

Symposium title	"Indian Patent Enforcement in the Chemical Arts"
Date	Monday, 26th September 2011
Time	9.30 am to 5.00 pm, with reception 5-6 pm
Venue	Common Room, The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL, UK
Organisers	The Law Subject Group, Royal Society of Chemistry
Registration fee	£95 for RSC members, £115 for non-members
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Synopsis

When the Indian government enacted the Patents (Amendment) Act 2005, it was guided by policy considerations that differed radically from its former IP policies. If the Patents (Amendment) Act 2005 is viewed as a grand IP experiment by the Indian government, the experience of India subsequent to 2005 may be viewed as the experimental result.

The purpose of the symposium is to examine that experimental result from a case law point of view and its conformance with the intended policy. Particular emphasis will be placed on its impact on IP enforcement issues in the chemical arts.

Programme

09:00 - 09:30	Registration
09:30 - 09:35	<i>Introductory Remarks</i> Don Lewis, FRSC, Symposium Chair
09:35 - 10:20	<i>Highlights of the 2005 Amendment with reference to Pharmaceuticals</i> Elizabeth Varkey, Author and Advocate, Kerala High Court
10:20 - 11:05	<i>Evolving Landscape of Patent Enforcement in India</i> Bhaskar Bhattacharya, Partner, Corporate Law Group, New Delhi
11:05 - 11:35	Refreshment break
11:35 - 12:20	<i>India's Recent Patent Cases: Clearing up Prosecution Gaps</i> Manoj Pillai, Partner, Lex Orbis IP Practice, New Delhi
12:20 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 14:15	<i>Innovative Trends in Pharma - an IP Perspective</i> Balu Gupta, VP, Dr Reddy's Patent Estate
14:15 - 15:00	<i>Patent Reform Policy under the Spotlight</i> Matt Fisher, Senior Lecturer, UCL Laws
15:00 - 15.30	Refreshment break
15:30 - 16.15	<i>Observations from Pharma</i> Gurmeet Kaur Sidhu, Senior Patent Litigation Council, Sandoz International GmbH
16:15 - 17:00	Questions and Answers Panel: all speakers
17:00 - 18:00	Reception

Speakers

Elizabeth Varkey

Dr Elizabeth Varkey is an advocate practising in the High Court of Kerala and author of books on Patent Law and Plant Variety Protection. She has published articles in peer reviewed journals including Journal of Intellectual Property Law & Practice, OUP and presented papers at various Conferences. She is also a visiting research fellow of AHRB Research Centre for Studies in Intellectual Property and Technology Law, University of Edinburgh and ESRC Genomics Forum, University of Edinburgh.

Bhaskar Bhattacharya

Mr Bhaskar Bhattacharya heads the Intellectual Property Due Diligence and Litigation Practice at Corporate Law Group (CLG), New Delhi. He did his LL.B from the Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi after completing his graduation in Life Sciences from the University of Delhi. He has substantial experience in IP Audit and Due Diligence and all types of Intellectual Property infringement and passing-off proceedings. Besides, he has considerable experience in IP litigation, consultancy on various IP issues, IP licensing & IP portfolio management. He has to his credit several publications and research documents in his field of expertise.

Manoj Pillai

Manoj Pillai is a partner of LexOrbis, a well-credentialed Indian IP law firm. The Firm's patent practice is rated among the best in the country. Manoj lives in New Delhi. He speaks and writes on IP related topics. He can be contacted at manoj@lexorbis.com.

Balaram (Balu) Gupta

Dr Balu Gupta joined Dr Reddy's Laboratories Inc. (DRL) in August 2010 as VP, Patent Estate. At DRL, Balu is responsible for all of global patent prosecution and procurement. In this role he is responsible for setting up patent best practices, management of various patent groups, and client counselling. Before joining DRL, Balu held a variety of positions of increasing responsibilities in his 29 years of illustrious career at Sanofi-Aventis and its predecessor companies.

Balu holds a doctorate degree in organic chemistry from University of Southern California (Nobel Laureate George Olah as Thesis Adviser) and a law degree from Seton Hall University. Balu is admitted to practice law in New Jersey and Texas and is a registered patent attorney. Prior to entering his legal career, Balu was a bench chemist for about ten years and holds about 30 patents and has been responsible for securing 300 basic US patents.

Matt Fisher

Matt Fisher is a senior lecturer and co-director of the Institute of Brand and Innovation Law at University College London. He is also a member of the highly successful IPKat blogging team (<http://www.ipkat.com>), and has published widely in the field of IP. His first book *Fundamentals of Patent Law: Interpretation and Scope of Protection* (Hart, 2007) won the Inner Temple Young Author's Book Prize in 2008.

Gurmeet Kaur Sidhu

Gurmeet recently joined the Global IP/Patent Litigation team at Sandoz International GmbH as a Senior Patent Litigation Counsel. Gurmeet has many years of experience in the dispute resolution field and has handled a wide variety of IP and competition law matters. She qualified as a Barrister and started her career as an Advocate Solicitor at the Malaysian law firm of Shearn Delamore & Co. Upon completing her Masters of Law in Intellectual Property (University of London, LSE) in 2002, Gurmeet joined a niche London based private law firm specialising in the Life Sciences/Pharmaceutical field as a Solicitor Advocate. Prior to joining Sandoz, Gurmeet practiced as a Partner with Marriott Harrison Solicitors, London (IP Dispute Resolution).

Don Lewis, FRSC

Don Lewis is Immediate Past Chair of the RSC Law Group. He is an IP litigator with the San Diego firm of Lewis Kohn & Fitzwilliam, LLP.