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- the interdisciplinary analysis of IP administration, institutions, and practice in Europe and other regions
- comparative analysis of national and international institutions and practice
- examination of the relationship between legal and economic approaches to IP
- new findings and approaches to policy-relevant legal and economic analysis of IP
- metrics for IP quality and business use
- empirical analysis of legal and business practices in IP
- evaluation of the benefits, costs, and risks of IP protection, enforcement, and defense
- market-based mechanisms for managing IP rights
- relationship of IP to other means of promoting innovation
- accommodation of legal regimes and practice to different technologies, market conditions, and political values
- institutional capacity and the use of economic information in European IP administration, adjudication, and policy development

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**Keynote speech** by Mr. Alain POMPIDOU, President, European Patent Office

**Invited speakers**

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- Jean-Christophe GALLOUX, Université Paris 2
- Bronwyn HALL, University of California at Berkeley, USA
- Reto HILTY, Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law, Germany
- Joshua LERNER, Harvard Business School, USA
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| Notification of contributors: July 10, 2006 | Conference Fee: 150.00€ |
| Announcement of full program: July 25, 2006 |

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