



UNION-IP 65 YEARS
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10 – 13 June 2026
Amsterdam (NL)



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WELCOME

Dear Friends!

Following the success of the Stockholm congress in 2023, I am proud to invite you to **UNION-IP's** triennial congress, which we will host in the capital of my home country: Amsterdam. This edition is extra special, because **UNION-IP** celebrates an anniversary. This is reflected in the title:

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Our working commissions have provided a content which is worthy of this celebration. High level officials of major IP institutions have confirmed that they will be happy to deliver keynote speeches, while renowned IP judges, academics, and practitioners will bring together their knowledge and experience to provide you with high level content.

We are offering you a beautiful congress location right at the world-famous canal district. This enables you to explore the city in your free time, and to walk together to the welcome dinner restaurant. At **UNION-IP**, we value personal contact as much as professional content. We therefore also offer an exciting social program for your accompanying person.

Last and certainly not least, we will celebrate both our anniversary, and the inauguration of our next President, at one of the best places The Netherlands has to offer: a beautiful seaside restaurant, located right at the beach of the North Sea. I hope you can also join us for our Saturday excursion to a UNESCO World heritage site close to the city and a final lunch in a rooftop restaurant overlooking the old town of Amsterdam.

I look forward to seeing you in Amsterdam!

Warm regards,
Reinier Wijnstra
President of **UNION-IP**



AGENDA

Delegates

Accompanying persons

ExCo programme (by invitation only):

Tue 9 June:

19.30 – 22.00

ExCo welcome dinner on board the Multatuli

Wed 10 June:

09.00 – 10.30

Commission meetings

11.00 – 17.00

ExCo meeting

Excursion to Delft with Delft blue painting workshop (inc. lunch)

Congress programme:

Wed 10 June:

18:00 – 19:30

Congress welcome reception in Hotel Hyatt Regency

20:00 – 22:00

Congress welcome dinner in Capital C

Thu 11 June:

09.00 – 11:00

Plenary Session I

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13:00

Plenary Session II

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:00

Plenary Session III

16.00 – 16.30

Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00

Workshop 1A or workshop 1B

19:00 – 21:00

Young professional drinks
(eligibility to be determined at own discretion)

19:00 – 22:00

Speaker's dinner (by invitation only)

Excursion to the Kröller-Muller Museum
Coffee Break
Visit to sculpture garden
Lunch

Fri 12 June:

10.00 – 11:00

General Assembly (for **UNION-IP** members only)

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Workshop 2A or workshop 2B

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:00

Plenary Session IV

16:00

Closure

Excursion to downtown Amsterdam
Walking tour
Coffee Break
Museum visit
Lunch

17.45 – 0:00

Gala event @ Breakers Beach House



11 June 2026 – Congress day 1

09:30 - 11:00

Plenary Session I: Keynote speakers on actual topics

Moderator: Monia Baccarelli Vice President **UNION-IP**

Speakers: Reinier Wijnstra President **UNION-IP**
 João Negrão Executive Director (EUIPO)
 Steven Rowan Vice-President for the Patent Granting Process (EPO)
 Giulia Predonzani Attaché to the Registrar of the General Court (EUCJ)
 Marco M. Alemán Assistant Director General, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector (WIPO)

11:30 - 13:00

Plenary Session II: Mediation & Arbitration & Settlements

Moderators: Alkisti-Irene Malamis President Trademark Commission **UNION-IP**
 Ádám György President Designs Commission **UNION-IP**

Speakers: Heike Wollgast Head IP Disputes Section, (WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center)
 Sven Stürmann President (EUIPO Boards of Appeal)
 Aleš Zalar Director (PMAC)
further speakers to be confirmed later, see: www.union-ip.events

14:30 - 16:00

Plenary Session III: Confidentiality and Standards of Care: New Challenges for IP Professionals

Moderator: Isabel Meenan Patents Commission **UNION-IP**

Speakers: Bettina de Jong Former Chairperson ISBQPIP
 Redvers Cunningham CEO (PAMIA)
 James Mellor Judge (UK High Court, Chancery Division&Patents)
 Addick Land Judge (UPC)
 David Pearce Vice President Litigation Commission **UNION-IP**

16:30 - 18:00 Workshop 1A:
Trade secrets treatment in national and UPC proceedings

Speakers: Andrea Postiglione, Presiding Judge (UPC Milan Central Division)
 Christina Espin, IP Lawyer (Elzaburu)
 Margot Kokke, Judge (UPC The Hague Local Division)

16:30 - 18:00 Workshop 1B:
Software advances lighting up the energy revolution
 Moderator: Virginia Driver, Software Commission **UNION-IP**

Speakers: Nina Ferrara, IP Manager (UK Atomic Energy Authority)
 Alesch Staehelin, Attorney at Law (Uto Legal)



12 June 2026 – Congress day 2

10:00 - 11:00 *General Assembly (for **UNION-IP** members only)*

11:30 - 12:00 Workshop 2A:
Between Access and Authorship: Rethinking Copyright in the Data Mining Era

Moderator: Brigitte Spiegeler, President
 Copyright Commission **UNION-IP**

Speakers: João Quintais, Associate Professor (IViR, and UvA)
 Thomas Nietsch, Partner (K&L Gates, Tech and Privacy Law)
 Harrie Temmink, Head of Service "IP in the Digital World" (EUIPO)

11:30 - 12:00 Workshop 2B:
The EU Pharma Package and its Prospective Impact on the IP landscape in Europe

Moderator: Gareth Morgan, Life Sciences
 Commission **UNION-IP**

Speakers: Damaso Gallardo Torres, Patent Expert (Farmaprojects, Polpharma Group Spain)
further speakers to be confirmed later

14:30 - 16:00

Plenary Session IV: The future of cross border and long arm jurisdiction in IP matters

Moderator: tbc Litigation Commission **UNION-IP**

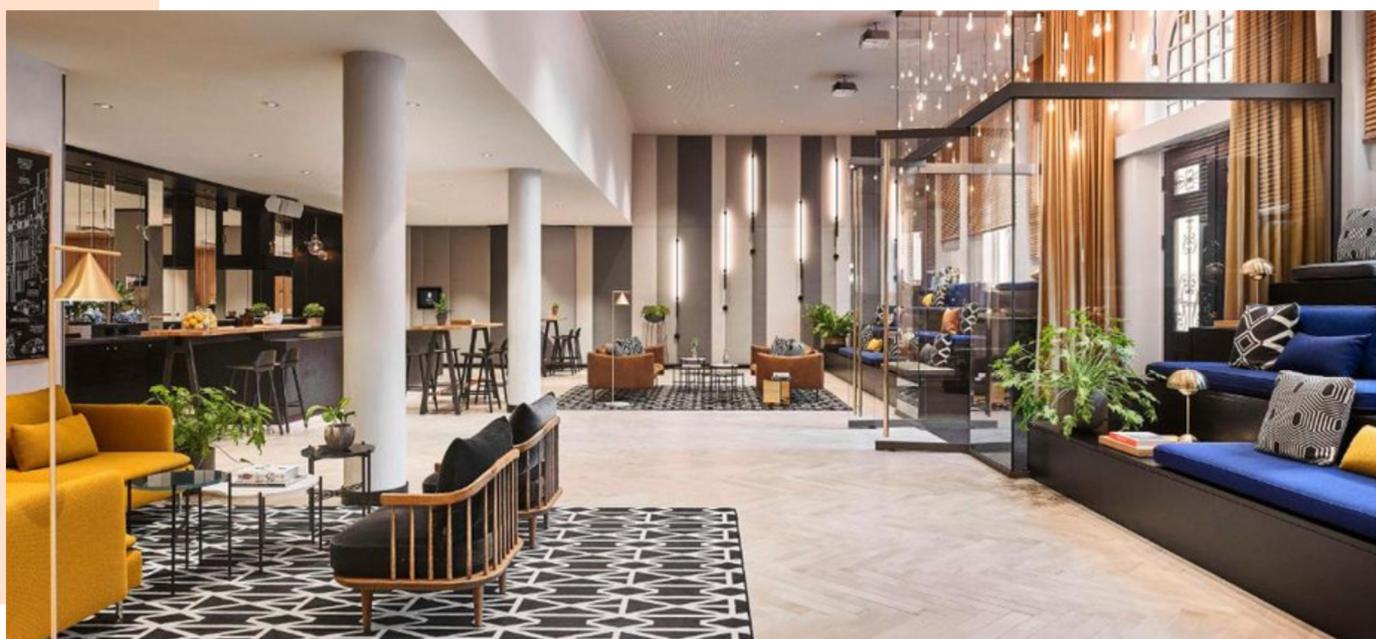
Speakers: Andrea Postiglione Presiding Judge (UPC Milan Central Division)
 Nathalie Sabotier Judge (French High court and UPC Court of Appeal)
 Peter Blok Judge (UPC Court of Appeal)
further speakers to be confirmed later, see: www.union-ip.events

16:00

Closing words
 Reinier Wijnstra President **UNION-IP**

Programme will be updated regularly.

Please check the website for the most recent version: <https://www.union-ip.events/>





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Gala event

On Friday evening, it is time to celebrate the successful closure of the official program. You will be taken to one of the best places the Netherlands has to offer: Breakers Beach House. This restaurant is exclusively reserved for **UNION-IP**. Breakers Beach House is located directly on the beach and offers a stunning view of the North Sea and the Noordwijk coastline. Inspired by the American Long Beach and elegant Victorian style, Breakers Beach House exudes a light, warm, and inviting atmosphere.

After being received on the beachside terrace, you will be offered a menu by chef Mitchell Hendriks, who focuses on pure, refined, and surprising dishes, with a special emphasis on seafood. During the drinks and dinner, you will be able to reconnect with old friends, and make new ones. After the desert, you are invited to the dance floor before a dedicated bus will take you back to your hotel.

To enhance the festive atmosphere, you are kindly requested to observe the dress code: **black tie** or **national attire**.

Timetable:

17:45	Gathering for bus departure to gala venue
18:00 – 19:00	Bus ride to Breakers Beach House
19:00 – 20:00	Welcome reception
20:00 – 23:00	Gala dinner
23:00 – 0:00	After party
23:00 – 0:00	Bus return (multiple departures)



Saturday excursion

On Saturday 13 June, a special excursion is organized. The day begins with a (30 min.) bus transfer to the harbor of Muiden, where a private boat will take you to the historic Pampus Island.

Under the guidance of an expert tour guide, you will explore the island's fascinating history as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, learning about its strategic role in the defense of Amsterdam and its unique fortifications.

After the guided tour, a private boat will take you across the IJmeer, along the new man-made islands which hold Amsterdam's newest district 'IJburg', back to the city center of Amsterdam for a farewell lunch at the Skylounge of the DoubleTree by Hilton. With its panoramic views over the city, this will be the perfect setting to conclude the week's program.

Following lunch, you will have free time to explore Amsterdam at your own pace.



Accompanying persons program

Thu 11 Jun ***Kröller-Müller Museum***

On Thursday, you will embark on a cultural excursion to the Kröller-Müller Museum, beautifully situated in the heart of De Hoge Veluwe National Park. The museum is renowned for its exceptional collection of modern art, featuring masterpieces by artists such as Van Gogh, Mondrian, and Seurat, as well as its impressive sculpture garden, one of the largest in Europe.

During your visit, there will be time for a relaxed coffee break, to explore both the indoor galleries and the serene outdoor surroundings at your own pace or with a guided tour. Following the museum visit, a lunch will be served before the bus departs back to Amsterdam.



Fri 12 Jun ***Downtown Amsterdam***

On Friday, the day begins with a guided city walk from the congress hotel, offering a wonderful opportunity to discover Amsterdam's history, architecture, and local charm, as well as to enjoy a coffee break.

You may choose between a visit to the Rijksmuseum, home to world-famous masterpieces by Rembrandt and Vermeer, or the Stedelijk Museum, renowned for its impressive collection of modern and contemporary art. The program concludes with a lunch at Barbounia, located in the Conservatorium Hotel.



Practical information

Three carefully selected hotels will be available for accommodation, which offer negotiated favorable prices, which are only effective if you use the booking link you will receive.

Congress Hotel - Hyatt Regency

The congress will be held at the Hyatt Regency Amsterdam. Situated in the heart of the city and offers a convenient and comfortable stay directly at the venue.

CitizenM Amsterdam Amstel

CitizenM Amsterdam Amstel is located a 5-minute walk from the congress location. This stylish and modern hotel offers contemporary rooms equipped with innovative technology, inviting communal spaces, and a relaxed atmosphere.

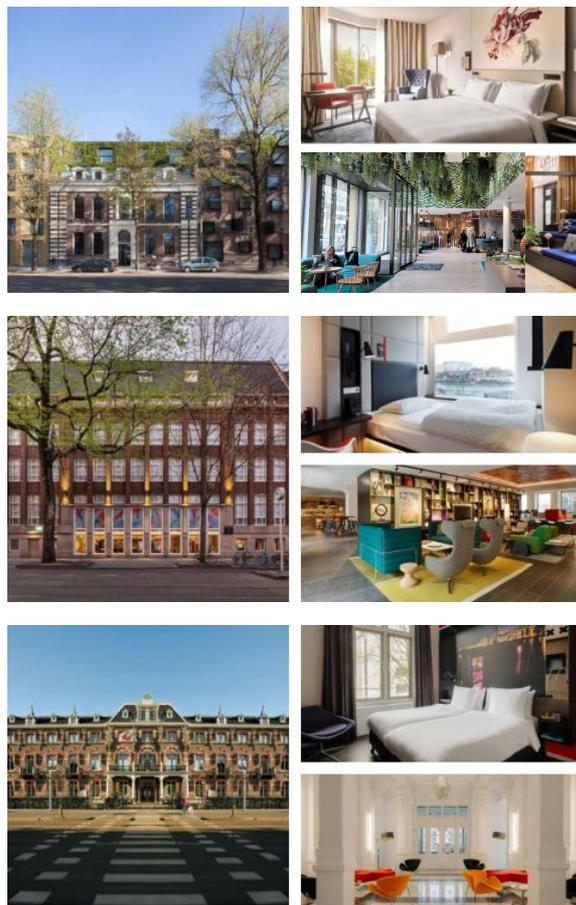
The Manor Amsterdam

The Manor Amsterdam, one of the most iconic hotels in Amsterdam, is located in the trendy yet authentic Amsterdam East and can be reached from the congress location within approximately 15 minutes on foot.

Contacts:

For questions specifically related to the congress, such as the program, content, or participation, please contact Reinier Wijnstra at president@union-ip.org

For all other questions, including accommodation, logistics, registration support, please contact Efficient Hotel Partner at mail@hotelpartner.nl



Registration fees (inc. VAT, excl. 3% service fee)	Early bird fee (until 9 Feb)	Regular fee	Late fee (as of 9 Apr)
Congress UNION-IP members	€ 995	€ 1.200	€ 1.300
Congress non UNION-IP members	€ 1.255	€ 1.500	€ 1.600
Accompanying person Welcome dinner (Wed)	€ 140	€ 165	€ 180
Accompanying person Congress (Thu & Fri tours)	€ 250	€ 285	€ 320
Gala event (all)	€ 195	€ 225	€ 240
Saturday excursion (all)	€ 120	€ 140	€ 160

For further information, hotel rates, and cancellation policy, please revert to the website: <https://www.union-ip.events/>

