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QUESTIONNAIRE

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**Please take a few minutes to review your working experience and fill this questionnaire.
If appropriate, check more than one box and add comments.**

(a) (b) (c) Unless stated otherwise (a) Frequent (b) occasional (c) never

Drafting patent applications :

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dealing directly with inventors/clients |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Revising patent applications prepared mainly by someone else or received from abroad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Preparing patent applications directly from prototypes etc. with little or no written materials from the client/inventor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Adapting written materials from the client/inventor to form part of the patent application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Gathering basic materials from different sources - novelty searches/ finding background art & details about the invention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Translating patent applications or granted patents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | (a) wide (b) medium (c) narrow range of technical subject matter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | (a) mechanical (b) electrical (c) chemical. Specialisation? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Supervision of work : (a) strict (b) some (c) (virtually) none |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Adapting patent applications for filing in different countries (USA; Japan, ...) |

Drafting styles :

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Discussion of background art :
(a) long (b) only the closest document (c) none |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Use of problem-solution format |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Claims supported in the description by (a) word-by-word repetition, (b) paraphrased and commented, (c) bare reference to the claims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Statement of advantages and other support for inventive step in the description : (a) long (b) medium (c) none |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Use of two-part claims : (a) always (b) usually (c) never |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Multiple independent claims : (a) always (b) usually (c) never |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Average number of claims : (a) >20 (b) 10-20 (c) <10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | My claims tend to be (a) too broad (b) too narrow (c) indefinite |

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Amendments :

- Completely rewriting & re-organising applications
- Making claim amendments
- Bringing the description into alignment with amended claims
- Filing/adapting European divisionals
- Editing arguments supplied by client or overseas agent
- Instructing associates to reply to the local patent office

Amendment styles :

- (a) long (b) medium (c) short replies to the EPO
- Detailed arguments demonstrating non-obviousness over citations
- Detailed arguments of advantages etc in support of inventive step
- Use of external support for inventive step: evidence, success etc.
- Detailed formal explanation of the basis for amendments
- Point-by-point refutation of the Examiner's communication
- Personal interviews or phone discussions with the EPO Examiners

Working styles :

- Reading prior art documents etc. in (a) English (b) German (c) French without requesting a translation.
Using a dictionary? _____
- Most work (a) in handwriting (b) by wordprocessor (c) using dictation
- Subjected to time pressure in your job (a) often (b) sometimes (c) rarely?
- Work spread out over long periods with (a) lots of breaks (b) some breaks? (c) Work finished quickly with little breaks?
- My work is corrected by (a) myself (b) secretary (c) supervisor

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Oppositions :

- Filing Oppositions : (a) >5 (b) 1-> 5 (c) 0
- Use of EPO Form 2300
- Defending Oppositions : (a) >5 (b) 1-> 5 (c) 0
- Attendance at Oral Proceedings
- Studying the validity/impact of competitors patents
- Filing observations under Art. 115

Legal :

- Filing/defending Appeals : (a) >5, (b) 1-> 5, (c) 0
- Legal problems : restitutio, ownership claims, interruption, others : _____
- Legal opinions : infringement, validity, etc.
- Administrative matters (looking after deadlines, paying fees, etc.)
- Other intellectual property : trademarks, designs, licenses, contracts, litigation : (a) lots (b) some (c) none
- Experience with US/Japanese patent practice : (a) lots (b) some (c) none
- Legal research in the EPO decisions

I have completed the CEIPI-epi 2 year decentralised basic training course ,
 or I am in year 1 , or year 2 of the course.

I make use of the following reference materials :

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| <input type="checkbox"/> EPC 2000 + Implementing Reg. | <input type="checkbox"/> Guidelines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EPOJ (published decisions, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Deltapatents Questions & Answers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visser, The Annotated EPC | <input type="checkbox"/> Singer/Lunzer - Singer/Stauder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Case Law of the Boards of Appeal | <input type="checkbox"/> Cees Mulder / PCT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations Implementing the EPC | <input type="checkbox"/> Compendium |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roberts/Rudge - Guide to Passing | <input type="checkbox"/> Hoekstra-References |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Key2EPC | <input type="checkbox"/> Procedural Law Veronese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____ | |

Exam practice : I have already answered the following Exam questions by sitting the Exam or as practice :

		2004	05	06	07	08	09
Paper A Drafting	Mechanical/Electrical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Chemical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paper B Amendment	Mechanical/Electrical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Chemical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paper C Opposition		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paper D Legal		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A copy of my answer to the 2009 drafting amendment opposition legal and grades is attached will follow. These materials should be treated as confidential .

Do you have any particular problems with the Exam or in your training or in coping with EPC 2000?

Number of years in the profession : _____ Private Practice Industry

Languages : _____ English E = language for Exam
 _____ French S = sufficient
 _____ German P = problems

Name/Firstname : _____

Date/Signature : _____