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Researchers in the field of life sciences, biotechnology and biology, in particular members of the research bodies of Universities and ETHs, and collaborators of technology transfer offices; industry representatives.

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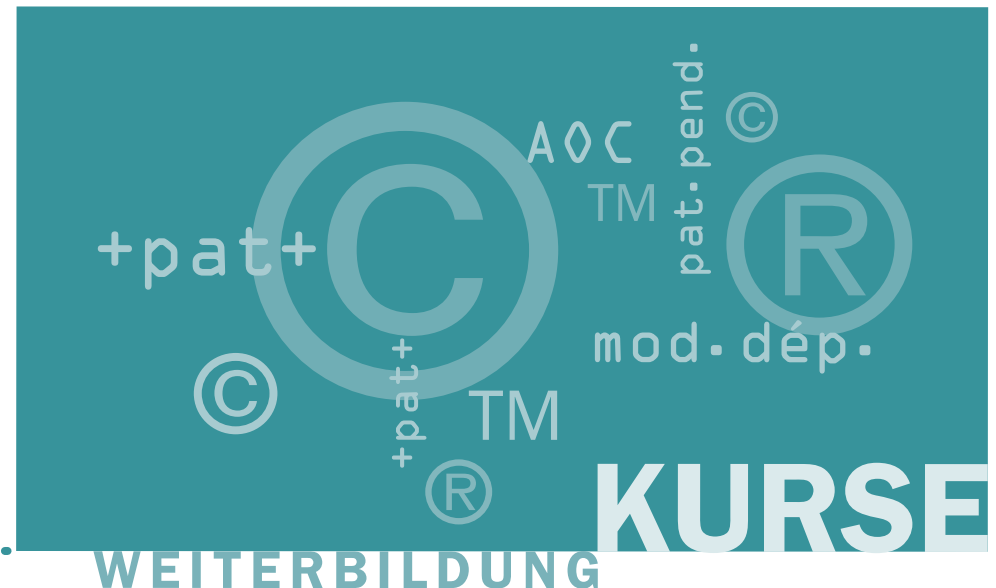
Members of Universities and ETHs:	CHF 150.-
Members of the Swiss Federal Administration:	CHF 150.-
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## Venue

Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI)  
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3003 Bern  
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## Registration

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## Understanding the Relevant Framework of Intellectual Property Protection and Access and Benefit-Sharing - Opportunities and Limitations for Research in the Field of Genetic Resources

Wednesday, 28 April 2010  
Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI), Bern

## Programme

- 09h50 Welcome and opening – *Dr. Ingo Meitinger, Head Training & International Cooperation, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI), Chair*
- 10h00 Access and benefit-sharing in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) – *Dr. Marco D'Alessandro, Scientific collaborator, Waste, Substances and Biotechnology Division, Federal Office for the Environment*
- 10h30 The legal framework on genetic resources for food and agriculture – *Dr. François Pythoud, Head, International Sustainable Agriculture, Federal Office for Agriculture*
- 11h00 Coffee Break
- 11h30 Particularities of patenting of inventions entailing genetic resources – *Dr. Claudia Mund, Legal Advisor, Legal Services Patents & Designs, IPI*
- 12h00 Q&A / Discussion - *Chair*
- 12h30 Lunch Break
- 14h00 ABS user measures in Switzerland – *Prof. Dr. Daniel Kraus, University of Neuchâtel, Chair*
- 14h30 IP and ABS: Declaration of Source - State of Play at the National and International Level – *Dr. Martin Girsberger, Head IP & Sustainable Development/Dr. Benny Müller, Legal Advisor, IP & Sustainable Development, IPI*
- 15h00 Coffee Break
- 15h30 ABS – Challenges and Options for Academic Research – *Dr. iur. Susette Biber, MAE, Leader of the ABS project of the Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT)*
- 15h50 Experiences of Technology Transfer Offices (TTO's) – *Dr. Olivier Deloche, Scientific associate, UNITEC*
- 16h10 Q&A / Discussion - *Chair*
- 16h30 Closing remarks – *Chair*
- 16h45 End of seminar

## Seminar description

The relevant legal regime of intellectual property protection and of access and benefit sharing regarding genetic resources has recently undergone important changes. The aim of these changes is to find a better balance of rights and obligations of all stakeholders involved in transboundary research in the context of genetic resources. It is indispensable for any researcher in that field to know about the applicable rules in order to be able to use the opportunities provided by them, and to avoid infringing any of the emerging legal provisions.

## Objectives of the Seminar

The Participants shall learn:

- What does a researcher in the field of genetic resources have to know about patents and "access and benefit-sharing"?
- What are the checks and balances provided for by the "access and benefit-sharing" regime regarding the use of genetic resources and traditional knowledge?
- What is the relation of access and benefit-sharing with patent law?
- "Declaration of source": What is it all about and what must be observed?
- Who are the relevant authorities in Switzerland?
- What are the possibilities of international technology transfer in the area of genetic resources?