



DELTA PATENTS

Training for Patent Professionals

**IP MASTER CLASS
1-DAY
COMPUTER-
IMPLEMENTED
INVENTIONS**



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Why DeltaPatents?

DeltaPatents is a patent attorney firm based in the Netherlands with a passion for quality. The firm was founded in 2001 in Eindhoven, one of Europe's leading technology cities. We provide the highest quality advice and service to public and private companies at various stages of growths from start-up to Fortune 500. All our patent specialists have a deep technological knowledge and extensive industrial experience at companies like Philips, NXP, ASML, AstraZeneca and Shell.

We are proud to be a leading training organization for the European Qualifying Examination (EQE). Our renowned courses can be followed throughout Europe. We are the only training organization with a complete range of courses and high quality training material for the EQE. The knowledge and experience gained during more than a decade of EQE training provides a solid basis for our comprehensive range of training courses in different areas, from starters in the IP world to experienced patent attorneys and patent managers.

"It was a pleasure to study with such a skilled and nice instructor"

In 2006 we started training IP support staff, culminating in a full training program preparing for the official Dutch Formalities Officers exam. The program is audited by the Dutch Platform Formalities Officers. The training modules are now offered throughout Europe.

Our training focuses on giving insight and understanding, and ensuring that the acquired knowledge can be practically applied. Unique for DeltaPatents is that we thoroughly train and guide our tutors. For our tutors, training is a profession, mastered by teamwork and frequent involvement in courses. We take feedback of attendants seriously and act on it. For us, quality and customer satisfaction are essential.

Through our education activities, we stay ahead in terms of law changes, case law and procedural requirements.

DeltaPatents' personal touch

We believe in teaching and treating candidates with a personal touch. You will be trained in small groups, giving ample opportunity to discuss unclear issues in more detail and get personal assistance.

Hospitality is important to us. For candidates staying in Eindhoven for a couple of days, we always organize a social event, such as a dinner or a trip to a local place of interest.

We welcome e-mail contact with our tutors to ask follow-up questions, to clarify course materials or to report mistakes.





IP MASTER CLASS

1-DAY COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED INVENTIONS

Objective

To provide participants with the information they need to successfully draft and prosecute software-related patent applications before the EPO. As part of the DeltaPatents' continuous education program, the course is aimed at beginning as well as experienced patent attorneys.

Background

Software has become a major drive of technological innovation, and companies naturally seek to protect the technologies they develop in this field. However, computer programs per se are excluded from patentability under Art. 52(2)(c) and (3) EPC. Consequently, patent applications relating to computer-implemented inventions have been given special treatment by the EPO, and a substantial amount of case law has developed to draw the line between patentable and non-patentable subject matter. Also, the exclusion from patentability has led to a specific treatment of novelty and inventive step for computer-implemented inventions.

Who should attend?

All Patent Attorneys in industrial patent departments and private patent offices who wish to familiarise themselves with software-related patents. The course is ideally suited for participants who have a good working knowledge of the EPC. It is potentially relevant for national continuous education, including CPD hours for CIPA Fellows (UK), permanent education hours for NIPA members (NL) and PVU hours for IPS hours (SE).

Very useful training which certainly raised my level of knowledge.





Key issues to be addressed

This one-day course about software-related patents focuses on the relevant substantive patent law and practical aspects of drafting and prosecuting. An overview of the relevant case law will be given. Attention will be given to recent legislative developments, including the Enlarged Board decision G 3/08, as well as upcoming developments. Moreover, do's and don'ts of software patents will be presented, also in the context of other jurisdictions.

How the EPO examines software patent applications

- Definition of 'invention' – Art. 52(2)(c) and (3)
- Assessment of novelty and inventive step
- Treatment of technical and non-technical features
 - Contribution approach
 - Features having a 'further technical effect'
- Implications of different claim categories
- Do's and don'ts of software related patents
 - Sufficient disclosure of invention
 - Different claim categories

Important and recent case law of the EPO Boards of Appeal

- G 3/08 – Enlarged Board – Programs for computers
- G 2/88 – Friction reducing additive / Mobil Oil III
- T 336/07 – Multi-play poker / IGT
- T 1543/06 – Adding a skill aspect to games of chance / Gameaccount
- T 912/05 – Recipient elected messaging services / Pitney Bowes
- T 688/05 – Event ticket auctioning system / Ticketmaster
- T 471/05 – Philips
- T 1351/04 – File search method and index file creation method / Fujitsu
- T 1284/04 – Loan system / King
- T 388/04 – Responding by a mailer to a notice from a postal service / Pitney Bowes
- T 306/04 – Automated finite capacity scheduler / Honeywell
- T 154/04 – Estimating sales activity of a product at sales outlets / Duns Licensing Associates
- T 424/03 – Clipboard formats / Microsoft
- T 258/03 – Auction method / Hitachi
- T 172/03 Order management / Ricoh
- T 914/02 – General Electric
- T 125/01 Gerätsteuerung / Henze
- T 641/00 – Mobile telephone systems / COMVIK
- T 1194/97 – Picture retrieval system / Koninklijke Philips Electronics
- T 1177/97 – Translation between natural languages / Systran
- T 1173/97 – Computer program product / IBM

- T 931/95 – Controlling pension benefits system / PBS Partnership
- T 190/94 – Image rotating / Mitsubishi Denki Kabushiki Kaisha
- T 204/93 – Generating software source code components / AT&T
- T 769/92 – General purpose management system / Sohei
- T 833/91 – Simulation of computer program external interfaces / IBM
- T 38/86 – Text processing / IBM
- T 163/85 – Colour television signal / BBC
- T 208/84 – Method of operating a computer, computer loaded with a program / VICOM

- Further recent decisions 2009/2010

Documentation

All participants will receive course material including all overhead sheets used during the course.



Course Location and dates

Dates and locations for 2014 to be announced.

Course Language

All material and tuition will be in English.

Attendance Limited to 20

A maximum of approximately 20 participants can take part in the course. This limitation will give the speaker the opportunity to discuss unclear issues in more detail and to answer any other questions.

Certificate

All participants will receive a certificate after attending the course.

Registration

The price for the “**1-day Computer-implemented invention course**” is **€500** (excluding 21% VAT). The price includes tuition, course materials, refreshments and lunches.

A registration fee of €62 is charged for every booking. If more than one course is booked at the same time, only one administrative fee of €62 will be charged. Please register online or use the form in this brochure. Please contact us for a quote for an in-house course.

Cancellation policy

Please check our website (www.deltapatents.com) for our cancellation policy.



EP-wide in-house training

Training locations

We do not only provide training in our base in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, but many of our training modules are available at several locations in Europe to minimize your travel costs.

In-house training

All courses can also be given in-house. If required, a module can be tailored to your local organizational needs. Please contact us if you are interested in inviting us to your office.





Jelle Hoekstra
DeltaPatents



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Meet the Tutors

- **Jelle Hoekstra** is founding partner of DeltaPatents, and an experienced tutor. He is author of the book “Methodology for Paper C” and contributor to the DeltaPatents’ books “Main Exam Questions for Paper D” and “Basic Legal Questions book”.
He is also the author of the book “References to the European Patent Convention” (www.hoekstradoc.nl).
- **Sander van Rijswou** is an experienced tutor and experienced patent attorney at DeltaPatents.



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