

A tribute to Florent Gevers, in memoriam « à travers le temps » 21 March 2019 – Brussels, Belgium

This tribute is organised in memoriam to Florent Gevers who passed away on 23 October 2018 and organised by LES Benelux and BMM in cooperation with AIPPI Belgium and ECTA.

PROGRAM

- 09.15 – 09.45** Registration and coffee
- 09.45 – 09.55** Welcome by **Francois Painchaud**, president LES International
- 09.55 – 10.05** Introduction by **Gaëlle Gevers**, Gevers, Brussels, Belgium
- Chairman morning session:**
William E. Bird, IP Lodge, Heverlee, Belgium, president LES Benelux
- 10.05 – 10.40** **Sir Robin Jacob**, former Lord Justice, Court of Appeal of England and Wales, London, United Kingdom
“The intersection between designs and trademarks with respect to shapes”
- 10.40 – 11.15** **Mr. Fernand de Visscher**, Simont Braun, Brussels, Belgium
“Design law: the consequences and question marks following the *Groupe Nivelles* judgement of CJEU”
- 11.15 – 11.45** Coffee / tea break
- 11.45– 12.20** **Dr. Alexander von Mühlendahl**, Bardehle Pagenberg, Munich, Germany
- Visiting Professor Queen Mary, University of London, former Vice-President of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs)
“Jurisdiction in multi-state infringements of trade marks and designs in the EU”
- 12.20 – 12.55** **Mr. Ivan Verougstraete**, Former president of the Belgian Supreme Court and the Benelux Court of Justice, Brussels, Belgium
“Jurisdictional evolution: new competences for the Benelux Court of Justice”
- 12.55 – 14.15** Lunch
- Chairman afternoon session:**
Paul Maeyaert, Altius, Brussels, Belgium, president BMM
- 14.15 – 14.55** **Mr. David Tatham**, former president of ECTA, former director of INTA; former chairman Trademarks Working Group of UNICE, former chairman Trademarks Working Group of the Confederation of British Industry; and former president of the Trademarks Patents and Designs Federation, London, United Kingdom
“Domain names and the resolution of disputes”
- 14.55 – 15.30** **Mr. Philippe Péters**, NautaDutilh, Brussels, Belgium
“Lookalikes from the position of trade mark owners”
- 15.30 – 16.00** Coffee / tea break
- 16.00 – 16.35** **Mr. Luis-Alfonso Durán**, managing partner Durán-Corretjer, Barcelona, Spain
“Administrative procedures for revocation and declaration of invalidity of trade marks in the EU and non-use defence in opposition procedures (articles 44 & 45 of EU Directive 2015/2436). Was it a wise and reflected decision? Risks involved for trade mark owners”



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- 16.35 – 17.10** **Prof. Willem Hoyng**, Hoyng Rokh Monegier, Amsterdam and professor of Intellectual Property Law at the University of Tilburg.
“National courts as EU judges. Can we do better?”
- 17.10** Closing remarks by **François Gevers**, Deloitte, Brussels, Belgium followed by a reception and a toast

DETAILS

DATE

Thursday 21 March 2019, Brussels, Belgium

VENUE

Hilton Brussels Grand Place, Carrefour de l'Europe 3, Brussels, Belgium.

The hotel is located right in the heart of the historic center of Brussels, Belgium

You will find [here](#) a map and directions.

CANCELLATION

The secretariat must be informed of any cancellation in writing by e-mail. For cancellations received before 14 March 2019, the registration fee will be reimbursed. Cancellations received on or after 14 March 2019 will be fully charged.

EDUCATIONAL POINTS

The number of educational points is 6. Please contact the Registration Desk at the day of the meeting for the necessary lists to sign. A certificate of attendance will be sent by email after the meeting.

PROGRAM AND PRESENTATIONS

The speakers at this meeting will be kindly requested to make their presentations available for publication. All participants will receive instructions by email how to access these presentations.

