The Oblon and Maiwald firms are pleased to invite you to a *complimentary* joint international symposium on:

U.S. and European Patent Practice:  
Important Aspects for Practitioners

Event Details:

**Tokyo:**

Wednesday, 9 October 2024, 13:00 - 17:00

AP Marunouchi

Nissay Marunouchi Gardentower 3F,   
1-1-3 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

東京都千代田区丸の内1-1-3

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**Osaka:**

Thursday, 10 October 2024, 13:00 - 17:00

Osaka Science & Technology Center

1-8-4 Utsubohonmachi, Nishi-ku, Osaka-shi,

大阪市西区靭本町1-8-4   
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**Registration:**

Please register by **20 September 2024**, through either the link provided or by email.

Please feel free to pass on this invitation on to your colleagues should you be unable to attend yourself.

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to be presented in two convenient locations / dates:

1. Wednesday, 9 October 2024 at 13:00 JST at the AP Marunouchi, Tokyo
2. Thursday, 10 October 2024 at 13:00 JST at the OSTEC, Osaka

At the 2024 joint symposium, we will together examine selected current aspects of protecting innovations in the U.S. and in Europe considering both pre- and post-grant perspectives.

While similarities exist, applicants for U.S. and European patents need to be aware of the peculiarities and most recent developments in each system in order to achieve the best results. Thus, please join us to learn about recent developments and current aspects of IP practice in the U.S. and Europe.

In particular, the symposium will address the following important topics for today’s practitioners:

1. The Unified Patent Court: Experiences after the 1st year in practice
2. U.S. practice on terminal disclaimers, including the recent proposed rules by the USPTO
3. New referral to the EPO’s Enlarged Board of Appeal on claim interpretation G 1/24
4. Claim Construction in the U.S.
5. Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Life Sciences
6. Protecting AI inventions in the U.S.: New USPTO Guidelines on AI inventions

Additional information will be available in the official announcements under:

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Presentations will be held in Japanese or English, and translation from English into Japanese will be provided.

Drinks and hors d’oeuvres will be provided at a casual reception following the symposium.

A link to register can be found [**here**](https://www.oblon.com/joint-symposium-on-us-and-european-patent-practice-important-aspects-for-practitioners-fall-2024).

Alternatively, you may register by e-mail to **patentconference@oblon.com** or **events@maiwald.eu.** If registering by email, please include the attendee’s name(s), company, and contact information. The final registration deadline is 20 September 2024. Attendance is limited and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

We look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues once again to our in-person event.

Sincerely,  
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**Program**

Welcome address (13:00～13:15) (Derk Vos/Andrew Ollis)

Session 1 (13:15～14:20)

* Unified Patent Court: Experiences after the 1st year in practice (Dr. Naho Fujimoto)
* U.S. practice on terminal disclaimers, including the recent proposed rules by the USPTO (Yuki Onoe)

Break (14:20～14:35)

Session 2 (14:35～15:35)

* Is a Patent Application its “Own Dictionary”? New referral question G 1/24 on claim interpretation at the EPO (Dr. Matthias Hoffmann and Dr. Derk Vos)
* Claim construction in the U.S. (Andrew Ollis)

Break (15:35～15:50)

Session 3 (15:50～16:50)

* Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Life Sciences (Dr. Christian Pioch)
* Protecting AI inventions in the U.S.: New USPTO Guidelines on AI inventions

(Carl Schlier)

Q & A (16:50～17:00)

Reception & Refreshments (17:10～19:00)