

# List of Tutors CEIPI

Basic Training Course  
in  
European Patent Law

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**Oana Boncea** graduated from the University of Bucharest in 2002 and she holds a degree in Chemistry and further she graduated and holds a degree in Finance and Accounting.

In 2007, she began working as a trainee in patents for Rominvent SA, an Industrial Property Agency from Bucharest, Romania, where she continues to work at present, too. Now, she is a Romanian and European patent attorney, in charge with drafting, filing and prosecution of European, PCT and national patent applications as well as issuing opinions regarding patentability, infringement and validity of intellectual property rights and conducting patent litigation cases in front of national Courts.

Since 2012 she's been a coach in the EQE Candidate Support Project, a project of the European Patent Organization intended to promote the European patent attorney profession in member states having five or fewer EQE-qualified Professional Representatives, by offering access to training and guidance for passing the EQE. In this role, she supports EQE candidates from various countries in their exam preparation, and participates in development of study materials and methodologies. She is also an EPI and CEIPI tutor and lecturer for the CEIPI/epi Basic Training Course in several locations all over Europe.



**Thierry DEBLED** is patent attorney and works in private practice in Belgium. After having successfully worked for more than 26 years with large industrial corporation (Glaverbel, UCB and Vesuvius), he has decided to change the orientation of his career and to allow other companies to benefit from his large experience acquired on behalf of these corporations.

He studied Chemistry at the Université Libre de Bruxelles and then worked as patent counsel for various companies before joining Vesuvius where he founded and managed for 18 years the International branch of the Intellectual Property Corporate Department.

Besides these activities, Thierry is also active in teaching patent law; he lectures patent law in several European Universities (Strasbourg, Bruxelles, Skopje, Louvain).

Since December 2012, he is the director of the International section of the CEIPI.



**Katerina HARTVICOVA** is a Czech and European Patent Attorney. She studied chemistry at Charles University in Prague and worked as a junior researcher in the field of organometallic catalysis before joining the patent attorney profession in 2003. Since passing the EQE in 2012, she is involved as an epi Coach in Candidate Support Project, and tutors at CEIPI Basic Training Course.



**Francis Leyder** is an analytical chemist by training, and obtained his PhD at the Université de Liège before joining Labofina, Research Centre of the Petrofina Group. He qualified as European Patent Attorney in 1988 and dealt mainly with patents for catalysis, petrochemicals, oleochemistry, paints and composites. After the merger into the Total Group and subsequent reorganisations, he became head of the Patents Department of Total Research & Technology Feluy, until end 2015.

He obtained a teaching diploma for chemistry in 1978. He has been involved in professional education since 1990, when the grandfathers running the Basic Training Course in Brussels handed over to EQE-qualified tutors. He is presently one of the so-called 'flying tutors' for Basic Training Courses in several cities, and he has in particular tutored in Ljubljana.

For **epi** and/or the European Patent Academy, he lectured in particular in the EPC2000, EPC2Day, Guidelines2Day and UP/UPC series of seminars; he

lectured several years for the **epi**/Ceipi Litigation Course, and recently lectured for a similar course at Politecnico Milano. He has been a guest lecturer at the Université catholique de Louvain since 1999.



## Sara Morabito

### Education

**Master Degree in Chemical Engineering at University of Padua**, 14 July 2000

**CEIPI BASIC COURSE**, Milan (2004-2005).

**CEIPI SEMINARS** for the preparation to the European Qualifying Examination (EQE), Strasbourg (2008-2010)

### Language skills

**English:** Experienced at working directly in English (spoken and written production)

Experienced at giving presentations to small audiences.

**French:** elementary level, I can read patent in French

**German:** medium level, I can read patent in German

### Qualifications

**Italian Patent Attorney**, since 2008

**Professional representative before OHIM** (Community Trademark and Design Office) **before UIBM** (Italian Patent and Trademark Office), since 2008

**European Patent Attorney**, since 2011;

**EPIcoach** from 2012, Coach in the EQE Candidate Support Program for assisting the students in their preparation of EQE

**CEIPI tutor** (Centre Etudes Internationales de la Propriété Intellectuelle, Université de Strasbourg) for the Basic Training Course in Istanbul, Milano, Ljubljana and Prague

**Lecturer in IP courses** for University of Padua and for private and public bodies

### Esperienze professionali più significative

- From January 2008 to present Patent Attorney at CANTALUPPI & PARTNERS, Padova (Italy), [www.cantaluppi.com](http://www.cantaluppi.com)

**Field:** Patent (chemistry, mechanical and pharmaceutical fields) drafting, filing and prosecution; Patent searches; Patent litigation; Design drafting and filing; Trademark trainee; Assistance to Clients in all IP matters.

- 2002 - 2007: Patent attorney at **Luppi & Associati S.r.l.**, Milan
- 2002 Assitant at IP department of **De Nora Tecnologia Elettrochimiche S.r.l.** – Milan

I usually deal with drafting of Patent applications, prosecution of Patent Applications mainly before EPO, USPTO, Office actions, Oppositions, drafting of patentability and/or infringement opinions, anteriority Searches, competitors monitoring, technical litigation concerning IP related matters.



**Kaisa SUOMINEN** was born in Finland and schooled first in Nakkila, then in Colmar, France. She holds a DEUG in Chemistry from Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg (1994) as well as a M.Sc. in material's engineering (1998) from Tampere University of Technology, Finland. She directly joined a Finnish private practice firm after her graduation and stayed at the Berggren Group for over 15 years. After a brief hop into industry, she is back in private practise at Moosedog Oy in Turku. She entered the register of Finnish Patent Agents in 1999 and qualified as a European Patent Attorney in 2003. She tutors for the CEIPI/epi Basic training course in Finland as well as in other countries and she is also a tutor for the epi.



**Daniel X. THOMAS** is an electronics engineer by training. He started his career in the patent field as search examiner at the former Institut International des Brevets in The Hague in 1971. After incorporation of the IIB into the EPO in 1978, he was search examiner in E.P.O.'s DG1. D.X. Thomas joined E.P.O.'s DG2 in 1979 as substantive examiner in the field of computers and memories. He became a Director in DG2 in 1989, and has since been heading directorates (now in DG 1) in various fields of electronics, physics and mechanics.

Although he retired from active service at the EPO as of 01.01.2013., D.X. Thomas continues to be active in the field of training patent specialists. To that effect, he is still regularly giving lectures at different universities over Europe, last but not least at the CEIPI in Strasbourg (Section Française et Section Internationale), where it includes preparation of candidates for the European Qualification Examination (now for more than 20 years). He is also leading workshops/seminars relating to various aspects of the European granting procedure for various institutions, as well as for commercial training companies but without interference with CEIPI.

**Dr Derk Visser**  
**Dutch and European Patent Attorney**  
**Education**

Physics study at university of Enschede, the Netherlands (1969-1975). Master degree cum laude.

Physics study at university of Groningen, the Netherlands (1975-1981). Doctorate (cum laude).

**Career**

Research Laboratories of Philips Electronics in Eindhoven, the Netherlands (1981-1987)

Development group for Optical Recording of Philips Electronics in Eindhoven (1987-1990)

Author of the world standard for CD-ROM. Author of the template for all DVD and Blu-Ray standards.

Intellectual Property Department of Philips Electronics (1990-2004)

EIP, London (2005- 2016, retirement), partner

Acquisition of inventions, drafting, prosecution, legal opinions relating to the EPC.

Consultant on EPC matters (2017 – now)

Teacher European patent law (1994-now)

In-house course at Philips Electronics training students for the European Qualification Examination (eqe) (1994-2004).

Tutor for Ceipi courses training students for the eqe in London, Rome, Milan, Istanbul, Reykjavik, Warsaw, Krakow, Oslo, Riga, Budapest, Bucharest, Prague, Ljubljana, Barcelona.

**Sundry**

Contributions to the revision of the European patent law (EPC 2000), which entered into force on 13 December 2007. Discussions with lawyers of the legal department of the European Patent Office (DG5) from 1999 till 2006 on phrasing of the provisions for the new law. From 2010 sparring partner of EPO employees involved in amending the law.

Invited speaker at series of seminars on the EPC 2000, organized by the EPO.

Invited speaker at several seminars organized by epi and EPO.

Author of various articles on topics relating to European patent law,

Author of *The Annotated European Patent Convention*, an annually updated commentary on the European Patent Convention, now in its 24<sup>th</sup> edition.

