

Zürich IP Retreat 2025
"Small step or giant leap? - Requirements and scope
of protection in IP law"

Friday 12th and Saturday 13th September 2025
Hotel Sonne, Küsnacht/Zürich



“Small step or giant leap?”

The success of our last IP retreats on “The Hindsight Bias”, “Injunction at a junction”, “Nationalism vs. Globalization” and “The Measure of All Things” encourages us to invite again opinion leaders, including judges, academics, officials, litigators, patent attorneys, and in-house counsels, to discuss another central topic of intellectual property law.

This time we will deal with the relation between the requirements for and the scope of protection in intellectual property law and ask if there is a correlation or even a symmetry. Do small achievements deserve a narrow scope of protection and large ones a broad one? This is explicitly provided for in design law. But what about unfair competition law, patent law, copyright law and trademark law?

Schedule

FRIDAY, 12th September

09h15	Setting the Scene <i>Stefan Bechtold, Tobias Bremi and Michael Ritscher</i>
09h30	Dogmatic Localisation <i>Katharina de la Durantaye, Conrad Weinmann, Michael Ritscher</i> (Moderator: Mark Schweizer)
11h00	Break
11h15	Symmetry in Patent Law <i>Klaus Grabinski, Robert van Peursem, Richard Meade</i> (Moderator: Tobias Bremi)
12h45	Light Lunch
13h45	Symmetry in Copyright Law <i>Cyrril Rigamonti, Estelle Derclaye, Sven Klos, Julie Samnadda</i> (Moderator: Michael Ritscher)
15h15	Break
15h30	Symmetry in Design Law <i>Henning Hartwig, Robert van Peursem, David Stone</i> (Moderator: Stefan Bechtold)
16h45	Break
17h00	Symmetry in Trademark Law <i>Philippe Gilliéron, Ulrich Hildebrandt, Richard Meade</i> (Moderator: Christoph Gasser)
18h30	Aperitif on the lake shore
19h30	Dinner

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SATURDAY, 13th September

09h00	Symmetry in Unfair Competition Law <i>Tim Dornis, Jörn Feddersen, Peter Picht</i> (Moderator: Michael Ritscher)
10h30	Break
10h45	Learnings and Final Discussion
12h15	Light Lunch

Registration Form

You may please send this registration form to the INGRES office by Friday, 11th July 2025.

The registration can be made online (www.ingres.ch) or by email (info@ingres.ch).

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

- I will attend the Zurich IP Retreat 2025.
- I will participate at the aperitif and the following dinner on Friday, 12th September 2025.
- I am a member of INGRES (CHF 850).
- I am a member of INGRES and a full-time court member or professor (CHF 500).
- I am not a member of INGRES (CHF 1'250).
- I am a full-time court clerk (CHF 500).
- I am a student (CHF 250).

I would like to book a room (Romantik Seehotel Sonne, Küsnacht (ZH) / Sorell Hotel Seefeld, Zurich, approximately CHF 300 per night) for:

- 11th / 12th September
- 12th / 13th September
- 13th / 14th September



[Online Registration](#)
and [further information](#)

Please note that the number of participants is limited.

List of Moderators and Speakers

Stefan Bechtold, ETH Zürich

Tobias Bremi, Swiss Federal Patent Court; Isler Pedrazzini

Katharina de la Durantaye, Humboldt University of Berlin

Estelle Derclaye, University of Nottingham

Tim Dornis, University of Hannover

Jörn Feddersen, German Federal Court of Justice

Christoph Gasser, valfor

Philippe Gilliéron, BMG Avocats

Klaus Grabinski, Court of Appeal, Unified Patent Court

Henning Hartwig, Bardehle Pagenberg

Ulrich Hildebrandt, Hildebrandt.

Sven Klos, KLOS c.s. Attorney at law

Richard Meade, High Court of England and Wales

Peter Picht, University of Zurich

Cyrril Rigamonti, University of Bern

Michael Ritscher, MLL Legal

Julie Samnadda, Legal Service of the European Commission

Mark Schweizer, Swiss Federal Patent Court

David Stone, White & Case LLP; Oxford IP Research Centre

Robert van Peurseem, Supreme Court of The Netherlands

Conrad Weinmann, WEINMANN ZIMMERLI