

Patent Protection of Plant-Related Innovations: Facts and Issues

Copenhagen, June 1-2, 2006

PROGRAMME

1 June 2006

SESSION I - SETTING THE SCENE

09.00 - 12.30 h

- Introduction: **Orlando de Ponti**
- History of patents and their use in Europe and the United States of America: **Stephen A. Bent**
- Patents for plant-related innovations: breeding techniques and traits, extension to plants:
 - Enabling and breeding techniques: **Michael A. Kock**
 - Traits and extension to plants: **Hans-Rainer Jaenichen**
- Patents for plant varieties
 - Evolution of patent claims in the past five years: **Karen Hauda**
 - Differences between the scope of the rights in PVP and patents in the USA: **Edmund J. Sease**

SESSION II – IMPACT AND ISSUES

14.00 - 17.00 h

- Introduction: **Claude Grand**
- Examples of disputed patent claims: **Tim Roberts**
 - US principles in claim examination: **Karen Hauda**
 - EU principles in claim examination: **Bart Claes**
- Infringement/enforcement of rights within countries and internationally: **Michael Roth**
- Access to germplasm for further breeding in case of patents: seed deposit, research exemption in patent legislation, access through licensing: **Huib Ghijzen**

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SESSION III – ADVANTAGES AND LIMITS OF PATENTS FOR PLANT-RELATED INNOVATIONS

09.00 - 12.00 h

- Introduction: **Bernard Le Buanec**
- A US professional view on patents for plant-related innovations: **Daniel J. Cosgrove**
- A European professional view on patents for plant-related innovations: **Pierre Roger**
- Panel discussion
- Concluding remarks: **Claude Grand**

* As of January 2006. This programme could change if speakers are unexpectedly unavailable on the day.