Zurich IP Retreat 2017 - Patents and Hindsight

Friday, 8th / Saturday, 9th September

Seehof Küsnacht (Zurich)
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This international retreat, organized by INGRES and ETH Zurich, will be held in honor of Dr. Dieter Brändle, the first President of the Swiss Federal Patent Court who will step back at the end of 2017. It will allow the opinion leaders in the law of innovation and technology from all over the world, including judges, litigators, patent attorneys, in-house lawyers and academics, to discuss one of the fundamental problems in patent law: The need to assess the state of the art without hindsight and knowledge of the invention.

Friday, 8th September

12:00   Lunch

13:00   Welcome and Introduction
        Stefan Bechtold
        Tobias Bremi
        Michael Ritscher

13:30   Panel 1: The Hindsight Bias: Psychological Dimensions
        Marco Kleine
        Gregory Mandel
        Aileen Oeberst
        Mark Schweizer

15:30   Coffee Break

16:00   Panel 2: Patentability Requirements: Solutions attempting to avoid Hindsight around the World
        Richard Arnold
        Graham Ashley
        Rian Kalden
        Kathrin Klett
        Peter Meier-Beck
        Kathleen O'Malley
        Xiang Yu

17:45   Panel 3: “Closest Prior Art”
        Dana Beldiman
        Dieter Brändle
        Willem Hoyng
        NN (Member of a EPO BoA)

18:30   Aperitif at the Lake Shore and Dinner
Saturday, 9th September

9:00  Panel 4: Party Experts, Court Experts, Technical Judges
      Richard Ebbink
      Penny Gilbert
      Miquel Montana
      George Pappas
      Robert Van Peursem

10:00 Panel 5: The Objective Technical Problem
      Christoph Ann
      Diana Sternberg
      Katherine Strandburg
      NN (Member of a EPO BoA)

10:50 Coffee Break

11:20 Panel 6: Claim Construction and Infringement
      Dieter Brändle
      Klaus Grabinski
      Robin Jacob
      Peter Kather

12:10 Panel 7: Broadening the Perspective
      Robin Jacob
      Antoon Quaedvlieg
      Beate Schmidt

12:50 Closing Remarks
      Dieter Brändle
      Dieter Stauder

13:15 Lunch