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To Whom It May Concern,

ECTA, leading European organisation in the field of IP, is happy to inform about our valuable initiatives and advantageous opportunities for students!

First of all, don't miss our next **webinars**, which are offered **for free** to full-time University students:

- **13 November 2020 (14:00 - 15:30 Brussels time)**

IP strategy for trade marks and GIs in connection with the Brexit.

Maggie Ramage (*Edwin Coe LLP, UK*) from the ECTA International Trade Committee will be moderating a distinguished panel of speakers, including **Oscar Benito** (*GSK, UK*), **Catherine Wolfe** (*Boult Wade Tennant, UK*), and **Kay Rupprecht** (*Meissner Bolte, DE*) to discuss what impact Brexit already had on companies, what companies expect from external counsels and how they and external counsels can still prepare.

- **4 December 2020 (10:00 - 12:00 Brussels time)**

Is a design reform needed? 3D printing / virtual printing?

ECTA Design Committee Chair and moderator **Andrea De Gaspari** (*DeosIP, IT*), together with **Amaryllis Verhoeven** and **Virginie Fossoul** (*European Commission, BE*), **Mette Andersen** (*LEGO System A/S, DK*), **Dinusha Mendis** (*Bournemouth University, UK*) and **Katri Kiviniemi** (*Castrén & Snellman, FIN*) will convene to analyse how 3D printing and virtual printing issues will be treated in the context of the upcoming reform of the design legislation, which are the grey areas and which legal questions need to be addressed .

The webinars will be held in English via the Zoom Webinar platform. Please, kindly invite all your students who are studying IP law to attend these engaging discussions by registering **HERE**. To benefit from a free registration the students need to select the category 'Full-time Students' in the registration form.

Please, also be informed that **ECTA Award 2021 call for papers is now open with a category reserved for students!** The purpose is to grant an Award to a student who has written an article or essay of importance for the development of European trade mark law, design law, copyright law or geographical indications law. Papers can be submitted to ecta@ecta.org by **1 March 2021**. Submission requirements and judging criteria can be consulted [here](#).

We strongly believe in the next generation of IP professionals and want to support them by promoting high-quality knowledge and valuable opportunities in this field of law. We are looking forward to welcoming many of your students in our events and dedicated initiatives!

If you wish to learn more about ECTA's activities and are interested to be more closely involved in the IP developments in Europe and beyond, we would be happy to welcome you among ECTA members. ECTA has a dedicated membership category for **members in education** for which the annual membership fee is only **€ 80,00 per year**. More information about joining our association and the membership application form can be found [here](#).

Kind regards,

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