



OFFICE FOR HARMONIZATION IN THE INTERNAL MARKET
(TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS)

The President

Alicante, 20 March 2013
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Subject: Eighth European Trade Mark and Design Judges Symposium

Dear Members of the Administrative Board

I am writing in connection with the Eighth European Trade Mark and Design Judges' Symposium, which will take place in Alicante on 10th and 11th October 2013.

This Symposium brings together, on the one hand, the judges of the Community trade mark and Community design courts with, on the other, the judges of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

The Symposium aims to promote the harmonisation of the interpretation of the Community Trade Mark and the Community Design Regulations, as well as enabling a dialogue between the national judges and the judges of the Court of Justice and General Court of the European Union. The Symposium will also be the final event of the fourth cycle 2012/2013 of seminars for Community trade mark and design judges, upon the closure of which we will launch the fifth cycle for 2014/2015.

This event should concentrate on:

- a specific issue related to the registration process of Community trade marks,
- a specific issue related to the Community design,
- a reflexion around the cooperation between the European Court of Justice and national courts in the intellectual property field,
- a comparative approach between the US and EU approaches in the field of IPR infringement, and
- mediation in the IPR field.

We would be grateful if you could designate two judges actually and currently sitting in your Community trade mark and design courts to participate to this Symposium, and if you could also notify us of their full names, e-mail contacts and position held, by 17 May 2013.

Travelling and hotel accommodation will be arranged and financed by the Office.

For any practical question you may have, feel welcome to contact Mr. Eric Gastinel, who is the OHIM contact person responsible for the organisation of this event (eric.gastinel@oami.europa.eu or +34 616.798.822).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'António Campinos'.

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