

## NEXT AIPPI EVENT:

**21 May 2008  
at 5.30pm for 6pm**

### **Strategies to Improve Patenting and Enforcement**

The impact of patent thickets, renewal fees and litigation insurance

**Professor Mark Schankerman (London School of Economics)**

**Venue:**

Bristows, 100 Victoria Embankment, EC4Y 0DH

**Drinks will be served afterwards**

Professor Schankerman specialises in the economics of innovation, and has conducted much original research on the uses to which the patenting regime is put and its effects on innovation and growth. His talk will increase understanding for patent practitioners of the consequences of the dramatic growth in patenting in the US and Europe – the effects of patent thickets on settlement of patent disputes, the significance of renewal fees, the variation in litigation risk, the economic effects of patent insurance, and the strategies adopted by rights holders to mitigate risk.

If you are interested in attending this event, whether you are a member or not, please reply to **Nick Cunningham by email at [nick\\_cunningham@wragge.com](mailto:nick_cunningham@wragge.com)**.

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