Török

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Mr Ferenc Török gained an M.Sc. Chem. from Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, in 1985 and qualified as a Hungarian Patent Attorney from the Institute of Post-graduate Legal Studies at the Eötvös Loránd University, in 1988. He completed his LL.B. at the University of Szeged in 2000. Mr Török has been working for Danubia Patent and Law Office Ltd. since 1989, partner since 1992, member of the Board since 1994, deputy managing partner since 2012. He works mainly on chemical patent cases.

He is a member of numerous bodies, including the Examining Body of the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office since 2005, the Hungarian Association for the Protection of Industrial Property and Copyright, UNION, and FICPI. He was also a Member of the Standing Advisory Committee of the EPO (SACEPO) in 2007-2010.

From 2006 to 2012 he was Chairman of the Disciplinary Board of the Hungarian Chamber of Patent Attorneys and Vice-president of the Hungarian Chamber of Patent Attorneys in 2010-13. Since 2012 he has been President of the Hungarian Chamber of Patent Attorneys.

Mr Török has been a member of the *epi* (Institute of Professional Representatives before the EPO) since 2003, Hungarian Council Member of *epi* since 2006, and Vice Chairman of the Litigation Committee of *epi* since 2009.

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Mr Gábor Lezsák has obtained his M.Sc. degree in chemistry from the Faculty of Science of Eötvös Loránd University in 2009. He specialised in the field of two dimensional comprehensive chromatography, automated sample preparation techniques and mass spectrometry. Thereafter he was a Ph.D. student of the Analytical Program of Eötvös Loránd University and worked as HPLC analyst at a pharmaceutical company.

He has joined Danubia Patent and Law Office Ltd. in 2013. He has been a registered Hungarian Patent Attorney since 2017. His special areas include patent applications in the fields of pharmaceutical chemistry, agricultural chemistry, organic chemistry and analytical chemistry.

Membership: Hungarian Chamber of Patent Attorneys, Hungarian Association for the Protection of Industrial Property and Copyright (MIE), AIPPI (and Hungarian society for Separation Sciences).