ACADEMIC CELEBRATION

16.00 Verwelkoming
Prof. Paul Van Orshoven (Decaan Faculteit Rechtgeleerdheid, KU Leuven)

16.10 Frank Gotzen als ‘founding father’ van het CIR
Prof. ir. em. Willy Geysen (Ere-Voorzitter CIR, KU Leuven)

16.20 Frank Gotzen en zijn belang voor de KU Brussel (HUB)
Prof. Martine de Clercq, waarnemend Rector HUB-KU Brussel

16.30 Muzikaal intermezzo

16.40 Frank Gotzen en zijn rol in de Belgische IE-gemeenschap
Prof. Ludovic De Gryse, ere-advocaat Hof van Cassatie

16.50 Frank Gotzen as an international copyright scholar
Prof. Adolf Dietz (Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property and Competition Law, Munich)

17.00 Muzikaal intermezzo

17.10 Overhandiging huldeboek
Prof. Marie-Christine Janssens
Prof. Geertrui Van Overwalle

17.20 Repliek
Prof. Frank Gotzen

17.35 – 19.00 Receptie

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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

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.

Scientific coordinators
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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.
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.