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## REGIONAL SEMINAR

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# Regional Seminar on Public Health and Intellectual Property – Current Issues, Needs and Solutions – Hybrid Event

organized by  
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

in cooperation with  
the Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia (LPO)  
the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)  
the European Patent Office (EPO)

**Riga and online, April 26, 2022**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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April 26, 2022 (Eastern European Summer Time - EEST)

**SEMINAR**

10.00 – 10.10

**OPENING**

Welcome Speech by: Mr. Agris Batalauskis, Director, Latvian Patent Office (LPO)

10.10 – 10.30

**Session 1: Intellectual Property Rights System Support for the Health Sector**

Speaker: Mr. Hans Georg Bartels, Senior Program Officer, Global Challenges Division, Global Challenges and Partnerships Sector, WIPO

10.30 – 10.40

**Q&A Session**

10.40 – 11.00

**Session 2: Recent EPO Developments concerning Patent Applications in the Health Sector**

Speaker: Dr. Aliko Nichogiannopoulou, Director, Healthcare, Biotech, Chemistry, EPO

11.00 – 11.10

**Q&A Session**

11.10 – 11.30

**Session 3: Recent Developments in Supplementary Protection Certificates**

Speaker: Mr. M.W. Martijn de Lange, Patent Examiner, Netherlands Patent Office

11.30 – 11.40

**Q&A Session**

11.40 – 12.00

**Coffee Break**

12.00 – 12.20

**Session 4: Counterfeit Pharmaceutical Products – Risks, Consequences and Challenges**

Speaker: Mr. Nathan Wajzman, Chief Economist, EU Observatory on Infringements of IP Rights, EUIPO

12.20 – 12.30

**Q&A Session**

12.30 – 13.30

**Session 5: Discussion: Innovative Enterprises in the Health Sector**

Discussants: Dr. Katarzyna Borycka, MD, PhD, CEO, President of the Board, OASIS Diagnostics SA, Poland  
Alexandre Tsoukalis, CEO, Micrel Medical Devices, Greece  
Other Representatives of Latvian and regional startups (TBC)

15.00 – 16.30

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