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# What a chemist needs to know about patents

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**09.00** Registration and refreshments

**09.30 What is a patent?**

Darren Smyth, Partner, Patent Attorney, EIP

What is a patent, how do you get one, who owns it, how long does it take, how long does it last, what rights does it give you and what does it all mean?

**09.50 The commercial value of patents**

Peter Elliott, Patent Attorney Litigator, Unilever PLC

Why is IP important? Patenting strategies. Managing a patent portfolio – what to keep and what to throw. Patents as a source of revenue. Patent Box.

**10.10 Inventorship and ownership of patents**

Eifion Phillips, U.S. Patent Attorney, Fish & Richardson

Who should be included as an inventor of a patent? Issues relating to ownership of patents and the importance of inventorship and experimental records.

**10.50** Refreshments

**11.20 Patentability – before the patent office**

Darren Smyth, Partner, Patent Attorney, EIP

What is a patentable chemical invention? What are the requirements for patentability?

**11.50 Patentability – when you are in court**

Robert Lundie Smith, Solicitor Advocate, EIP

Litigation case studies of patent validity.

**12.20 Patentability – from a US perspective**

Eifion Phillips, U.S. Patent Attorney, Fish & Richardson

What is patentable in the U.S., and some of the standards for patentability. Examples will be presented. The effect of the America Invents Act will be discussed.

**13.00** Lunch

**14.00 Patent specifications and chemical claims**

Darren Smyth, Partner, Patent Attorney, EIP

How to read and interpret a patent specification. Patents as a source of information. Varieties of patent claims used in a chemical context. Timing of patent filings for optimising protection and value.

**14.40 Infringement and enforcement**

Robert Lundie Smith, Solicitor Advocate, EIP

How to proceed when your patent is infringed - or you are accused of infringing. What constitutes patent infringement? Strategies to avoid infringement. Unitary Patent.

**15.20** Refreshments

**15.50 What a chemist needs to know about U.S. patent litigation**

Eifion Phillips, U.S. Patent Attorney, Fish & Richardson

What happens when a patent is litigated in the U.S. and how you can prepare now for when your patents are litigated. Discussion of the duty to disclose relevant information to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office when obtaining a U.S. patent.

**16.30 Case study - running into third party patents**

Peter Elliott, Patent Attorney Litigator, Unilever PLC

Infringement, invalidity and design-around with particular reference to a multi-jurisdiction European case relating to Unilever's washing machine tablets.

**17.10 Question and answer session**

**17.30** Wine reception

Intellectual Property (IP) is now one of the major outputs of all Research and Development (R&D) organizations, yet for most scientists it remains an area shrouded in mystery and misunderstanding. The SCI Young Chemists Group in collaboration with UK-based patent and trademark attorneys and litigators, EIP will hold this one-day workshop to debunk the myths.

The workshop will feature modules presented by representatives from some of the world's leading Patent Attorneys and chemical companies including EIP, Fish & Richardson and Unilever. A full spectrum of patent activities will be covered including what makes inventions patentable, the drafting of patents and patent specifications, infringement and endorsement and even how to determine the value of your patent portfolio. There will also be a 'rough guide' on how to deal with IP issues arising during third-party negotiations. Showcasing how to read and understand patents, the legal frameworks under which patents are filed and granted and the key factors which must be included for a patent to be valid, the sessions will be interactive, requiring input from the audience and designed to prompt group discussion.

The day will conclude with a case study exploring a real Unilever patent case, followed by a Q&A session which in the past has served to further confirm the interest and enthusiasm for this topic. The lunch, refreshment breaks and a wine reception after the close of the conference will also provide plenty of opportunity for the exchange of ideas and discussions with speakers and fellow attendees.

## Attendees

Aimed at R&D and legal staff covering a broad spectrum of industries, the conference is particularly relevant for those who wish to learn more about patents and IP within their area. This highly successful event has proved popular with previous attendees and speakers alike so if you require any further information or would like to register, please contact the SCI Conference Department (contact details overleaf).

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