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SEMINAR
**“Public Health and Intellectual Property - Current Issues, Needs
and Solutions”**

DRAFT AGENDA
26 April 2022
Hybrid event, Zoom

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- 10.00 – 10.10 **Opening**
Welcome speech by Mr. Agris Batalauskis Director, Latvian Patent Office
- 10.10 – 10.30 **IP and Public Health: Issues and Challenges**
Speaker: Mr. Hans Georg BARTELS, Senior Program Officer, Global Challenges Division, Global Challenges and Partnerships Sector, WIPO
- 10.30 – 10.40 Q&A session
- 10.40 – 11.00 **Recent EPO developments concerning patent applications in the health sector**
Speaker: Ms. Aliko Nichogiannopoulou, Director, Healthcare, Biotech, Chemistry, EPO
- 11.00 – 11.10 Q&A session
- 11.10 – 11.30 **Recent developments in supplementary protection certificates**
Speaker: Mr. M.W. Martijn de Lange, Patent Examiner, Netherlands Patent Office
- 11.30 – 11.40 Q&A session
- 11.40 – 12.00 Coffee break
- 12.00 – 12.20 **Counterfeit Pharmaceutical Products – risks, consequences, and challenges**
Speaker: Mr. Nathan Wajzman Chief Economist, EU Observatory on infringements of IP rights, EUIPO
- 12.20 – 12.30 Q&A session
- 12.30 – 13.30 **Discussion: Innovative enterprises in the health sector**
Discussants: Katarzyna Borycka, OASIS Diagnostics S.A.(Poland); Alexandre Tsoukalis, Micrel Medical Devices (Greece); TBC

15.00 – 16.30 TRADEMARK OF THE YEAR 2021 award ceremony

* All time slots indicated according to Eastern European Summer Time (EEST)

** The titles and lengths of the topics can be specified according to the speakers' recommendations

*** Latvian – English/ English – Latvian simultaneous translation will be provided

Seminar topicality and objectives: A developed health sector is an indispensable element of social wellbeing, without which a successful and sustainable social security system is impossible. It is no secret that the health sector has faced increasing challenges and lasting tension during recent years. The needs of the health sector are constantly changing. Strong intellectual property systems can help attract funding for science and thus foster innovation. This is particularly the case in the pharmaceutical sector, which relies on patent protection to support and fund its investment in medical research. The aim of the seminar is to look at the main current issues and challenges in the field of intellectual property and health sector, with a special emphasis on understanding the current needs and problems of the respective sector and intellectual property as a tool that can help solve them.

Target group of the seminar: Researchers, entrepreneurs (especially in the field of health / pharmacy), students, patent attorneys, large hospitals and medical centres, customs officers, knowledge transfer centres, policy makers.