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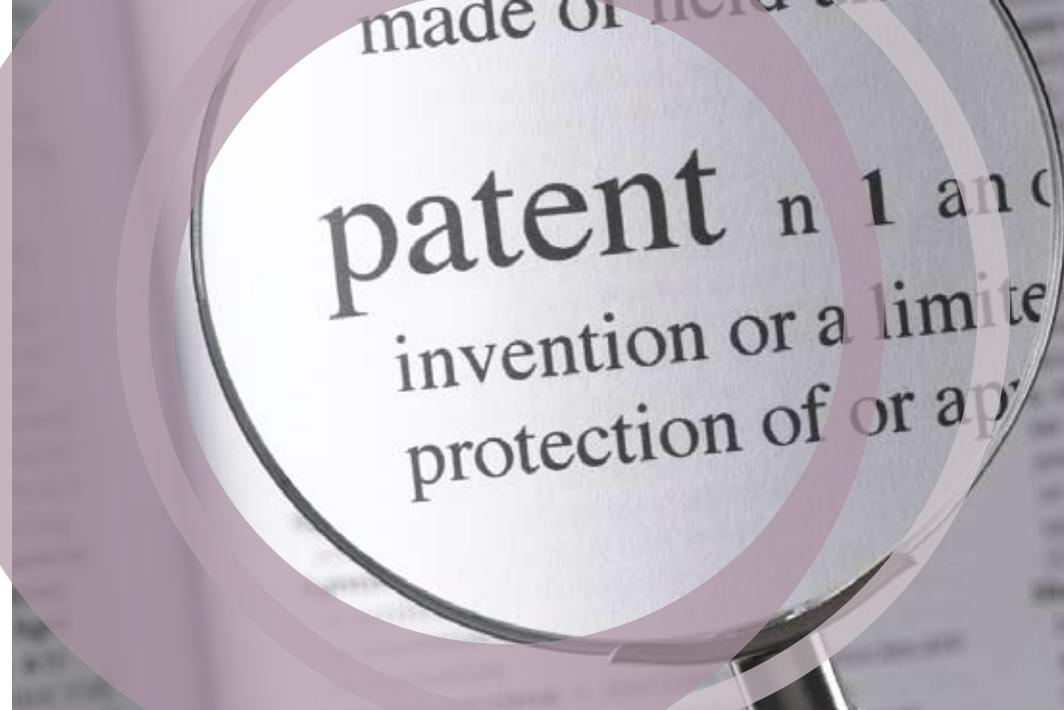
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- 09.30** Registration and Refreshments
- 10.00** Chairman's Introduction
- 10.05** **Patent specifications and chemical claims**
Darren Smyth, Marks & Clerk Patent & Trade Mark Attorneys
How to read and interpret a patent specification. Patents as a source of information. Varieties of patent claims used in a chemical context. Timing of patent filings for optimising protection and value.
- 10.35** **The commercial value of patents**
Peter Elliott, Patent Attorney Litigator, Unilever PLC
Why is IP important? Patenting strategies. Managing a patent portfolio – what to keep and what to throw. Patents as a source of revenue.
- 11.05** **Patentability**
Darren Smyth (as above) & Graham Burnett-Hall, Marks & Clerk Solicitors
What is a patentable chemical invention? How are the requirements for patentability defined?
- 11.35** **Case study (pharmaceutical litigation) – Citalopram**
Ewan Nettleton, Solicitor, Bristows
Overview of international legal proceedings relating to this important pharmaceutical drug. Procedural issues that have arisen. Insights into patent litigation strategies.
- 12.05** Lunch
- 13.00** **Workshop – patents as a source of information for the bench chemist**
Emily Peters, Solicitor, Alpha Indraccolo, Solicitor, Bird & Bird LLP
How to search for patents. Understanding the patent register. How to find associated patents. Competitive intelligence.
- 14.00** **Infringement and enforcement**
Graham Burnett-Hall (as above)
How to proceed when your patent is infringed – or you are accused of infringing. What constitutes patent infringement? Strategies to avoid infringement.
- 14.30** **Case study - Running into third party patents**
Peter Elliott (as above)
Infringement, invalidity and design-around with particular reference to a multi-jurisdiction European case relating to Unilever's washing machine tablets.
- 15.00** Q&A Session
- 15.30** Closing Remarks

synopsis Obtaining a patent is the fundamental way in which chemists protect their discoveries and start the process by which innovation can be converted into financial reward.

Many Chemists only learn about the process of reading, writing and understanding patents by 'osmosis' - through legacy experience within their organisations.

This meeting aims to educate chemists both from industry and academia in understanding the patenting process and how patent owners can make the most of their rights. It will be of value to those leading research groups or formulating claims and to those contributing to, or trying to interpret patents as part of their research. A wide range of topics will be covered: from understanding what is patentable, constructing a patent claim, determining the timing of a filing, through to issues of patent enforcement and infringement.

These subjects are illustrated wherever possible by reference to real cases. The meeting closes with a question and answer session where you can put the experts on the spot.

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