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Profiles of Speakers by alphabetical order

Mrs. Bátorová

Mrs. Bátorová was born in 1970 in Kežmarok, Slovakia. She is engineer in Agriculture (Master Level). She started her career as manager at the City University of the town of Poprad in 1994, organizing and running training courses for different agencies. Since April 1997, she works for the Central Controlling and Testing Institute in Agriculture (ÚKSÚP), in Slovakia. She is responsible for the cooperation with UPOV and CPVO in administrative and technical fields and for the coordination of the DUS tests for a number of species. She represents Slovakia, since 1997, at UPOV meetings – Council, CC, CAJ, TC and TWP. She was appointed Chair of the UPOV Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops for the period 2009-2011. Finally, she was elected Vice-President of the Administrative Council of the CPVO in October 2009.

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Mrs. Bebeli

Dr. Penelope Bebeli taught courses in Plant Breeding, Plant Genetic Resources and Experimental Design. She coordinated a national project on genetic characterization and evaluation of durum wheat landraces and participated in a national project on characterization of tomato and faba bean landraces. She also participated in other national and international projects on plant breeding and plant genetic resources. She is a member of the Wheat Working Group in ECPGR. She has published more than 40 papers in peered journals and has more than 200 citations.

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Mrs. Csörgö

CSÖRGŐ Szonja was born in 1982 in Budapest, Hungary. She studied law at ELTE Budapest University where she graduated as juris doctor in 2006. In the same year she obtained a master degree in French and European Law from University Panthéon-Assas (Paris II). In 2007 she completed her LL.M. in competition an intellectual property law at the University of Liège, in Belgium. During these years she also participated in several comparative law programs at the International Faculty of Comparative Law in Strasbourg and at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law in Lausanne.

She started her professional life as a trainee at the Budapest office of the French law firm Gide Loyrette Nouel. In 2007 she completed a 5 months traineeship with the European Commission. Following the traineeship she stayed with the Commission for almost two more years where she first worked for the Legal Service of the Commission and dealt with the simplification of the legislation in the fields of animal health, seed marketing and food law. Later on she joined the Directorate General for Competition where she was involved in horizontal policy projects. In September 2009 she joined ESA European Seed Association as Manager for Intellectual Property and Legal Affairs. She is primarily responsible for issues related to intellectual property protection and in that competence she is leading and managing the ESA Committee for Intellectual Property and Legal Affairs. She is also in charge of giving legal advice on issues such as biodiversity or other seed related legislation. On personal title she is a contributor to the European trademark and domain name case law database Darts-ip since 2007.

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Mr. Ekvad

Mr. Ekvad has been Head of Legal Affairs at the Community Plant Variety Office since 2003. Before taking up his post at the CPVO, he worked as a lawyer (Advokat) in the law firm Linklaters, in Brussels and in the law firm Magnusson Wahlin Advokatbyrå, in Stockholm. Prior to working in private practice, Mr. Ekvad worked at a civil court for two years. Mr. Ekvad has a law degree from the University of Lund, Sweden and a LL.M. from King's College in London.

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Mr. Godinho

Mr. has been Vice-President of the CPVO since 2007. He graduated as Engineer of Agronomy from the Instituto Superior de Agronomia of Lisbon (PT). He was then employed by the National Center for Crops Protection of Portugal. Between 1999 and 2006, he was Head of the Portuguese Plant Breeders' Rights Office. He represented Portugal at the CPVO Administrative Council from 1994 to 2006 and chaired the said meetings from 2000 to 2006, after one year as Vice-Chairman.

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Mrs. Hopperus Buma

Mrs. Hopperus Buma is owner of Mia Buma Advies. She worked as a company lawyer for the Association of Dutch Flower Auctions (VBN) from 1993 to 2008. As a company lawyer, assignments in her portfolio fell under the wide scope of Dutch law. In addition, she became a specialist in intellectual property rights (also covering plant breeders' rights) and arbitration law. With regard to plant breeders' rights, she is internationally active as Secretary of the Committee for Novelty Protection for the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH). In this capacity she keeps abreast of all new developments within UPOV where she represents AIPH. In spring 2008, she started her own consultancy bureau, Mia Buma Advies, and she now works in freelance for (amongst others) the Dutch flower auctioneer Flora Holland and AIPH.

Highlights in her career include: a course in international law and international relations, University of Vienna, Austria (1986), a Law Degree at the University of Leiden, Netherlands (1987), a Masters Program 'Introduction to the English Legal System', University of Exeter, GB (1987), work experience with the legal firm Bowling & Co., Solicitors, London, GB (1988), a post of Lawyer for the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Conservation and Fisheries (1990-1993), a post as company lawyer for the Association of Dutch Flower Auctions, VBN (1993-2008), Membership of the Board of the Dutch Company Lawyers Association (2005-2008), Membership of the Board of the 'Koninklijke Maatschap de Wilhemina' (a large private agricultural farm in the Netherlands of 1800 hectares) since 2002 and finally, qualified Mediator since 1996.

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Mr. Kiewiet

Mr. Kiewiet is the President of the Community Plant Variety Office since 1996. After having acquired a law degree at the Free University of Amsterdam, Mr. Kiewiet was appointed head of legal affairs in the secretariat of the Dutch Commodity Board for fruits and vegetables (PGF) and of the Dutch Commodity Board for ornamentals (PVS). He was also secretary general of PVS. Mr. Kiewiet worked as a judge, (senior) vice-president of the Trade and Industry Appeals Board of the Netherlands and was a Member of the Board of Appeal of the Dutch Board for Plant Breeders' Rights. Before taking up his present post, he was President of the Dutch Board for Plant Breeders' Rights. In that capacity, he acted as leader of the Dutch delegation to the Diplomatic Conference for the revision of the UPOV convention of 1991. He also headed the Dutch delegation to the Council working group meetings where the draft Basic Regulation of the Community PVR system was discussed.

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Mr. Kofoed

Mr. Kofoed has been a farmer for 25 years. He runs a farm of 400 ha (175 ha of which are his) together with another farmer and deals with many different seed productions. He has been Chairman of the Danish Seed Council and COPA/COGECA Working Party on Seed for 14 years and Chairman of the European Seed Growers Group for 8 years.

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Dr. Lorenzen

Dr. Birte Lorenzen is a trained lawyer in Germany who was admitted to the German Bar in 2002. She worked as a management consultant for one of the top international consulting firms and for a law-firm specialized in Intellectual Property Law. Since 2006, she works in her own law-firm, representing clients in IP matters. She is a legal counsel to CIOPORA, the International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit Plants.

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Mrs. Margellou

Mrs. Margellou was born in Athens. She studied law at the Athens University and was awarded the Bachelor's degree in 1982. She continued her post-graduate studies (Master-DESS) in the field of industrial property law at the faculty of legislative, political and sociological sciences of the University of Strasbourg (International Intellectual Property Centre).

She first worked as a trainee at the Legal and Legislative section of the European Patent Office (EPO) and, later, as an assistant at the General Internal Market Directorate of the European Commission in Brussels, where she handled cases regarding the integration of European law into National Law.

She is a lawyer in Athens and, since 1988; she works as a Director of International Relations and Legislative Affairs at the Athens-based Industrial Property Organization (OBI). She has been member of several representations in international organizations and conferences (Chairperson of the Drafting Committee at the Diplomatic Conference (2000) organized for the revision of the European Patent Convention). From 2001, she has been re-elected, for a third term, as Vice-Chair person of the EPO's Budget & Finance Committee, in Munich. She has written many articles about matters of inventions and published a book on European Patents ('The notion of Novelty') in 2005.

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Mrs. Papadopoulou

Mrs. Papadopoulou is an IP attorney at law (since 1998) and a legal counsellor at the Hellenic Copyright Organization (since 2005). She passed a law degree (1996), a postgraduate degree in Commercial & Financial Law (1998) and a doctoral thesis (2005 – 'The exercise of Moral Right in Copyright Law') from the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki. She also passed a postgraduate Masters in Law on International Intellectual Property Law at the University of Houston, with a scholarship from Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (2000). At the same University she worked as a Fellow Researcher in European Intellectual Property Law (2001). She was employed by several international law firms (TaylorWessing, PricewaterhouseCoopersVeltins, Simmons&Simmons), in Düsseldorf, Germany (2002-2005), dealing with IP issues. She served as a member of several Committees, such as the Program "Make IPR work for SMEs" (European Commission) and the last Amendment Committee of Greek Copyright Law. She is a member of the National Co-ordination Committee for Intellectual Property, dealing with piracy matters, as well as an educator of the National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government, an Expert LLP for Transfer of Innovation Projects (Leonardo Davinci – State Scholarships Foundation) and a regular representative of Greece to various copyright committees (Working Group on Copyright – European Council and SCCR - WIPO). She published and presented numerous chapters in books, articles, journals, papers and in national and international conferences. Email: mdpap@DIKHGOROS.gr



Mr. Rutz

Mr. Rutz is an agricultural engineer, specialized in plant production. He retired from the Bundessortenamt (Federal Plant Variety Office) of Hannover where he had different positions over the years. He is randomly specialized in seed marketing, plant variety protection acts, seed certification schemes, variety testing programs such as DUS and VCU examinations, international cooperation on EU, OECD, ECE and UPOV level and the elaboration and implementation of developing programs. He is currently manager of the Multi-beneficiary program of the CPVO.

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Mr. Villarroel

Mr. Villarroel is General Manager and lawyer in Geslive, A.I.E., an organization formed by breeders operating in Spain, intended to the representation, management and defense of its' plant breeders' rights. Before joining Geslive A.I.E., he worked as a consultant for Agrar Consulting and the law firm Estudio Juridico Serrano in Madrid, Barcelona and Milan. Mr. Villarroel is also running a farm. He took his law degree in San Pablo CEU – Universidad Complutense, Madrid.

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Mr. Zangilis

Mr. Zangilis is currently Head of the Vegetable and Ornamental Seeds Section in the Greek Ministry of Rural Development and Food, member of the Technical Committee for Seeds in the said Ministry, member of the Standing Committee for Agricultures, Horticulture and Forest Propagating Material (E.E), member of the Standing Committee for Breeders Rights (E.E), member of the Administrative Council of the CPVO, member of the Committee for traditional varieties and member of the Committee for the study of Plant Genetic Resources. In the past, he has also been advisor in a private agriculture and livestock company, an active member of KYDEP, a cooperative company in Alexandroupoli, and Deputy General Director of KESPY, the Athens cooperative company specialized in seed production and marketing.

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