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Roundtable on “The Community plant variety system: Challenges and Opportunities”

and

Signature of a Cooperation Agreement between the CEIPI and the CPVO, in Strasbourg, France

The roundtable on “The Community plant variety system: Challenges and Opportunities” took place successfully on 1 October 2014 in Strasbourg, at the premises of CEIPI. The roundtable was composed of Mr. M. Ekvad, President of the CPVO, Mr. P. van der Kooij, Chairman of the Board of Appeal and Senior Lecturer at the University of Leiden, Mr. C. Geiger, Director General of the CEIPI, Mr. T. Hassler, Professor at the CEIPI and Ms. G. van Overwalle, Professor of IP Law at the K.U. Leuven. The roundtable was attended by a diversity of people, mainly CEIPI students and academia of the University of Strasbourg.

At the end of the roundtable, a ceremony was organized for the signature of a Cooperation Agreement between the CEIPI (University of Strasbourg) and the CPVO. The Agreement was signed by the President of the CPVO, the Director General of the CEIPI and the President of the University of Strasbourg, Mr A. Beretz. The two entities agreed to cooperate on the following areas:

1. Reception of master students of the CEIPI as trainees at the CPVO
2. Interventions of CPVO experts in the study programs of the CEIPI or in seminars organized by the CEIPI
3. Exchanges on subjects of research that concern subjects of Phd thesis in the domain of plant variety rights
4. Expertise provided to the CPVO in the domain of plant variety rights by the Professors of CEIPI

The modalities of the cooperation are explained in detail in the corpus of the agreement. It is worth mentioning that this is the second Cooperation Agreement signed this year between the CPVO and a University renowned in the world of IP rights, the first being the Cooperation Agreement between the University of Alicante (Magister Lvcentinvs) and the CPVO on 21 June 2014.

The above activities are in line with the CPVO external communication policy in which the CPVO emphasizes its relations with schools and Universities.

