

ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

European Patent Office (EPO)

The European Patent Office is one of the largest patent offices of the world. It receives and processes around 266 000 patent filings per year, of which 1360 came from India in 2013. The high quality of its products and services attracts patent system users from around the world. Last year 65% of the European patent applications were filed by non-European companies, which reflect the IP user's confidence in EPO.

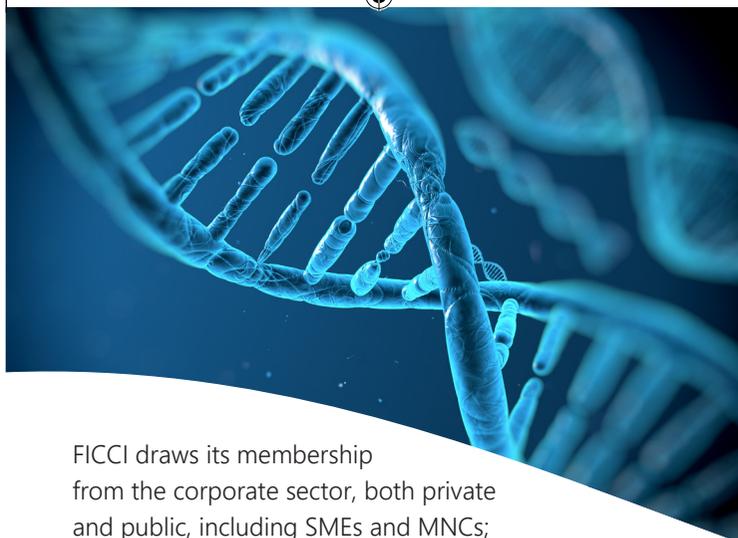
EPO is also a world leader in supplying technical information. Its public database, Espacenet, contains more than 88 million patent documents which can be searched on the EPO website free-of-charge. Thanks to Patent Translate, EPO's free machine-translation service, these documents are now available in multiple languages.

www.epo.org

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

Established in 1927, FICCI (Please spell out) is the largest and oldest apex business organisation in India. Its history is closely interwoven with India's struggle for independence, its industrialization, and its emergence as one of the most rapidly growing global economies. FICCI has contributed to this historical process by encouraging debate, articulating the private sector's views and influencing policy.

A non-government, not-for-profit organisation, FICCI is the voice of India's business and industry.



FICCI draws its membership from the corporate sector, both private and public, including SMEs and MNCs; FICCI enjoys an indirect membership of over 250,000 companies from various regional chambers of commerce.

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European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC)

The European Business and Technology Centre is an initiative co-funded by the European Union and coordinated by EUROCHAMBRES. Focusing on the four key sectors of Biotechnology, Energy, Environment and Transport. EBTC assists the business, science and research community – in Europe and India – to work together for generating new business opportunities in transfer of clean technology.

As a first entry point to India, EBTC supports EU cleantech companies and researchers with market entry to India and offers hands-on support in the early stages of expansion. The IPR Helpdesk at EBTC assists organisations to take advantage of their intellectual property portfolio by means of transfer of technology through licensing, cross licensing and joint venture.

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The European Patent Office (EPO) and the European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC) in association with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) are conducting a 'One day workshop on protecting pharmaceutical & biotechnology inventions in Europe'. This workshop is a part of ongoing initiatives to support the creation of a strong IP ecosystem and capacity building of Indian industry and stakeholders.



OVERVIEW

Pharmaceutical and biotechnology inventions are highly complex and require years of R&D and investment to create innovative and marketable products. It is therefore vital to protect the intellectual property (IP) created.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide an overview of the European patent system including Unitary Patents.
- To introduce procedures and practices for filing patent applications with EPO, including grant and opposition procedures.
- To facilitate technology transfer between Europe and India.
- To understand the role of IP in innovation and technology transfer.
- To develop an understanding of the tools/databases available on patent information at the EPO for creating market intelligence.

The workshop will be valuable for:

- The Indian pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.
- IP heads, managers and practitioners.
- In-house legal counsel.
- IP attorneys.
- Other groups interested in filing patents in Europe.

HIGHLIGHTS

Develop an understanding about the EPO examination process: IP applications are often rejected due to non-compliance. Participants will to understand the EPO patent examination process, procedures and requirements in order to be able to draft an application resulting in speedy examination and an early grant of patents.

Build capacity to utilise patent information and identify opportunities: Via a live demo of EPO databases such as the Global Patent Index (GPI) & Espacenet, participants will be able to understand how to utilise information and databases to identify opportunities.

Learn about the commercialisation aspect of IP: The workshop will build awareness on creating value from an existing patent portfolio. It will show strategies that are essential to minimise risk on investment associated with the development of new drugs. The workshop will also cover how to use patent information systems for technology transfer.

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