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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Dates

23 May 2008

Start: 09.30 – Finish: 17.00

### Registration & Coffee

23 May 2008

09.00

### Venue

The Rembrandt Hotel, 11 Thurloe Place, London SW7.

### Directions

Opposite V&A Museum.

Nearest Underground station: South Kensington.

Map available on Website under Hotels and Venues.

### Accommodation

A limited number of bedrooms have been reserved at The Rembrandt Hotel, 11 Thurloe Place, London SW7, at a special rate of £127.66 (Superior) inc. English breakfast, £144.69 (Executive) inc. English breakfast. All +17.5% VAT – subject to availability.

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### Fee

**£545 +17.5% VAT.** The fee includes course documentation as well as mid-session refreshments and lunch. Invoice and confirmation will be forwarded to you.

**10% Early Bird discount if you book before: 28 March 2008 and tick this box ☐.**  
(Discount only applies to full delegate rate).

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# PATENTING MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

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## Topics to be covered at this meeting:

- General Considerations
- Diagnostic Methods
- Therapeutic and Surgical Methods: Common Aspects
- Therapeutic Methods
- Surgical Methods
- First and Further Medical Use Protection

With:

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## OBJECTIVES

The patenting of medical technology is a complex and sometimes controversial topic, as it usually involves multi-claim categories covering diagnostic, surgical and therapeutic devices and methods. This seminar will examine in detail how aspects of patent law relating to this significant branch of technology are covered by the existing provisions of the EPC and, through the examination of existing case law and other examples, how these provisions are interpreted and implemented in practice by the EPO.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Patent attorneys, lawyers, intellectual property consultants and managers, whether working in-house or in private practice. Pharmaceutical and Medical Device R&D and Innovation managers, and all those involved in the protection and inventions in the fields of medical technology.

## ATTENDANCE LIMITED – EARLY REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

This limitation, a unique feature of all MANAGEMENT FORUM seminars will give participants the opportunity for a thorough discussion of the complex issues to be covered by the programme.

## DOCUMENTATION

Delegates will receive a course material folder containing comprehensive documentation provided by the speakers, which will be a valuable source of reference for the future.

## SPEAKER

**Christoph Körber** is Directorate Adviser (Medical Technology) at the European Patent Office, Munich. He joined the EPO as an Examiner in medical technology in 1992 and was appointed Principal Examiner in 1999. Since 2003 he has been Expert of the Joint Cluster Human Necessities on DG3 Decisions and Medical Methods, and took up his present post in 2006.

He holds a doctoral degree and a *venia legendi* in physics from RWTH Aachen and before joining the EPO worked in academic research in Germany, France (CNRS) and the USA (Harvard-MIT). He still has a teaching appointment as Apl. Professor in physics at RWTH Aachen.

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## PROGRAMME

- ▶ **Introduction and Overview**
- ▶ **General Considerations**
  - The Purpose of Article 53(c) EPC
  - Narrow Interpretation of Exclusion Clauses
  - Claim Categories
  - Implicit Steps
  - Disclaimers
- ▶ **Diagnostic Methods**
  - Enlarged Board of Appeal Opinion G 1/04
  - Case Law Examples after G 1/04
- ▶ **Therapeutic and Surgical Methods: Common Aspects**
  - Interaction with the Human or Animal Body
  - Involvement of the Medical or Veterinary Practitioner
  - Health Risks
  - The 'Single Step Criterion'
- ▶ **Therapeutic Methods**
  - Definitions and Criteria
  - Examples of Therapeutic Methods
  - Cosmetic and Other Non-Therapeutic Methods
- ▶ **Surgical Methods**
  - Definitions and Criteria
  - Established Case Law and Current Examination Practice
  - The Purpose-Related Approach (T 383/03)
  - Pending Referral G 1/07
- ▶ **First and Further Medical Use Protection**
  - General Aspects
  - Device-Implemented Medical Methods