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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Date

Friday May 27 2005

### Venue

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
Faculty of Law, Auditorium Zeger Van Hee  
Tiensestraat 41, 3000 Leuven, Belgium  
Tel.: 016/32.37.32

### Travel details

For details on how to get to the city of Leuven and to the Faculty of Law (by car, train or airport), visit [www.law.kuleuven.ac.be/cir](http://www.law.kuleuven.ac.be/cir) (click 'Seminars').

### Accommodation

Participants should make their own arrangements for accommodation. A selection of hotels can be found at [www.leuven.be](http://www.leuven.be) (click 'English' and 'Staying over').

### Parking

Ladeuzeplein (Ring Leuven, Tiensepoort, Blijde Inkomststraat)

### Registration

By returning the attached registration form before April 30 2005.

### Conference fee

The registration fee is 275 € free of all charges. The registration fee includes admission to the sessions, documents, coffee and lunch, as well as the conference proceedings, which will be published as a book with the scientific editor Bruylant, Brussels.

### Scientific coordinator

Prof. dr. Geertrui Van Overwalle

**Additional information** on the conference can be obtained from the Centre for Intellectual Property Rights (CIR)

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### Note for Belgian participants

*The Commissions for Permanent Education of the Flemish, French-speaking and German-speaking bars have attributed 6 points for participation in this conference.*

*The Department of Justice has agreed to pay the registration fee for judges and judicial trainees.*

*Training cheques are accepted.*



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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## GENE PATENTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH

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# GENE PATENTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Recent events have clearly demonstrated that the public is very sensitive to the use of patents in the field of genetics.

Discussions arise in particular with regard to the patentability of diagnostic and therapeutic applications based on genes. Concerns are expressed with regard to the possible blocking effects of such patents on access to health care.

The conference offers a survey of the varied and complex issues which occur in patenting diagnostic methods. The conference also provides empirical evidence on well established strategies for using patents and explores new measures for gaining access to patents.

The conference is designed to bring together a number of leading international experts who will discuss the various aspects of diagnostic patents.

The conference should be of interest to a wide audience of academics, practitioners, policy makers, NGOs and to all those interested in patents and health care.

## PROGRAMME

8.30 - 9.00	Registration and welcome coffee/tea
9.00 – 9.15	<b>Wellcome address</b> <i>Prof. Paul Van Orshoven (Vice-Dean, Faculty of Law, KULeuven)</i>
9.15 – 9.30	<b>Introduction</b> <i>Prof. Geertrui Van Overwalle (CIR, KULeuven)</i>
<b>Patenting diagnostic methods: Practical, ethical and legal framework</b> <i>Chairperson: Prof. Frank Gotzen (CIR, KULeuven-KU Brussel)</i>	
9.30 – 10.00	<b>The daily practice of diagnostic testing</b> <i>Prof. Gert Matthijs (Centre for Human Genetics, KULeuven)</i>
10.00 - 10.30	<b>The ethics of patenting diagnostic methods</b> <i>Prof. Tom Baldwin (University of York – Member Nuffield Council on Bioethics)</i>
10.30 – 10.45	Questions
10.45 - 11.00	Coffee break

11.00 – 11.30	<b>The EPC and the granting policy and case law of the EPO</b> <i>Mr. Daniel Thomas (European Patent Office, Munich)</i>
11.30 - 12.00	<b>Using the EPO opposition procedure as a strategy against patents on diagnostic methods</b> <i>Mr. William Bird (Bird Goën &amp; Co, Leuven)</i>
12.00 - 12.30	Questions and floor debate
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch

### Licensing diagnostic methods: Current practices and future options

*Chairperson: Prof. Jean-Jacques Cassiman (Centre for Human Genetics, KULeuven)*

### Contractual licensing in the medical sector

14.00 - 14.30	<b>Licensing policies in the medical sector</b> <i>Dr. Filip De Corte (Johnson &amp; Johnson, New Brunswick – New Jersey)</i>
14.30 – 15.00	<b>The effect of patents on diagnostic research and kit development</b> <i>Dr. Kees Schuller (Innogenetics, Gent)</i>
15.00 – 15.30	<b>Dealing with patent fragmentation: the SARS patent pool as a model</b> <i>Dr. James Simon (ViroNovative, Rotterdam)</i>
15.30 – 15.45	Questions
15.45 – 16.00	Coffee break

### Compulsory licensing for public health

16.00 – 16.20	<b>Ex-officio licensing in the medical sector: The French model</b> <i>Mr. Gilles Requena (Institut National de la Propriété Industrielle, Paris)</i>
16.20 - 16.40	<b>Compulsory licensing for diagnostic methods and market dominance: The Swiss model</b> <i>Mr. Christophe Germann (University of Berne)</i>
16.40 – 17.00	<b>The go-between? The new Belgian model</b> <i>Mr. Jérôme Debrulle (Industrial Property Rights Office, Brussel)</i>
17.00 - 17.30	Questions and floor debate

### Conclusions

17.30 - 17.45	<i>Prof. Geertrui Van Overwalle (CIR, KULeuven)</i>
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# CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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I will participate in the conference "Gene patents and public health" in Leuven on May 27 2005. I will pay the amount of 275 €, free of all charges, to account number 330-0012100-29 (ING) of the KULeuven, Oude Markt 13 mentioning "Leerstoel CIR – Prof. F. Gotzen" and the name(s) of the participant(s).

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