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life sciences in Scotland

SME Toolbox *IP Primer*

**Thursday 10th March 2011
12.00pm, British Medical Association
Queen Street, Edinburgh**

In response to demand from the network, this lunchtime event, presented by Michael Ellis of Ellis IP Ltd, will offer an introduction to intellectual property, outlining the process, the value of intellectual property, and the practicalities to be dealt with before, during, and after filing a patent.



For further information and to express interest in attending this free event, see

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This event will provide an introduction to the various forms of intellectual property and their roles in the context of a new and growing business. Also focusing on the patent process, the role of patent protection in life science technology development and commercialisation and provide tips and guidance as to the practicalities of patent protection.

Michael will introduce the IP issues that might arise in a new or growing business in the form of a loose scenario of a start up. Also looking at various forms of intellectual property (patents, registered designs, trade marks, and unregistered rights) and their role in the business as it grows, as well as the procedures associated with them and strengths/weaknesses. The focus thereafter will be on patents and that patent system, the practicalities of the process and the role of patents in life science technology development and commercialisation.

The seminar will be particularly useful for those new to an environment where intellectual property is important.

Michael is willing to accept advance questions on the subject of IP, to cover them during the presentation. If you have any topics to suggest, email michael@ellis-ip.co.uk in advance of the event.

Programme

Registration and sandwich lunch 12.00 - 12.30 pm
IP Primer 12.30 - 1.30 pm

Michael Ellis, Ellis IP Ltd

Michael Ellis, is a Chartered UK Patent Attorney and European Patent Attorney. His technical background is in chemical and biological sciences – BSc (hons) in Chemistry from Edinburgh University and PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Nottingham University – and he has an MBA specializing in entrepreneurship and innovation from Imperial College London.

Michael sits on the Examining Committee for the patent attorney European Qualifying Exams for the law paper.

Ellis IP is a full service intellectual property consultancy based in Edinburgh. It advises and helps implement business-focused intellectual property protection and commercialization strategies for small and large companies, specializing in chemistry, materials, pharma, medical devices and renewable energy – www.ellis-ip.co.uk

Question and Answer / Networking 13.30 - 14.00 pm