

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

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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, 12<sup>th</sup> September

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

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## SATURDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> September

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| 09h00 | Symmetry in Unfair Competition Law<br><i>Tim Dornis, Jörn Feddersen, Peter Picht</i><br>(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, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

The registration can be made online ([www.ingres.ch](http://www.ingres.ch)) or by email ([info@ingres.ch](mailto:info@ingres.ch)).

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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- I will attend the Zurich IP Retreat 2025.
- I will participate at the aperitif and the following dinner on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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:

- 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> September
- 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> September
- 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> September



[Online Registration](#)  
and further information

**Please note that the number of participants is limited.**

## List of Moderators and Speakers

Stefan Bechtolt, 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.

Richard Meade, High Court of England and Wales

Peter Picht, University of Zurich

Cyrill Rigamonti, University of Bern

Michael Ritscher, MLL Legal

Mark Schweizer, Swiss Federal Patent Court

David Stone, A&O Shearman

Robert van Peurseem, Supreme Court of The Netherlands