

***IP Researchers Europe conference 2018
(IPRE 2018)***

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Testimonials

IPRE 2018 in Geneva was a most welcome addition to the suite of IP academic activities hosted at WIPO with the collaboration of the WIPO Academy, WTO and the University of Geneva. It was a privilege to have been selected to present my research and I was grateful for the opportunity to do so just days before my PhD defense. It was an exhilarating unique experience that gave me a chance to share my work and receive feedback from the many leading international scholars who were gathered in one place to focus on cutting edge IP issues. The feedback I received certainly contributed to my success at the viva. I highly recommend it to academics at all levels of their career. I look forward to participating again in the future. Thank you IPRE organisers!

*Natalie Corthésy
Lecturer*

The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica

IPRE 2018 Conference was an extraordinary chance to participate in initiative, which was not only a useful opportunity for exchanging research results and receiving valuable feedback from participants, but also was a perfect platform for academic discussion and building academic contacts. Personally, I really appreciate perfect organisation of the Conference by the University of Geneva, WIPO Academy, and World Trade Organization, as well as the great atmosphere and strong involvement and enthusiasm of the organisers. Being a part of the IPRE 2018 Conference was a very rewarding experience, both professionally and personally. I encourage researchers from Europe to apply for the 2019 edition!

*Justyna Ożegalska- Trybalska
Associate Professor*

The Intellectual Property Law Chair of Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

The IPRE conference is certainly one of the most prestigious IP Law event in Europe. Held at WIPO, it gathers top IP specialists from all over the world. It is a unique occasion to hear ground breaking ideas from all the fields of IP, from patent law to copyright and beyond. As a speaker, I can state that the scientific environment was very inspiring, and the feedback received extremely useful and deep. I recommend this event to all IP experts: academics, policymakers and practitioners.

*Andrea Zappalaglio
Adjunct Lecturer*

Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre

Great program and beautifully organized. An excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and work on IP topics with other older and junior researchers from all over the world. On top of that, the unbeatable venue of WIPO headquarters and the opportunity to listen to the always wise words of its Director General Mr. Francis Gurry, make it a rather unique academic event!

Raquel Xalabarder
Professor and Chair of Intellectual Property
Universitat Oberta de Catalunya
Barcelona, Spain

This has been a great event - driven by its diversity! An excellent start for an excellent initiative, and I am happy to have been able to be part of it!

Henning Grosse Ruse – Khan
Reader in International and European Intellectual Property Law
King's College, University of Cambridge

The 2018 IPRE seminar showed to be an unprecedented occasion to safely test preliminary findings of pre-doctoral and other IP research with experts and students from all over the globe, at an iconic location. It is particularly praiseworthy that the hosts opened their doors not only to renown scholars, but also to lots of junior researchers.

Simon Geiregat
Doctoral Fellow
Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University

Held at the World Intellectual Property Organisation, in Geneva Switzerland, the IPRE is rare, bringing together many Intellectual Property thought leaders from different geographic locations and from a variety of Intellectual Property sub-disciplines and cross-disciplines. I very much appreciated the balance of the speakers and attendees, from Director General Francis Gurry (WIPO) and Director-General Roberto Azevêdo (WTO) to professors, lecturers, PhD candidates and students. The IPRE managed to attract top researchers while maintaining an aura of inclusiveness.

James M. Heller
Lecturer
Anglo-American University Law School and the State University of New York
Empire State College

The IPRE Conference was extremely well organised and memorably unique for three reasons. (1) It is designed to lay down the foundations for a research network of European scholars across all fields of IP, creating a new forum for collaboration and high-quality interaction amongst leading researchers. (2) It is anchored in Geneva, with the active support of WIPO and the WTO, which makes it the ideal venue for international and policy orientated research interventions. Director Generals of both institutions addressed the inaugural conference, which underlines this commitment. (3) The format encourages cutting edge research to be conveyed in a manner which is accessible – to those working in other fields of IP, to early career researchers and to colleagues from around the world. It is intellectually exciting and fast paced. I hope to be a regular attendee in the future.

*Dev Gangjee,
Director, Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre
Associate Professor in Intellectual Property Law
Law Fellow, St Hilda's College*

The participation at the IPRE Conference was a great opportunity to discuss my work-in-progress with IP experts in a truly international environment. My research will benefit from the interesting feedback I have received from attendees coming from different jurisdictions. The dialogue between early-stage and senior researchers was lively and very constructive. Therefore, I highly recommend IP scholars to apply and enjoy this enriching experience!

*Letizia Tomada
Ph.D. Candidate
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I'm grateful and honored to have been part of the first edition of IPRE in Geneva. It was an amazing opportunity for sound conversations on up-to-date IP issues with scholars from different jurisdictions, as well as policy makers and IP experts bringing their valuable insight on the law. Beside the scholarly value of the event and its international dimension, the atmosphere was particularly welcoming and encouraging. I particularly liked the comparative element that enabled a discussion beyond European IP law and embraced a more world-wide perspective.

*Maria Lillà Montagnani
Associate Professor
Director ASK, Bocconi University - School of Law*

The meeting was a resounding success. It provided an unparalleled opportunity to hear and engage with world leading European and international IP scholars, junior researchers, WIPO and WTO policy makers and IP teachers from around the world reflecting on some of the most pressing global challenges posed by the IP system today.

Aurora Plomer
Professor of Intellectual Property & Human Rights
School of Law, University of Bristol

It was an enormous privilege to contribute to the 2018 edition of IPRE. The event brought together a wide variety of speakers and participants at different stages of their career, with different professional backgrounds, and from different regions of the world. The fascinating discussion of cutting-edge research went far beyond European experiences and policy agendas. It integrated views and research approaches in a way that brought us close to a vision of truly international solutions for the problems under consideration.

Martin Senftleben
Professor of Intellectual Property
Centre for Law and Internet
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

The 1st IP Researchers Europe Conference (IPRE) was one of those rare moments you feel really connected with fellows who share the same taste for taking IP study as a passion. It was an outstanding opportunity to exchange ideas with highly qualified researchers whose perspectives will certainly enrich my ongoing project. Besides, the idea of gathering 2018 WIPO – WTO Colloquium for IP Teachers and the 2018 WIPO-UNIGE Intellectual Property Summer School in the IPRE Conference resulted in a really stimulating experience for students and professors. Long life to IPRE!

Vinicius Bogéa Câmara
Professor at IP and Innovation Academy
National Institute of Industrial Property, Brazil

During the course of UNIGE summer school, I had the opportunity of attending the IPRE event at WIPO. IPRE has been one of the most fruitful events that I have witnessed in my academic and professional life. I have attended quite a lot of IPR conferences over the last 7 years but the eminent panels of the IPRE event stand apart. You rarely get to hear from such prolific scholars about their research work at once. Even though it was held over a duration of just 1 day, it still gave us a sense

of direction in which the field of IPR is approaching on a global forum. The combination of the brilliant panels of scholars and wide range of audience representing different parts of the world is something that we cannot experience every day, and was very valuable. The event covered every aspect of IPR and that too with adequate details. Also, the event was organised in such an efficient manner that I could attend sessions of almost all the speakers that I had planned. I will be looking forward to such events in future as well. Congratulations and thank you to the entire team for allowing us the company of such amazing scholars!

Piyush Sharma
IP Consultant, Indian Patent Agent, Lawyer, Engineer, India

The working paper presentations were presented by individuals at the top of their fields. As a student, interested in patents, the presentations offered me new insights to the contemporary challenges. The conference helped me travel beyond the classroom, and gave a deeper insight into the real world. All the presentations were informative, focussed and rich in content. It was an enthralling experience.

Meera Dubey
Final year student of law and science
Gujarat National Law University, Gujarat, India

The IPRE conference is a proof how the important of IP. As it was noted, IP generates value globally, which is reflected in the growth in IP applications (for example patents grew six times the world growth rates). WIPO/WTO leaders opened and closed the event, and top IP academics presented their works-in-progress. The busy agenda covered hot topics such as international/bilateral protection, copyright enforcement in digital environment. Some of the papers presented emphasized whether IP enforcement is working at the bilateral level, or should it be back to the international and multilateral level. I look forward to further discussions within the same format to next year IPRE and many other years to come!

Oksana Popruga
Economic Policy Officer
Trade and Economic Section of the European Union Delegation to Ukraine

A great event, packed with so much knowledge and great speakers, offering a unique balance between academic research and real cases. For anyone interested in IP, I would unhesitatingly recommend the IPRE conference. As an inventor working in technology transfer offices of middle

east and CIS, It allowed me to talk to many different experts and professors face-to-face as well as establish a network. Also the presentations were of superb quality and captured the excitement of recent issues in this field.

*Pooyan Piredeir - I.R. Iran,
Head, IP & Innovation Center in Technology Transfer Office of University of Guilan*

It was a very enriching experience to have participated in the IPRE as an IP Colloquium Teacher. The high level of exhibitions and the rich debate generated filled all my expectations. I look forward to the next edition!

*Fabrizio Modica
Professor of Law
Catholic Univesity “Nuestra Señora de la Asuncion”, Paraguay*

IPRE is a wonderful platform for IP scholars to present their work-in-progress, since it is jointly organized by the WIPO, the WTO and the UNIGE, which provides an excellent opportunity to communicate with the officials from the two important international organizations to know the latest developments in international IP treaties, and to discuss with other researchers across the world (from developing and developed countries) to conduct a comparative analysis.

*Yong Wan
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Law School, Renmin University of China*