

Royal Society of Chemistry Law Group  
**Seminar on Basic IP for Researchers**

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012  
Burlington House, Piccadilly, London

This seminar provides an introduction to intellectual property for Chemistry researchers. The seminar is ideal for any researcher with a basic or no knowledge of patent and other intellectual property rights. The seminar will be held at the RSC's offices at Burlington House and will be chaired by Joseph Lenthall, Patent Attorney, Mewburn Ellis LLP. Registration will open at 1:30pm.

We are delighted to have four excellent speakers who will be able to provide us with a real insight into the legal and technical issues.

- 1:30-2:00      Registration with refreshments**
- 2:00-2:15      Introduction and overview of IP**  
Joseph Lenthall, Patent Attorney, Mewburn Ellis LLP
- 2:15-2:45      Patents (I) - the Basics**  
Jennifer Harris, Partner, Kilburn & Strode LLP
- 2:45-3:15      Patents (II) - Chemistry Considerations**  
Alex Rogers, Patent Attorney, Haseltine Lake LLP
- 3:15-3:45      Refreshment break**
- 3:45-4:15      Non-Patent IP**  
Simon Portman, Managing Associate, Marks & Clerk Solicitors LLP
- 4:15-4:45      IP in Collaborations and Licensing**  
Sean Jauss, Lawyer, Mewburn Ellis LLP
- 4:45-5:45      Drinks reception**

The cost for attending the seminar is £60 for RSC members, £75 for non-RSC members, and £40 for RSC student members.

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### Speakers

#### **Joseph Lenthall**

Joseph gained a Chemistry degree from Durham University. During and after his degree, Joseph gained experience of IP law by working for the technology transfer offices of Oxford University and the Medical Research Council. Joseph returned to Durham University to complete a Ph.D. working on selective recovery of platinum group metal catalysts from mixed metal solutions (sponsored by BP Chemicals). Joseph is now a UK patent attorney at the firm Mewburn Ellis LLP. Joseph assists in the drafting and prosecution of UK and European patent applications, with an emphasis on pharmaceuticals and polymers.

#### **Jennifer Harris**

Jennifer gained a Double Honours degree in Chemistry and Biochemistry from the University of Southampton, and during the course of her degree spent time gaining practical experience in the areas of medicinal and combinatorial chemistry at BioFocus. Since 2001 she has been working in the patent profession, qualifying as both a UK and European Patent Attorney in 2005 and working with Kilburn & Strode LLP since 2006. Jennifer's practice focusses on the drafting and prosecution of patent applications before the EPO, UKIPO and worldwide, representing clients in hearings at the EPO and providing infringement and validity opinions. She works with companies ranging from start-ups and university technology transfer offices to multinational companies. Her work has a particular emphasis on pharmaceuticals, but she also works in many diverse areas of chemistry, including glass, ceramic and composite material technology and process chemistry.

#### **Alex Rogers**

Alex gained a Chemistry degree from Oxford University, which involved a final year working for Professor Steve Davies devising new synthetic routes to certain amino acids. Alex is now a UK and European patent attorney at the firm Haseltine Lake. Alex drafts and prosecutes UK and European patent applications, with a particular emphasis on pharmaceuticals and medical technologies. He also works on European Opposition cases. Alex's clients include a number of universities and high-technology SMEs.

#### **Simon Portman**

Simon is a Managing Associate at Marks & Clerk Solicitors LLP and heads up the Cambridge office. He specialises as a commercial contract lawyer for technology companies, working primarily for the bioscience sector but also advising clients in the defence, software and nanotech industries as well as individuals, public bodies and charities. He advises on a wide range of contracts, including licenses, R&D collaborations, manufacturing agreements and procurement documentation. On the regulatory front he has advised on compliance with clinical trials legislation and novel food applications, as well as freedom of information and data protection issues.

#### **Sean Jauss**

Sean gained a degree in microbiology from Imperial College, London and a PhD in microbiology from the University of Cambridge where he focussed on the biochemistry of *Pseudomonas* sp. bacteria. He qualified as a solicitor, and currently is Head of the Legal team at Mewburn Ellis LLP. He has experience of all types of intellectual property law, technology transfer, UK and EU regulation in the life science space and business to business commercial law. In particular, he advises on the exploitation of intellectual property and negotiates and drafts complex transactional agreements including disposals & acquisitions, collaborations, options, pipeline, technology transfer and licensing agreements. He also deals with complex due diligence.