The EPIP (European Policy for Intellectual Property) association will hold its 7th Annual Conference on September 27-28, 2012 in Leuven (Belgium). Scholars and practitioners interested in the economic, legal, political and managerial aspects of intellectual property (IP) rights are encouraged to attend the conference with or without paper presentation.

The conference aims to explore and stimulate debate regarding open innovation and creation, and to examine the interaction between open innovation and proprietary IP mechanisms. Is the IP rationale under pressure in view of these changing innovation dynamics? Are IP strategies ‘in motion’ in response to these emerging trends of increased openness?

The plenary sessions will be centered around the major theme of ‘IP in motion’. Leading economists, renown legal scholars, industry representatives and policy makers will take the floor as keynote speakers to share their insights and views on recent developments in the innovation and IP landscape. More in particular, the plenary sessions will address:
Within the EPIP tradition, we are now issuing a call for papers to be presented in the parallel sessions. Submission is open to papers of general interest in the area of IP law and policy. Papers may address topics such as:

- Open innovation, new business models and the role of IPRs
- Patent pools, patent clearinghouses and open source models
- Crowd sourcing and IPRs
- Platform technologies and IPRs
- Commons and IPRs
- Standard setting and IP
- Markets for IPRs
- IPRs, entrepreneurship and growth
- Green innovation and IPRs
- Governance and IPRs
- Trade secrecy and know how
- Mobility of inventors
- Networks of inventors
- Disambiguating inventors' names and addresses (methodological papers)
- IPRs in science
- Economic/financial valuation of IPRs (methodological and practical challenges)
- University patenting
- ...

Papers will be reviewed by the experts of the Scientific Committee. In the parallel sessions feedback on the papers will be provided by keynote speakers, members of the Scientific Committee and senior scholars.

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