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Finding the balance

Exploring solutions in the debate surrounding patents and plant breeders' rights

Date: Wednesday 18 May 2016

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Rue Gineste 3, 1210 Brussels, Belgium

Chair: Bart Kiewiet

Provisional programme

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| 9.00-9.30 | Coffee and registration |
| 9.30-9.35 | Introduction by the chair |
| 9.35-9.45 | Opening speech Director-General for Agro and Nature Hans Hoogeveen Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs |
| 9.45-9.50 | Video from the sector: Syngenta |
| 9.50-10.15 | Introduction to patents, plant breeders' rights and the Biotech Directive Prof. Dr. Axel Metzger LL.M., Humboldt University Berlin |
| 10.15-10.20 | Video from the sector: Florist |
| 10.20-10.40 | Presentation of the outcome of the expert group Dr. Sven Bostyn LL.M., Chair of the Expert Group on Biotechnological Inventions |
| 10.40-10.45 | Video from the sector: De Bolster |
| 10.45-11.15 | Coffee break |
| 11.15-12.15 | Patentability of products obtained by EBPs Panel discussion EuropaBIO - Andreas Popp, Senior Vice President, BASF European Seed Association - Szonja Csörgö, Director of Intellectual Property & Legal Affairs, European Seed Association No Patents on Seeds! - Christoph Then, Coordinator of No Patents on Seeds! COPA-COGECA - Thor Kofoed, chairman of Copa-Cogeca Working party on seeds |



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| 12.15-12.30 | Possible solutions Jean Bergevin, Head of Intellectual Property and Fight Against Counterfeiting Unit, European Commission, or Slawomir Tokarski, Director of Innovation and Advanced Manufacturing, European Commission |
| 12.30-13.00 | Questions from the audience |
| 13.00-14.15 | Lunch break |
| 14.15-14.40 | Enhanced cooperation between European Patent Office and Community Plant Variety Office Conversation between Martin Ekvad, President of the CPVO, and Raimund Lutz, Vice-President for Legal & International Affairs of the EPO |
| 14.40- 14.55 | PINTO database Szonja Csörgö, Director of Intellectual Property & Legal Affairs, European Seed Association |
| 14.55-15.10 | International Licensing Platform Vegetable Chris van Winden, Managing Director of ILP Vegetable |
| 15.10-15.35 | Criteria for a compulsory licence under Swiss Law in case a plant variety infringes a prior patent Dr. Pascal Fehlbaum, D.E.A., Attorney-at-law, Gros & Waltenspühl Avocats |
| 15.35-16.10 | Coffee break |
| 16.10-16.15 | View from the European Parliament Jan Huitema, Member of the European Parliament |
| 16.15-16.45 | Questions from the audience Panel: EuropaBIO, European Seed Association, No Patents on Seeds!, European Commission, Jan Huitema and Prof. Axel Metzger |
| 16.45-17.10 | Concluding remarks Elzbieta Bienkowska, Commissioner for the Internal market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, and Martijn van Dam, Dutch Minister for Agriculture |
| 17.10-17.15 | Closing of the day by the chair |
| 17.15-18.00 | Informal cocktail reception |