

16.00	Verwelkoming <i>Prof. Paul Van Orshoven (Decaan Faculteit Rechtsgeleerdheid, KU Leuven)</i>
16.10	Frank Gotzen als 'founding father' van het CIR <i>Prof. ir. em. Willy Geysen (Ere-Voorzitter CIR, KU Leuven)</i>
16.20	Frank Gotzen en zijn belang voor de KU Brussel (HUB) <i>Prof. Martine de Clercq, waarnemend Rector HUB-KU Brussel</i>
16.30	Muzikaal intermezzo
16.40	Frank Gotzen en zijn rol in de Belgische IE-gemeenschap <i>Prof. Ludovic De Gryse, ere-advocaat Hof van Cassatie</i>
16.50	Frank Gotzen as an international copyright scholar <i>Prof. Adolf Dietz (Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property and Competition Law, Munich)</i>
17.00	Muzikaal intermezzo
17.10	Overhandiging huldeboek <i>Prof. Marie-Christine Janssens</i> <i>Prof. Geertrui Van Overwalle</i>
17.20	Repliek <i>Prof. Frank Gotzen</i>
17.35 – 19.00	Receptie

Date

Friday June 8 2012

Venue (conference and academic celebration)

KU Leuven
University Hall, Promotiezaal
Naamsestraat 22, 3000 Leuven, Belgium

Travel details

For details on how to get to the city of Leuven and to the venue of the conference, visit www.law.kuleuven.be/cir (click 'Seminars').

Accommodation

Participants should make their own arrangements for accommodation. A selection of hotels can be found at www.leuven.be (click 'English' and 'Staying over').

Parking

Ladeuzeplein (Ring Leuven, Tiensepoort, Blijde Inkomststraat).

Registration for the conference and/or the academic celebration

Online at www.pythemis.be before May 20 2012.

Fee**International conference**

The registration fee is 225 € (125 € for judges), payable upon receipt of invoice. The registration fee includes admission to the sessions, documents, coffee and lunch, as well as the conference proceedings, which will be published as a book with the scientific editor Larcier, Brussels. (Student fee is 60 €, not including the book).

Academic celebration

Participation in the academic celebration is free of charge, subject to prior registration.

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Note for Belgian participants. The Commissions for Permanent Education of the Flemish, French-speaking and German-speaking bars have attributed 6 points for participation in this conference. The Department of Justice has agreed to pay the registration fee for judges and judicial trainees. Training cheques are accepted.



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HARMONISATION OF EUROPEAN IP LAW AND FRANK GOTZEN

Within the framework of the EU, harmonisation is a crucial instrument for facilitating free trade and maximising consumer welfare. In the last three decades, the IP community has been confronted with an exceptional number of efforts by the various European institutions to harmonize the different areas of IP law, even though some efforts have turned out more successful than others.

The international conference on harmonisation of European IP law is being set up by the Centre of Intellectual Property Rights in an attempt to revisit, critically assess and proactively reflect upon the European 'acquis' in the field of copyright law, trademark law, design law and patent law. As harmonisation is deemed to take place at two levels of the EU governance system, the EU level and the national level, the conference further aims at examining the impact of the European harmonisation effort on IP law and practice in Belgium.

Frank Gotzen, the founding father of the Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, displayed a vivid interest in IP law and the European harmonisation movement throughout his academic life. At the beginning of his career in 1970 the European harmonisation movement was negligible. During the many years of his research and teaching, a whole body of harmonised rules came into being in the sector of IP rights in the EU. It is widely known that this field of law and the gradual emergence of a 'true' European IP system always was, and still is, at the heart of Frank Gotzen's interests. Undoubtedly, his lectures and publications have contributed to the shaping of European IP law, and to the modification of Belgian IP law after the European model. Frank Gotzen's superannuation constitutes an exquisite moment for giving an echo to the achievements – and failures – of this ambitious European project of harmonising IP law.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

- 8.45 – 9.15 Registration and welcome coffee/tea
- 9.15 – 9.30 **Welcome address and introduction**
Prof. Geertrui Van Overwalle (CIR, KU Leuven/TILT, Tilburg University)

Copyright law

- Chair* *Prof. Marie-Christine Janssens (CIR, KU Leuven/HUB)*
- 9.30 – 10.20 **La route vers l'harmonisation du droit d'auteur: analyse critique**
Prof. André Lucas (Université de Nantes)

The influence of the seven first European directives on Belgian copyright

Prof. Fabienne Brison (Free University Brussels, HUB, lawyer)

Questions

- 10.20 – 11.10 **Copyright harmonisation in the digital age: looking ahead**
Prof. Bernt Hugenholtz (Institute for Information Law (IViR), Amsterdam)

The Europeanization of Copyright Law: Where do we stand? A view from Belgium

Prof. Alain Strowel (FUSL & HUB, lawyer)

Questions

- 11.10 – 11.40 Coffee Break

Trademark law

- Chair* *Prof. Geertrui Van Overwalle (CIR, KU Leuven/TILT, Tilburg University)*
- 11.40 – 12.30 **Harmonisation and unification of trademark law**
Prof. Annette Kur (Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property and Competition Law, Munich)

The influence of European Union law on Benelux Trademark law

Mr. Eric De Gryse (lawyer)

Questions

- 12.30 – 13.30 Walking lunch

Design law

- Chair* *Dr. Esther van Zimmeren (CIR, KU Leuven)*
- 13.30 – 14.20 **The homogeneous and systematic protection of designs in the EU**
Prof. Antoon Quaedly (Radboud University, Nijmegen)

Influence of the EU directive and regulation on community designs on Benelux design law

Prof. Hendrik Vanhees (UAntwerpen and UGent)

Questions

Patent law

- Chair* *Prof. Isabelle Huys (CIR, Faculty of Pharmacy, KU Leuven)*
- 14.20 – 15.10 **Harmonising patent law: The untameable Union Patent**
Prof. Hanns Ullrich (Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property and Competition Law, Munich, College of Europe, Bruges)

Les efforts européens en vue d'harmoniser les atteintes aux brevets: non nova sed nove

Prof. Mireille Buydens (U.C.Louvain, avocat)

Questions

Closing remarks

- 15.10 – 15.15 *Prof. Marie-Christine Janssens (CIR, KU Leuven/HUB)*
- 15.15 – 15.45 Coffee Break