

ECTA 44th Annual Conference 'Green Light for Growth'

Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin, Ireland

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 17 June

08.00 - 20.00 **Registration and Information Desk**

08.00 - 09.00 **Advisory Committee Breakfast Meeting** (by invitation only)

09.00 - 12.00 **Committee Meetings** (by invitation only)

- AI & Data Committee
- Anti-Counterfeiting Committee
- Copyright Committee
- Design Committee
- Geographical Indications Committee
- Harmonization Committee
- International Trade Committee
- Internet Committee
- Law Committee
- Mediation Committee
- Patent Committee
- Professional Affairs and Membership Committee

12.00 – 13.30 **Lunch for Supervisory Board and Committee members** (by invitation only)

12.15 - 14.15 **Committee Meetings** (lunch meetings, by invitation only)

- Amicus Curiae Task Force
- EUIPO-Link Committee
- IP Valuation Task Force
- Programme Committee
- Publications Committee
- SME-Link Committee
- WIPO-Link Committee

14.30 - 18.00 **Supervisory Board Meeting** (by invitation only)

15.55 - 16.00 **Presentation by Fovea IP (Institutional Sponsor 2026)**

16.00 - 18.00 Workshop: Mock Mediation Case

Moderators:

Judit Lantos, Lantos Law, HU and **Sven Stürmann**, EUIPO Boards of Appeal, ES

Speakers:

Ivett Paulovics, Avv. Ivett Paulovics, IT
Amanda Zahringer, Business Advisor, IE
Carol Gormley, FRKelly, IE
Sean Cummings, Keltie, IE
Alexandra Crawcour, EUIPO, ES

18.00 - 18.25 Keynote Speech: Challenges and Evolving Dynamics for Women in the IP Practice

Laura Collada, Dumont Bergman Bider & Co, MX

18.30 - 19.30 Gathering organised by the Young Professionals Group (external event, by invitation only)

*with the kind help and contribution of **Mason Hayes & Curran***

19.30 - 23.00 Welcome Reception with Buffet Dinner at *Café en Seine*

*sponsored by **Bird&Bird, Matheson, Tomkins***

Opened in 1993 and beautifully renovated in 2018, *Café en Seine* is one of Dublin's most iconic venues, blending timeless Parisian glamour with contemporary Irish style. Located on Dawson Street, in the heart of the city, it was originally designed as a grand café inspired by the Belle Époque era of Paris, featuring elegant glass ceilings, ornate balconies, and lush indoor gardens.

Dress Code: Smart casual

The venue is in walking distance, no bus transfers will be provided. Guests should make their way to *Café en Seine* individually to arrive between 19.30 and 20.00.

Thursday, 18 June

08.00 - 18.30 Registration and Information Desk

08.30 - 09.00 Annual General Meeting

09.05 - 09.25 Welcome

09.30 - 10.50 Challenges in IP – Shared Perspectives Between the Industry, the Representatives and the Public Authorities

Moderator:

Benjamin Fontaine, ECTA Second Vice-President, PLASSERAUD IP, ES

Speakers:

João Negro, Executive Director, EUIPO, ES

Fabrizio Caretta, Group Chief Legal & Compliance Officer, Dolce & Gabbana, IT

Luke Minford, CEO, Rouse group, UK

10.50 - 11.20 **Coffee Break**

11.20 - 12.40 **1st session: Developing and Managing IP Portfolios in the Era of Green Technology**

Moderator:

Giles Corbally, Bomhard Intellectual Property, S.L., ES

Speakers:

Ana Casaca, Global Director of Innovation, Galp, PT

Naomi Stark, ECTA Member, Lubberger Lehment, DE

Sebastien Vitali, Head of Trademarks, Johnson Controls, CH

12.40 - 14.00 **Lunch**

sponsored by **Computer Packages**

14.00 - 15.30 **2nd session: AI and Dupe Influencers in the Pharma and Cosmetics Sectors**

Moderator:

Julien Scicluna, ECTA Secretary General, FR

Speakers:

Anette Rasmussen, H Lundbeck A/S, DK

Delphine De Chalvron, L'Oreal, FR

Andrej Bukovnik, Member of the ECTA AI and Data and EUIPO-Link Committees, Bukovnik & Kulbaba IP Guardians, BE

15.30 - 16.00 **Coffee Break**

16.00 - 17.30 **3rd session: ESG Impact on IP Strategy in the Tech Industry**

Moderator:

Niccolò Ferretti, NUNZIANTE MAGRONE Studio Legale. IT

Speakers:

Marta Kozłowska, HP Inc, PL

Clemens Heusch, Vice President, Head of Global Litigation and Disputes, Nokia, DE

Justice Rory Mulcahy, Judge of the High Court, IE

17.30 - 18.30 **ECTA at a Glance - First Time Attendee Gathering**

sponsored by **Weber & Sauberschwartz**

19.30 - 22.30 Buffet Dinner at the Guinness Storehouse

The Guinness Storehouse, located in Dublin's historic St. James's Gate Brewery, is one of Ireland's most visited attractions and an emblem of the country's brewing heritage. The building, originally constructed in 1904, was once the fermentation plant of the Guinness brewery. Its seven floors are built around a giant glass atrium shaped like a pint of Guinness, a striking architectural statement that blends industrial history with modern design. Since its transformation into a visitor experience in 2000, the Guinness Storehouse has welcomed millions of guests from around the world. Each floor explores a different part of the Guinness story, from brewing and advertising to tasting and brand history. The visit culminates in the Gravity Bar, offering panoramic views of Dublin.

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Bus transfers will be provided from Clayton Hotel Burlington Road.

Friday, 19 June

08.00 - 18.00 Registration and Information Desk

09.00 - 10.30 4th session: EUIPO Knowledge Centre and a Comparison Between EU and US Copyright Systems

Moderator:

Anke Nordemann-Schiffel, NORDEMANN, DE

Speakers:

Veronique Delforge, Observatory Department, EUIPO, ES

Daniël Jongsmá, Postdoctoral Researcher, Hanken School of Economics, FI

Jacqueline Lesser, Member of the ECTA Copyright Committee, IceMiller, US

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 - 12.30 5th session: ESG, Greenwashing and Green Claims (GI Session)

Moderator:

Andrea Zappalaglio, University of Leeds, UK

Speakers:

Akansha Tiwari, Legal Officer, Forest Stewardship Council, DE

Professor Ronan Raffray, University of Bordeaux, FR

Rita Tardiolo, Bird & Bird, IT

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 14.15 ECTA Award 2026

14.15 - 15.45 6th session: AI Impact in the Design Field

Moderator:

Ruta Olmane, Olmane Law firm, LV

Speakers:

Heidi Härkönen, Senior Lecturer, University of Turku, FI

John Milligan, Member of the ECTA Design Committee, Member of the Local Organising Committee, Mason Hayes & Curran LLP

Päivi Tahkokallio, Founder and CEO of Tahkokallio Design, FI

15.45 - 16.15 Coffee Break

16.15 - 17.45 7th Session: EU Case Law Update

Moderator:

Klaudia Blach-Morysinska, Zaborski, Morysinski Law Office, PL

Speakers:

Virginia Melgar, Chairperson of the 5th Board of Appeal, EUIPO, ES

Judge Pierre-Yves de Harven, President of the Commercial Court of Brussels, BE

Kristof Neefs, Member of the ECTA Patent Committee, Inteo, BE

17.45 - 18.00 Closing Remarks

Paola Ruggiero, ECTA First Vice-President, Bird & Bird Società tra Avvocati, IT

19.30 - 01.30 Gala Dinner at *the Royal Dublin Society*

Founded in 1731, the Royal Dublin Society (RDS) is one of Ireland's oldest and most prestigious institutions, dedicated to promoting Ireland's cultural, scientific, and economic development. Located in the heart of Ballsbridge, the embassy belt of Dublin city, the RDS campus spans over 42 acres, featuring a range of elegant historic buildings and modern exhibition halls. The venue has hosted a wide variety of events over the centuries, from agricultural shows and equestrian competitions to concerts, trade fairs, and international conferences. The annual Dublin Horse Show, one of the world's leading equestrian events, remains its most famous tradition.

Dress Code: Cocktail attire

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