

INVITATION to a

WEBINAR & SEMINAR in Stockholm
organized by FICPI Sweden in co-operation with FICPI International

on 9 March 2020

9:00 to 12:15: ***Seizure of infringing goods***
and
13:30 to 17:30 : ***Unity of invention***



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A combined WEBINAR & SEMINAR 9 March 2020

Choose one or both of the following:

Morning session: Seizure of goods infringing an IP right

Our speakers provide insights about legal aspects, and share personal experiences of the practical aspects, of seizure of goods infringing an Intellectual Property Right in Europe, China, and Hong Kong. Listen to, and interact with, invited experts from Europe and Hong Kong and, by video-conference, China. The experts are from the Swedish Patent Office, PRV, from the Swedish Customs Authority, a Swedish Attorney at law and colleagues from abroad.

Afternoon session: Unity of invention - How to cope with different approaches in various jurisdictions?

Practitioners who draft and prosecute patent applications to be filed in various jurisdictions are aware of the fact that the laws and practices concerning unity of Invention vary considerably across jurisdictions. In Europe, a patent application must “relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept” (Art. 82, EPC) and the standard is generally in line with Rule 13, PCT. There is also a further condition under Rule 43(2) EPC that a European patent application may contain only one independent claim in the same category, with a few, specific exceptions. In the US, on the other hand, there is a “Restriction Practice” which allows the patent applicant to include many different independent claims, possibly with partially overlapping scope, and also in different categories. It is up to the USPTO Examiner to permit or reject such independent claims. In Japan, there is still another practice of assessing unity of invention, as prescribed by the JPO and case law.

The consequence is that it is virtually impossible to use a single claim set to obtain an optimal scope of protection in these three jurisdictions, the US, Europe and Japan. The speakers will look at some examples and discuss practical ways to cope with the different approaches, at reasonable cost to the patent applicants.

See the detailed programs and the general information below. Welcome!

Program 9 March 2020 – Morning Session

09:00 – 09:20 **Registration and coffee/tea**

09:20 **Welcome address**

Mr. Lars Thyresson, President of FICPI Sweden,
Senior Partner, CEO, Attorney at law,
Hansson Thyresson AB, Malmö



09:30 – 12:00 **Seizure of infringing goods**

Moderator: Mr **Barry Franks**,
Partner, European Patent Attorney,
Swedish Patent Attorney,
Hynell Intellectual Property AB



9.30 – 09:45 Mr **Peter Hedin**,
Senior Enforcement Policy Adviser,
The Swedish Patent and Registry Office, PRV



The extent of the problem - networking to counter infringing goods.

9.45 – 10:00 Mr **Per Holgersson**, The Swedish Customs Authority

How the Swedish Customs authority cooperates with IP rights holders
to seize possibly infringing goods.



9 March morning session, cont.

10:00 – 10:15 Ms **Debbie Lau**, Patent Assistant, Hynell Intellectual Property AB,

Practical experience from Hong Kong, IP investigation and enforcement
Sharing of general brand protection advice. Why is it so important to protect your IP rights in Hong Kong? How can the Hong Kong Customs help enforce your IP rights? General brand protection advice for IP right owners having counterfeit concern in the region



10.15 – 10:45 Ms **Sai CHEN**, Partner, Attorney-at-Law, Linda Liu and Partners

Information and advice from China, by video-conference



10.45 – 10:50 Short session for questions especially with respect to China

10.50 – 11:00 **Break, coffee and tea**

11.00 - 11:25 Mr. **Jonas Westerberg**, co-founder of Westerberg & Partners Advokatbyrå AB

Seizure of infringing goods in Sweden



11.25 – 12:00 Mr. **Johan Løje**, Partner of Løje IP, Copenhagen

International aspects of seizure, including global framework of legislation, the EU framework and the latest changes to the EU trademark legislation, the centralised system of customs enforcement, various issues that have come up in Denmark, some numbers on counterfeit trade, and the consequences, if any, of Brexit.



12.00 – 12:15 **Panel discussion** with questions and summary

12.15– 13.30 **Lunch break, followed by an afternoon session on Unity of Invention**

Program 9 March 2020 – Afternoon Session

13:30 – 17:30 **Unity of invention - How to cope with different approaches in various jurisdictions?**

13:30 – 13:40 Moderator: Mr. **Jan Modin**, partner of Noréns,
FICPI Councillor, Board member of FICPI Sweden:

General introduction to the topic and the speakers



13:40 – 14:20 Mr. **Alexander Wyrwoll**,
Partner of Winter, Brandl et al, Munich, Germany,
President of FICPI Communications Commission



FICPI's previous work on Unity of Invention, including a survey to the FICPI national groups, main results of the survey, identification of some major different approaches for determining unity of invention in various jurisdictions, including the laws and practice in Europe (EPC), US (USPTO) and Japan (JPO), and previous workshops and seminars.

14:20 – 14:55 Ms. **Johanna Guidet**, administrator, EPO Munich
Patent Procedures Management

Non-unity practice at the EPO, including technical problem in the non-unity assessment, Rule 13 PCT, Rule 43 EPC (one independent claim per category), basic case law and EPO guidelines



14:55 – 15:15 Mr. **Fredrik Wahlin**, Senior Expert Patent Examiner at
The Swedish Patent and Registry Office, PRV, Stockholm

A short overview of the practice concerning unity of Invention at PRV



15:15 – 15:40 **Break, coffee and tea**

9 March, afternoon session, cont.

15:40 - 16:20 Mr. **Robert S. Katz**,
partner of Banner & Witcoff,
Washington D.C. USA,
FICPI US Section



US Restriction practice, permitted claim structures, as applied by USPTO and US courts

16:20 – 16:40 Slides provided by **Mr. Katsumori Iseki**,
Japanese Patent Attorney, CP JAPAN IP Attorneys,
Osaka, Japan,
Reporter CET3 of FICPI Work and Study Commission



Japanese law and practice concerning Unity of Invention, the slides being presented by Alexander Wyrwoll, Germany

16:40 – 17:00: Mr. **Zack Amir**, Managing Director, Patentest, Stockholm
Senior Partner and Chairman, Patentest, Israel, Ltd



Comments on Unity of Invention from the perspective of a searcher

17:00 – 17:25 **Panel discussion** with the previous speakers

17:25 – 17:30 End of seminar, information on future FICPI Sweden events

17:30 – 18:30 **Informal mingling with refreshments**



General Information

FICPI Sweden

FICPI Sweden is the Swedish part of FICPI which is an international organization, with members from more than 80 countries. FICPI works for patent and trademark attorneys in the free profession, with issues relating to their daily work as well as IP law issues on a global scale. The membership in FICPI Sweden, which is prerequisite for membership in FICPI International, provides a global network of IP professionals, and a possibility to understand and participate in the development of IP law throughout the world.

FICPI Sweden runs regular seminars focusing on current issues and trends in IP being of interest to IP practitioners. The seminars are open for all, but FICPI members enjoy a reduced registration fee. If you are interested in membership send an email to info@ficipsweden.se for more information.

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Date

Monday 9 March 2020, 09:00 – 12:15, and 13:30 – 17:30

For seminar participants lunch and coffee is included, as well as refreshments served at 17:30

Registration

Register by email to info@ficipsweden.se no later than **March 5 (new deadline)**. Please indicate your **name** and **invoice address**, whether you are a **FICPI member**, and whether you wish to join the seminar via the web-based video conference (**webinar**).

Price:

Webinar attendance: 900 SEK (700 SEK for FICPI members)

Morning or afternoon attendance: 1800 SEK (1200 SEK for FICPI members), including lunch, informal mingling and refreshments after the afternoon seminar.

Full day attendance: 2900 SEK (2300 SEK for FICPI members), including lunch, informal mingling and refreshments after the seminar.

The registration fee will be invoiced, your payment is expected within 10 days.

Seminar Venue

Westmanska Palatset, Holländargatan 17, Stockholm, Sweden (www.westmanska.se)

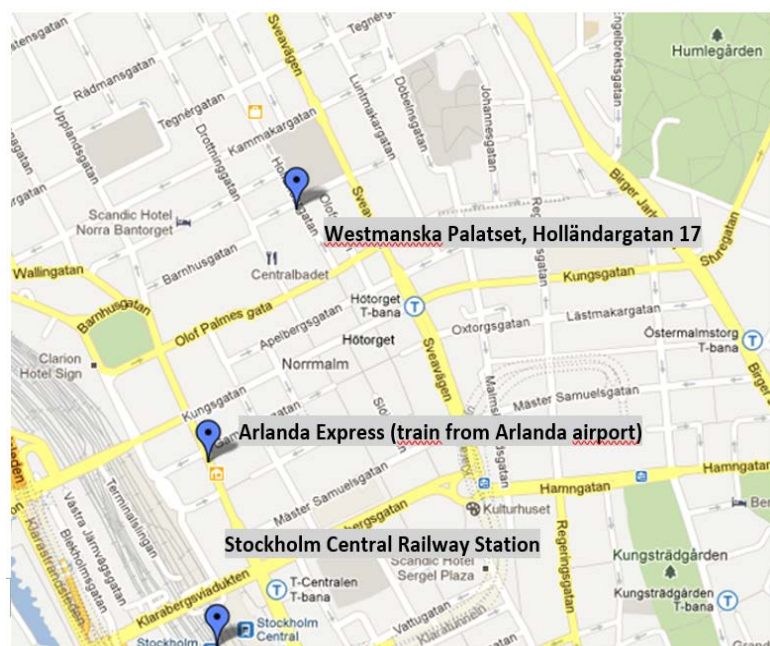


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Information on the Speakers will be circulated later! End of document