



UNION-IP 65 YEARS

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10 – 13 June 2026
AMSTERDAM (NL)



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WELCOME

Dear Friends!

Following the success of the Stockholm congress in 2023, I am proud to invite you to UNION-IP's triennial congress, which we will host in the capital of my home country: Amsterdam. This edition is extra special, because **UNION-IP** celebrates an anniversary. This is reflected in the title:

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Our working commissions have provided a content which is worthy of this celebration. High level officials of major IP institutions have confirmed that they will be happy to deliver keynote speeches, while renowned IP judges, academics, and practitioners will bring together their knowledge and experience to provide you with high level content.

We are offering you a beautiful congress location right at the world-famous canal district. This enables you to explore the city in your free time, and to walk together to the welcome dinner restaurant. At **UNION-IP**, we value personal contact as much as professional content. We therefore also offer an exciting social programme for your accompanying person.

Last and certainly not least, we will celebrate both our anniversary, and the inauguration of our next President, at one of the best places The Netherlands has to offer: a beautiful seaside restaurant, located right at the beach of the North Sea. I hope you can also join us for our Saturday excursion to a UNESCO World heritage site close to the city and a final lunch in a rooftop restaurant overlooking the old town of Amsterdam.

I look forward to seeing you in Amsterdam!

Warm regards,
Reinier Wijnstra
President of **UNION-IP**



AGENDA

Delegates

Accompanying persons

ExCo programme (by invitation only)

Tue 9 June

19.30 – 22.00

ExCo welcome dinner on board the Multatuli

Wed 10 June

09.00 – 10.30

11.00 – 17.00

*Commission meetings
ExCo meeting*

*Excursion to Delft with Delft blue
painting workshop (inc. lunch)*

Congress programme

Wed 10 June

18:00 – 19:30

20:00 – 22:00

Congress welcome reception in Hotel Hyatt Regency
Congress welcome dinner in Capital C

Thu 11 June

09.00 – 11:00

11.00 – 11.30

11.30 – 13:00

13:00 – 14:30

14:30 – 16:00

16.00 – 16.30

16:30 – 18:00

19:00 – 21:00

19:00 – 22:00

Plenary Session I
Coffee break
Plenary Session II
Lunch
Plenary Session III
Coffee break
Workshop 1A / Workshop 1B
Young professional drinks (eligibility to be
determined at own discretion)
Speaker's dinner (by invitation only)

Excursion to the Kröller-Muller Museum
Coffee Break
Visit to sculpture garden
Lunch

Fri 12 June

10.00 – 11:00

11.00 – 11.30

11:30 – 13:00

13:00 – 14:30

14:30 – 16:00

16:00

*General Assembly (for **UNION-IP** members only)*
Coffee break
Workshop 2A / Workshop 2B
Lunch
Plenary Session IV
Closure

Excursion to downtown Amsterdam
Walking tour
Coffee Break
Museum visit
Lunch

17.45 – 0:00

Gala event @ Breakers Beach House



11 June 2026 – Congress day 1

09:30 - 11:00

Plenary Session I

Keynote speakers on actual topics

Moderator

[Monia Baccarelli](#) Vice President **UNION-IP**

Speakers

[Reinier Wijnstra](#) President **UNION-IP**
[João Negrão](#) Executive Director (EUIPO)
[Steven Rowan](#) Vice-President for the Patent Granting Process (EPO)
[Giulia Predonzani](#) Attaché to the Registrar of the General Court (EUCJ)
[Marco M. Alemán](#) Assistant Director General, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector (WIPO)

11:30 - 13:00

Plenary Session II

Mediation & Arbitration & Settlements

Moderators

[Alkisti-Irene Malamis](#) President Trademarks Commission **UNION-IP**
[Ádám György](#) President Designs Commission **UNION-IP**

Speakers

[Heike Wollgast](#) Head IP Disputes Section (WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center)
[Sven Stürmann](#) President (EUIPO Boards of Appeal)
[Aleš Zalar](#) Director (PMAC)
further speakers to be confirmed later, see: www.union-ip.events

14:30 - 16:00

Plenary Session III

Confidentiality and Standards of Care: New Challenges for IP Professionals

Moderator

[Isabel Meenan](#) Patents Commission **UNION-IP**

Speakers

[Bettina de Jong](#) Former Chairperson (ISBQPIP)
[Redvers Cunningham](#) CEO (PAMIA)
[James Mellor](#) Judge (UK High Court, Chancery Division & Patents)
[Addick Land](#) Judge (UPC)
[David Pearce](#) Vice President Patents Commission **UNION-IP**

16:30 - 18:00

Workshop 1A

Trade secrets treatment in national and UPC proceedings

Moderators

[Véronique Pede](#), President IP Litigation Commission **UNION-IP**

Speakers

[Andrea Postiglione](#), Presiding Judge (UPC Milan Central Division)
[Cristina Espin](#), IP Lawyer (Elzaburu)
[Peter Blok](#), Judge (UPC Court of Appeal)

Workshop 1B

Software advances lighting up the energy revolution

[Virginia Driver](#), Software Commission **UNION-IP**

[Nina Ferara](#), IP Manager (UK Atomic Energy Authority)
[Alesch Staehelin](#), Attorney at Law (Uto Legal)



12 June 2026 – Congress day 2

10:00 - 11:00

General Assembly (for **UNION-IP** members only)

11:30 - 12:00

Workshop 2A

**Between Access and Authorship:
Rethinking Copyright in the Data
Mining Era**

Moderators

[Brigitte Spiegeler](#), President
Copyright Commission **UNION-IP**

Speakers

[João Pedro Quintais](#), Associate
Professor (IViR and UvA)
[Thomas Nietsch](#), Partner (K&L
Gates, Tech and Privacy Law)

Workshop 2B

**The EU Pharma Package and its Prospective
Impact on the IP landscape in Europe**

[Gareth Morgan](#), Life Sciences Commission **UNION-IP**

[Damaso Gallardo Torres](#), Patent Expert
(Farmaprojects, Polpharma Group Spain)
[David Rosenberg](#), IP Consultant
further speakers to be confirmed later

14:30 - 16:00

Plenary Session IV

The future of cross border and long arm jurisdiction in IP matters

Moderator

[Véronique Pede](#)

President IP Litigation Commission **UNION-IP**

Speakers

[Andrea Postiglione](#)
[Nathalie Sabotier](#) [TBC]
[Peter Blok](#)

Presiding Judge (UPC Milan Central Division)
Judge (French High court and UPC Court of Appeal)
Judge (UPC Court of Appeal)

further speakers to be confirmed later, see: www.union-ip.events

16:00

Closing words

[Reinier Wijnstra](#)

President **UNION-IP**

Programme is updated regularly. Please check the website for the most recent version: <https://www.union-ip.events/>





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Gala event

On Friday evening, it is time to celebrate the successful closure of the official programme. You will be taken to one of the best places the Netherlands has to offer: Breakers Beach House. This restaurant is exclusively reserved for **UNION-IP**. Breakers Beach House is located directly on the beach and offers a stunning view of the North Sea and the Noordwijk coastline. Inspired by the American Long Beach and elegant Victorian style, Breakers Beach House exudes a light, warm, and inviting atmosphere.

After being received on the beach side terrace, you will be offered a menu by chef Mitchell Hendriks, who focuses on pure, refined, and surprising dishes, with a special emphasis on seafood. During the drinks and dinner, you will be able to reconnect with old friends, and make new ones. After the desert, you are invited to the dance floor before a dedicated bus will take you back to your hotel.

To enhance the festive atmosphere, you are kindly requested to observe the dress code: **black tie** or **national attire**.

Timetable:

17:45	Gathering for bus departure to gala venue
18:00 – 19:00	Bus ride to Breakers Beach House
19:00 – 20:00	Welcome reception
20:00 – 23:00	Gala dinner
23:00 – 00:00	After party
23:00 – 00:00	Bus return (multiple departures)



Saturday excursion

On Saturday 13 June, a special excursion is organized. The day begins with a (30 min.) bus transfer to the harbor of Muiden, where a private boat will take you to the historic Pampus Island.

Under the guidance of an expert tour guide, you will explore the island's fascinating history as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, learning about its strategic role in the defence of Amsterdam and its unique fortifications.

After the guided tour, a private boat will take you across the IJmeer, along the new man-made islands which hold Amsterdam's newest district 'IJburg', back to the city centre of Amsterdam for a farewell lunch at the Skylounge of the DoubleTree by Hilton. With its panoramic views over the city, this will be the perfect setting to conclude the week's programme.

Following lunch, you will have free time to explore Amsterdam at your own pace.



Accompanying persons programme

Thu 11 June Kröller-Müller Museum

On Thursday, you will embark on a cultural excursion to the Kröller-Müller Museum, beautifully situated in the heart of De Hoge Veluwe National Park. The museum is renowned for its exceptional collection of modern art, featuring masterpieces by artists such as Van Gogh, Mondrian, and Seurat, as well as its impressive sculpture garden, one of the largest in Europe.

During your visit, there will be time for a relaxed coffee break, to explore both the indoor galleries and the serene outdoor surroundings at your own pace or with a guided tour. Following the museum visit, a lunch will be served before the bus departs back to Amsterdam.



Fri 12 June Down-town Amsterdam

On Friday, the day begins with a guided city walk from the congress hotel, offering a wonderful opportunity to discover Amsterdam's history, architecture, and local charm, as well as to enjoy a coffee break.

You may choose between a visit to the Rijksmuseum, home to world-famous masterpieces by Rembrandt and Vermeer, or the Stedelijk Museum, renowned for its impressive collection of modern and contemporary art. The programme concludes with a lunch at Barbounia, located in the Conservatorium Hotel.



Practical information

Three carefully selected hotels will be available for accommodation, which offer negotiated favourable prices, which are only effective if you use the booking link you will receive.

Congress Hotel - Hyatt Regency

The congress will be held at the Hyatt Regency Amsterdam. Situated in the heart of the city and offers a convenient and comfortable stay directly at the venue.

CitizenM Amsterdam Amstel

CitizenM Amsterdam Amstel is located a 5-minute walk from the congress location. This stylish and modern hotel offers contemporary rooms equipped with innovative technology, inviting communal spaces, and a relaxed atmosphere.

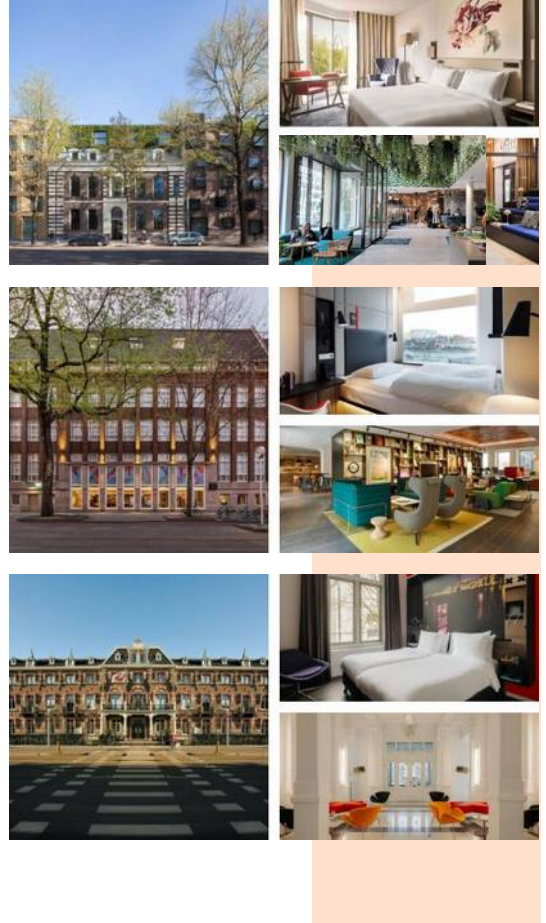
The Manor Amsterdam

The Manor Amsterdam, one of the most iconic hotels in Amsterdam, is located in the trendy yet authentic Amsterdam East and can be reached from the congress location within approximately 15 minutes on foot.

Contacts:

For questions specifically related to the congress, such as the programme, content, or participation, please contact Reinier Wijnstra at president@union-ip.org

For all other questions, including accommodation, logistics, registration support, please contact Efficient Hotel Partner at mail@hotelpartner.nl



Registration fees (inc. VAT, excl. 3% service fee)	Early bird fee (until 20 Feb)	Regular fee	Late fee (as of 9 Apr)
Congress UNION-IP members	€ 995	€ 1.200	€ 1.300
Congress non UNION-IP members	€ 1.255	€ 1.500	€ 1.600
Accompanying person Welcome dinner (Wed)	€ 140	€ 165	€ 180
Accompanying person Congress (Thu & Fri tours)	€ 250	€ 285	€ 320
Gala event (all)	€ 195	€ 225	€ 240
Saturday excursion (all)	€ 120	€ 140	€ 160

