



## Debating Pharmaceutical IPRs A Joint UNCTAD-Stockholm Network Event

**Date:** 20 February 2007

**Time:** 9:00 -13:00

**Venue:** UNCTAD, Palais des Nations, E-Building, Room XXV (1st floor).

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's International Arrangements Section (Work Programme on Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property) and the Stockholm Network Intellectual Property & Competition Programme are delighted to invite you to a debate on pharmaceutical IPRs.

In this debate some tough questions will be asked: Are pharmaceutical IPRs a barrier to access to medicines or are they essential to it? Do pharmaceutical patents prevent or enhance pharmaceutical research and development? Are compulsory licenses a legitimate tool for price negotiations or are they a predatory mechanism aimed at circumventing the rights of developers? Is there any hope at all for multilateral IP negotiations, and for whom? Are pharmaceutical IPRs a zero sum game or can they lead to win-win results?

### **Chairs:**

**Mr. Christoph Spennemann**, Legal Expert, Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, UNCTAD

**Ms. Helen Disney**, Director, Stockholm-Network

### **Programme:**

**9:00-9:30 - Registration**

**9:30 - 10:00 – Opening and welcome remarks**

**Mr Kiyoshi Adachi**– Legal Officer, International Arrangements, UNCTAD

**Ms. Helen Disney**, Director, Stockholm Network

**10:00 - 12:00 - Debate - speakers include:**

**Dr. Graham Dutfield**, Herchel Smith Senior Research Fellow, Queen Mary, University of London

**Mr. James Love**, Director, Knowledge Ecology International

**Dr. Eric Noehrenberg**, Director, International Trade and Market Policy, International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (IFPMA)

**Dr. Meir Perez Pugatch**, University of Haifa, School of Public Health & Head of the Stockholm Network IP & Competition Programme

**12:00-13:00 – Q&As and open floor**

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