**Patenting procedures related to data processing systems and methods**

**UIBM, Rome, Italy**

**Wednesday, 7th December 2016**

**Roundtable: Italian industry, academia and patent attorneys – UIBM – EPO**

Venue: Sala del Pubblico, UIBM, Via di San Basilio 14

09.00 **Registration**

09.30 **Welcome speech**

*Loredana Guglielmetti, head of unit VII: National and European Patents and International Patent Applications*

 *Directorate General for the fight against counterfeiting – UIBM*

 *Antoine Réty, Programme Area Manager, European Patent Academy, EPO*

09.45 **Inventions in the field of data processing, how to meet the patentability requirements**

 *Andrea Scilletta*

 *Italian and European Patent Attorney, Studio IP Sextant, Rome*

10.00 **Patentability of inventions in the field of data processing: search and examination practice at the EPO**

 *Mario Ghidini, Patent Examiner, EPO*

 *Massimiliano De Iulis, Patent Examiner, EPO*

10.30 **Coffee break**

11.00 **Patenting in data processing fields at the EPO: facts and figures. Law cases**

* Filing figures and their evolution over time
* Opposition procedures
* Decisions of the EPO Board of Appeal

*Mario Ghidini, Patent Examiner, EPO*

*Massimiliano De Iulis, Patent Examiner, EPO*

11.30 **Experience of the Italian company Bio-Si International**

*Salvatore Mario Romano, Inventor of the medical instrument* MostCare® *and R&D collaborator of* Bio-Si International srl

12.15 **Discussion with the floor on patenting activities in the field data processing**

 - Patenting practices and field-specific hurdles

 - Oppositions: recent trends, procedural aspects

 - Communication between examiners and applicants

*Moderator: Andrea Scilletta*

13.00 **Wrap-up by the moderator**

 *Andrea Scilletta*

 **Closing remarks**

*Antoine Réty, Programme Area Manager, European Patent Academy, EPO*

*Simona Marzetti, Head of unit IV: Assistance to enterprises in the fight against counterfeiting, IP promotion and international affairs*

*Directorate General for the fight against counterfeiting - UIBM*

13.30 **End of event**

**Speakers**

**Mr. Mario Ghidini**

Examiner

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*Mr. Mario Ghidini is an electronic engineer. He worked as a software developer and business consultant before joining the EPO as a patent examiner in controllers and computer busses communication.*

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**Mr Massimiliano De Iulis**

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*Mr Massimiliano De Iulis is a telecom engineer.  He worked at the European Space Agency as a scientist in the electromagnetic division, before joining the EPO as a patent examiner. At the EPO, he works in the fields of H04B3 (line transmission). He is involved in search and examination of patent applications, as well as in opposition procedures.*

**Mr Andrea Scilletta**

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*Mr. Andrea Scilletta is an electronic engineer, with academic background in components, circuits and electronic technologies (hardware) and communication techniques. He worked as a designer of software applications and an engineer expert on IT.*

*Mr. Scilletta is a European Patent Attorney, with 20-year experience in the IP field, and he represents a number of Italian and non-European companies before the EPO.*

*He acts as both court and party expert in patent lawsuits in Italy.*

*Mr. Scilletta usually gives lectures in workshops and conferences on IP, and he is member of AIPLA (American Intellectual Property Law Association) and AIPPI (International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property).*

**Mr Salvatore Mario Romano**

R&D officer at Bio-Si International SRL

*Mr. Salvatore M. Romano studied in Florence and obtained Physics degree (Astrophysics thesis). He obtained PhD in Pathofisiology at the University of Florence, Department of Critical Care Medicine. He works for the University of Florence Department of Experimental and Clinical Medicine, Internal Medicine and Cardiology Unit.**He is author/co-author in many papers and books of the Medicine Science and Clinical Application. He is R&D officer of Bio-Si International SRL, in Florence, and he is inventor of many patents/patent applications granted/filed worldwide.*

**Ms Loredana Guglielmetti**

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*Ms Loredana Guglielmetti studied in Naples and obtained a degree in Political Sciences. She obtained also post graduate degrees in “Financial Management of International Trade and Investments” (Milan) and in “European Law and international relations” (Rome). Before working at the Ministry of economic development, from 2000 to 2010, she has been Director of the ITC – Communication Systems - Office at the Ministry of Justice and Director of the administrative Office at the Juvenile Court in Florence. She has been collaborating with the academic magazine “Rivista di Studi Politici Internazionali” since 2006.*

**Ms Simona Marzetti**

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*Ms Simona Marzetti studied Political Science at the University of Rome and obtained a master in EU law and in international trade in 1997. Before working at the Ministry for economic development in 2011, she worked for the Italian Institute for Industrial Promotion, a governmental agency, where she was responsible for innovation, technology transfer and international relations. Before joining the IPTO in late 2012, she worked as head of agroindustry policy at the Ministry.*

**Mr Antoine Réty**

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*Antoine Réty is an electronic engineer, with MBA in Business Administration (Lyon) and Master in Cognition Sciences (Grenoble). He obtained additionally a Master in IP law from Lyon University, and the French professional qualification in Trademarks and Industrial Designs.*

*Antoine worked for 14 years at the French Patent and Trademark office (INPI), firstly as a patent examiner, and then as Head of regional branch in Lyon.*

*He joined the EPO in 2010 as an Administrator in the European Patent Academy, specifically responsible for training activities for National Patent Offices.*