

Report of the Harmonisation Committee (HC)

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This report completed on 13 February 2015 covers the period since my previous report dated 26 August 2014.

The Harmonisation Committee deals with all questions concerning the worldwide harmonisation of Patent Law, and in particular within the framework of WIPO.

Workshop on the economic effects of introducing a grace period in Europe

Initiated by the EPO Economic and Scientific Advisory Board (ESAB), this workshop was held at the EPO on 26 November 2014.

Many European Patent Attorneys participated, but only two participants were indicated as affiliated with **epi**, namely Tony Tangena and Francis Leyder (rapporteur). The Report of the Workshop was not yet available at the time of finalising this report.

EPO Tegernsee Symposium

The European Patent Office held a symposium in Munich on 12 February 2015, entitled "EPO Symposium on

Harmonisation: Tegernsee and beyond". The presentations were not yet available at the time of finalising this report. A report will be prepared by the EPO.

32 organisations, companies and Offices were represented. **epi** was represented by Gabriele Leissler-Gerstl, John Brown, Francis Leyder and Naoise Gaffney. John Brown made concluding remarks on behalf of **epi**.

22nd Session of the SCP

The 22nd session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP 22) will be held in Geneva, from the 27th to the 31st of July 2015. No working papers are yet available on the WIPO website.

Next committee meeting

No date has yet been set.