

8.00 - 12.00 Registration

12.00 - 13.00 Buffet lunch

13.00 - 13.30 Opening of the conference by Ingo Kober

13.30 - 14.00 Welcome address by José López Calvo

14.00 - 14.30 Presentation by John Bambridge

14.30 - 15.30 Panel discussion: **epoline®: Review of achievements in 2002 - 2003**
John Bambridge, Michael Holt, Thomas Kely, Christian Nguyen van Yen, Josephine Brackman

15.30 - 16.00 Coffee

Workshops

16.00 - 18.00 **A. Online European Patent Register, WebRegPro, WebRegMT, Online Public File Inspection** beginners
same as workshop I

16.00 - 18.00 **B. Online European Patent Register, WebRegPro, WebRegMT, Online Public File Inspection** advanced

16.00 - 18.00 **C. Introduction to My.epoline®**
same as workshop G

19.45 Depart for dinner

20.15 Drinks and dinner

23.00 Return to hotels

Stream I: Presentations

8.30 - 9.15 Coffee

9.15 - 10.00 **The importance of innovation for Spanish companies. The European patent system as a tool for protecting innovation.**
Juan Rosell

10.00 - 10.45 **Intellectual property: access to medicines**
Ruth Mayne

10.45 - 11.15 Coffee

11.15 - 12.00 **Computer-related inventions, in particular business methods: examination at the European Patent Office**
Jörg Machek

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

13.30 - 14.15 **Recent developments in biotech patent law**
Dr. Rainer Moufang

14.15 - 15.00 **The substantive patent law harmonisation process and how it could improve the electronic handling of European patent files**
Luis Alfonso Durán

15.00 - 15.30 Coffee

15.30 - 16.15 **Making Sparks Fly**
Mandy Haberman

Stream II: Workshops

8.30 - 9.00 Coffee

9.00 - 12.00 **D. Online Filing, PatXML** beginners
same as workshop J

9.00 - 12.00 **E. Online Filing, PatXML** advanced

10.00 - 12.00 **F. Introduction to esp@cenet®**
same as workshop H

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

13.00 - 15.00 **G. Introduction to My.epoline®**
same as workshop C

13.00 - 15.00 **H. Introduction to esp@cenet®**
same as workshop F

15.00 - 15.30 Coffee

15.30 - 17.30 **I. Online European Patent Register, WebRegPro, WebRegMT, Online Public File Inspection** beginners
same as workshop A

15.30 - 18.30 **J. Online Filing, PatXML** beginners
same as workshop D

Stream III: Seminars

9.15 - 10.00 Coffee

10.00 - 12.00 **K. The life cycle of a European patent application**
same as seminar S

10.00 - 12.00 **L. Legal aspects of epoline®**
same as seminar T

10.00 - 12.00 **M. Registration of licences, interruption and suspension of proceedings**
same as seminar Q

10.00 - 12.00 **N. Substantive examination, opposition and appeal**
same as seminar R

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

13.00 - 15.00 **O. Formal aspects of European and Euro-PCT applications**

13.00 - 15.00 **P. Extended European search report / enhanced international search report**

13.00 - 15.00 **Q. Registration of licences, interruption and suspension of proceedings**
same as seminar M

13.00 - 15.00 **R. Substantive examination, opposition and appeal**
same as seminar N

15.00 - 15.30 Coffee

15.30 - 17.30 **S. The life cycle of a European patent application**
same as seminar K

15.30 - 17.30 **T. Legal aspects of epoline®**
same as seminar L

15.30 - 17.30 **U. Vienna information services – how our Vienna sub-office can help keep you up to date with the latest patent information.**

15.30 - 17.30 **V. The filing of European patent applications at national offices and basic national requirements for patent validation**

8.30 - 9.00 Coffee

9.00 - 9.45 **The Economics of Patenting**
Andy Bartlett

9.45 - 10.30 **The role of patents with small and medium sized companies (SME's)**
Thierry Sueur

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee

11.00 - 11.45 **The importance of international technical co-operation in the automation of intellectual property offices**
Doug Bourgeois

11.45 - 12.30 **Rapporteur panel: reports and feedback from the conference, plus evaluation and outlook**

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch and farewell drinks

