

Basel Intellectual Property Lecture on 07 May, 2019

Dear Sir / Madam

It is a pleasure to me to inform you in the name of the patent department of **F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd.** about the upcoming Basel Intellectual Property Lecture taking place on 7 May, 2019.

The speaker of the lecture will be **Dr. Derk Vos**, partner at Maiwald, Munich, with the following lecture topic:

Plausibility A new criterion for patentability?

Even though "plausibility" is not a codified requirement in the EPC or in national patent, a lack of plausibility is often objected to in examination and inter-partes procedures. In particular, in the context of inventive step and sufficiency of disclosure, plausibility is raised as a criterion for judging patentability. The lecture will take a look into case law of the EPO's Appeal Boards as well as national case law showing the importance of "plausibility" in practice.

Dr. Derk Vos has specialized in the fields of chemistry and pharmaceuticals, with particular emphasis on medicinal products, plant protection agents, lubricants and chemical processes.

Derk provides counselling on patent portfolio strategies and portfolio management across a wide range of IP-related matters including validity, infringement and nullity proceedings, supplementary protection certificates, due diligence and freedom-to-operate. He has successfully conducted numerous opposition and appeal proceedings before the EPO, including petition for review proceedings before the Enlarged Board of Appeal. He has been involved in and coordinated national and international nullity and infringement proceedings, particularly in the areas of pharmaceuticals and diagnostics.

Please note the details on location and time, as well as the contact details:

Location: **Pharmacenter of the University of Basel**
Auditorium as signposted
Klingelbergstrasse 50/70, 4056 Basel, Switzerland

Time: **6:15 p.m. (07 May, 2019)**

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Please feel free to invite your colleagues who might not have obtained a personal invitation. **I would appreciate if you could inform me either via reply e-mail or under the above-given contact address whether you plan to attend this lecture** so that the Apéro can be organized accordingly.

Looking forward to meeting you at the Basel Intellectual Property Lectures, I remain

With kind regards,

Marita Wasner

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