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The palace (1) can be reached on foot from Mannheim main station in just over 10 minutes. Parking is available in the public parking garage next to the district court (2) or in the other parking garages in the squares.



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## Autumn meeting

UPC - Patent Dispute Resolution  
inside and outside the courtroom

Thursday, November 21, 2024  
at 18.15 hours

At the Mannheim Palace &  
online via Zoom

## Invitation

This year's autumn meeting of the IZG will focus on the Unified Patent Court and be held in English language. Since a little over a year, the UPC is successfully deciding patent disputes in traditional courtroom litigation. Very recently, important steps were taken towards the opening of the UPC's Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre (PMAC) by the nomination of its director. PMAC will offer additional dispute resolution services for patent issues.

In the first part of the evening, we will hear about PMAC's new leadership's vision for the future. With seats in Lisbon and Ljubljana PMAC will offer support in the settlement of disputes relating to "classic" European patents and Unitary Patents. Since PMAC is going to have a special focus on alternative dispute resolution in patent disputes, the envisaged similarities with and differences from classical arbitral institutions will be highlighted. To this end, we will learn more about the services PMAC is bound to offer and how they can enhance the patent proceedings at the court.

The presentation of PMAC's services will be seconded by the lawyer's perspective. Here we will listen to the expectations that users of the UPC-system have with respect to the additional mediation and arbitration services offered by PMAC. We will hear what can be learned from experiences with patent-related mediation and arbitration under the auspices of other institutions and what the expectations for PMAC are.

The second part of the evening will concentrate on the recent experiences with the first proceedings at UPC's Local Division Mannheim. The experiences of the court with the preparation and implementation of the first in-person hearings in Mannheim will be shared. Special emphasis will be placed on confidentiality requests and court-orders as well as on FRAND-issues.

## Conference fee

Participation in the autumn meeting of the IZG is free for sponsoring members of the IZG, their employees and GRUR-members.

Reduced rates are available for members of the CUR Osnabrück, students and members of the public sector:

in-person event	80,- €
online via Zoom	55,- €
individual presentations	30,- €

The participation fee for non-members is:

in-person event	135,- €
online via Zoom	110,- €
individual presentations	60,- €

Specialized attorneys for intellectual property law will be issued a continuing education certificate in accordance with § 15 FAO upon request and prior registration.

We kindly request timely registration. Please send your registration by November 18, 2024, to the address provided on the back cover.

We would greatly appreciate your participation in the autumn meeting of the IZG!

Kind regards

Prof. Dr. Lea Tochtermann  
Prof. Dr. Markus Köhler  
Dr. Thomas Nägele  
Prof. Dr. Rupert Vogel

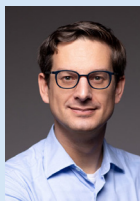
## Programme

18.15 hours	<b>Prof. Dr. Lea Tochtermann</b> Welcoming remarks
18.20 hours	<b>Mr Aleš Zalar</b> Dispute resolution outside the courtroom
18.50 hours	<b>Dr Jérôme Kommer</b> The lawyer's perspective on PMAC
19.15 hours	<b>Prof Dr Peter Tochtermann</b> Dispute resolution inside the courtroom
19.50 hours	Discussion panel
about 20.00 hours	Closing with snacks



**Mr Aleš Zalar**

Director of the Patent Mediation and Arbitration Centre (PMAC) of the Unified Patent Court



**Dr Jérôme Kommer**

Partner at Quinn Emanuel Trial Lawyers, Mannheim and Munich



**Prof Dr Peter Tochtermann**

Presiding Judge Local Division Mannheim, Unified Patent Court

