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Massimo Barbieri is a Registered Technology Transfer Professional (RTTP) at Politecnico di Milano. The primary responsibilities of this role include evaluating and managing invention proposals, carrying out state-of-the-art, patentability and freedom-to-operate searches, and negotiating and reviewing patent license contracts.

He obtained a Master of Science in Chemistry from the University of Pavia in 1993, followed by a post-graduate degree in Industrial Property Management in 2003 from MIP-Politecnico di Milano.

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Nigel Clarke

Nigel is currently Visiting Fellow at Cambridge University in Frank Tietze's research group.

He also consults for WIPO, EPO, EUIPO, IPOS and the EU IP Helpdesk. At the EPO Nigel was successively: patent examiner; IT project manager, international cooperation programme (PATLIB) manager, application manager for Espacenet, Nigel finalised his 30 year career at the EPO establishing patent analytics for Future and Emerging Technology.

Before joining the EPO, Nigel was a UK government scientist researching nuclear technology applications.

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Mary Desmond

Mary Desmond has worked in the EUIPO since 2000. She joined the Design department in 2013 and has since worked as a Design examiner and also AG examiner. She is part of the Design Class working group. Before joining the EUIPO, she worked in the IP private sector.

Prior to working in IP she obtained a degree in architecture and a masters in Design for developing countries in University College London. She worked for several years as an architect in London and Spain and also studied for a masters in fine arts in Rome.

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After university education and training in molecular biology, Luca Falciola moved to industry, becoming IP manager or IP advisor for companies located in Switzerland, France, and Belgium.

Since 2020, he is manager at Scibilis (Brussels, Belgium), a consultancy providing companies, universities, investors, and institutions with services and training in IP management, patent information, and competitive intelligence in the fields of life sciences, pharmaceuticals, and food & beverages.

He is registered as Qualified Patent Information Professional and contributes to AIDB and BEPIUG activities.

He has given presentations about IP and patent information topics at patent-related conferences and for seminars and courses at universities, some of them also consolidated in peer-reviewed articles.

Domenico Golzio

Domenico Golzio holds a degree in Physics and gained professional experience in the telecommunications, automotive, and aerospace industries before joining the European Patent Office (EPO) as a patent examiner in the field of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). During his career at the EPO, he managed

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He teaches / has taught intellectual property law for the last eighteen years at Bocconi University (since A.A. 2004-2005) and at numerous Universities in Italy, in Europe, North America and in the world.

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Nathalie Montillot

Nathalie Montillot joined the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2010, supporting the implementation of projects aimed at developing tools and resources to help member states use intellectual property as a catalyst for growth and development.

She joined WIPO's Technology and Innovation Support Division within the IP for Innovators Department in 2016. For the past 10 years, she has been part of the team that supports Technology and Innovation Support Centers - known as "TISCs" - worldwide in delivering high-quality innovation support services to local inventors and innovators.

Typically located in patent offices, universities, research centers and science and technology parks, TISCs enable researchers and inventors to receive local support in accessing and using technological information from published patent documents and scientific and technical publications.

As a Program Officer, Nathalie contributes to the development of national and regional TISC networks through project management and capacity-building activities. Her work includes training TISCs to search for and use technological information from patent databases and other scientific and technical resources, as well as developing new learning resources and tools in these areas.

Nathalie is a French-Austrian national. She holds a PhD and a master's degree in Politics and International Relations from the University of Reading in the United Kingdom, as well as a degree in International Relations from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland.

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In June 2019, acknowledged as Qualified Patent Information Professional (QPIP) by the International Standards Board for Qualified Patent Information Professionals (ISBQPIP).

Member of the EPO Advisory Committee and EPO-appointed Expert supporting Patlib Centres through mentoring activities.

Graduated in Molecular Biology in 1995; obtained a PhD at the International Centre of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) in 2001. Subsequently completed three years as a postdoctoral researcher at New York University and two years at the University of Trieste.

Roberta Romano-Götsch

Roberta Romano-Götsch is Spokesperson and Chief Sustainability Officer at the European Patent Office, where she leads the organization's sustainability agenda and oversees its environmental, social, and governance strategies. She helped shape the EPO's Diversity & Inclusion programme that she coordinates since July 2022. Previously, she served as Chief Operating Officer for the Healthcare, Biotechnology and Chemistry sector, and earlier for the Mobility and Mechatronics sector, leading over 1,600 patent examiners and managers across Munich, Berlin and The Hague. She holds a degree in Chemistry from La Sapienza University of Rome and a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the Technical University of Munich. She worked as Scientific collaborator at the Max Planck Institute for Biochemistry, and as R&D Product Manager at Procter & Gamble before joining the EPO in 1997.

Davide Russo

Full Professor of Industrial Technical Design and Product Innovation at the University of Bergamo, he obtained his degree and PhD in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Florence. His academic work focuses on methods for systematic innovation (TRIZ), artificial intelligence and ICT tools for patent research, fields in which he has over 100 international publications and more than 20 patents as inventor.

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Carla Scorsini

Carla Scorsini, a Qualified Patent Information Professional, holds a Master degree in Organic Chemistry and has over 25 years' experience in the patent information field gathered mostly by working in Procter & Gamble, first as an R&D Project Manager, then as an Information Specialist and last as Director of the European and Asian sections of the IP Research and Analysis Department. She is currently a patent information consultant providing consultancy, searching and training services. She is AIDB Board Member (Jan 2019 and secretary as of Jan 2025), ISBQPIP Supervisory Council member (Aug 2020) and Chair of the ISBQPIP Q&CPD Committee (Nov 2020).

Frank Tietze

Frank Tietze is Professor of Innovation Engineering at the University of Cambridge, where he leads the Innovation and Intellectual Property Management Laboratory at the Institute for Manufacturing. His research examines the role of IP in innovation and the ways in which new technologies can transform IP management, information access and decision-making. Over more than two decades, he has worked extensively with patent and other IP data to analyse emerging technologies, innovation ecosystems, technology races and patterns of technological development. His recent work explores how artificial intelligence, advanced analytics and digital infrastructures can reshape IP information and licensing. A further strand of his research considers how IP and patent information can support wider societal objectives, including sustainability transitions, climate technologies and the use of IP for societal impact.

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IP information professional with over twenty years of experience in trademarks and patent searches, particularly in the chemical and engineering sectors.

After working for several years at IP, technology transfer and knowledge management departments of companies, in 2015 she opened SVIPsearch, an IP consulting and documentation research firm.

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Mr. Young woo Yun serves as Head of the WIPO Standards Section at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

In his capacity as Secretary of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) and the WIPO ICT Leadership Dialogue (WILD), he provides policy direction and strategic leadership in support of digital collaboration and harmonization across the intellectual property community.

He oversees a number of international cooperative digital initiatives, including the Global IP Assignment Platform (GIPAP) and global identifiers, and is recognized for his leadership in advancing the digital transformation of intellectual property services. He is also a certified Korean intellectual property attorney.