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Mr. Dodds founded Dodds & Associates Law Offices in Washington DC in 1997. Dodds & Associates concentrates most of its work in the area of agricultural, pharmaceutical and biotechnological patent and trademark work.

Mr. Dodds holds a Ph.D. in Botany/Biochemistry from University of London and a Law degree (JD. Juris Doctor) from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Michigan (USA). He is a member of District of Columbia Bar Association, Washington DC as well as of Patent Bar Association – US Patent & Trademark Office, Washington DC.

In 1983, he started his career at the International Potato Center first as a Tissue Culture / Biotechnology Specialist and then as Head of the Genetic Resource Department. From 1991 to 1997, he worked at Michigan State University as Managing Director of the Agricultural Biotechnology for Sustainable Productivity Project and, from 1995 onwards, simultaneously as Assistant Director of the Institute of International Agriculture.

Previously, Mr. Dodds worked part time as Deputy Director General (Research) at the International Maize and Wheat Center (CIMMYT), Mexico City from April 2003 to September 2006, while he was holding the position of Assistant Director General (Research) of the International Center for Agricultural Research for the Dry Areas (ICARDA), Aleppo, Syria, from April 2003 to December 2004.

Mr. Dodds has 20 years experience in research and research management, including budget preparation, staffing, project development and implementation in both developed and developing countries. His experience also spans the development of collaborative agreements with multiple research institutions in the areas of plant biotechnology, biodiversity and natural resource management.

He holds memberships of various boards and societies and has published seven books and over 110 scholarly research publications.

Patricia GARCÍA-ESCUADERO MARQUEZ (Ms.)

Ms. García-Escudero Marquez holds a degree in Biological Sciences from Universidad Complutense (UCM, Madrid) and, as a Public Officer, belongs to the Scale of Graduates of the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism.

In 1987, she started as an officer in the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (SPTO). Spending her entire career in that body, she held different positions such as Head of the Dissemination, Communication and Company Relations Division and Deputy General of International Relations and Legal Coordination. Currently she holds the position of Director General (SPTO).

She is an expert in handling Industrial Property issues and represented the SPTO either as a coordinator in several for a (national or international) or as a speaker. She represents the Kingdom of Spain before the European Patent Office (EPO), and the Office for the Harmonization of Internal Market (OHIM) as member of both Administrative Councils and before the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on the Annual Assemblies. She directed and coordinated different masters and courses related to Industrial Property. She taught at various universities and organizations. Finally, she was recognized as an expert consultant in Industrial Property by WIPO.

Hitoshi ITO

Mr. Ito graduated from the University of Tokyo and joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) in 1982.

From 2001 to 2003, he worked as Director of the Renewable Energy Division at the Agency of Natural Resources and Energy (ANRE) involved in the commercialization of fuel cells and hydrogen energy technologies.

For two years starting from 2003, Mr. Ito, as Director of the Environmental Policy Division, supervised a plan for Japan to meet its target in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions under the Kyoto Protocol. Then, he became Director of the General Policy Division at the ANRE in 2008, where he produced policies in relation to the setting-up of a legal system in order to adapt Japan's energy-supply structure to a low-carbon economy. In February 2013, after acting as Director General of the Business Environment Department at the Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Agency, he was appointed Director General of the Reconstruction Agency, a new governmental organization established in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake, with a view to restoring and revitalizing Fukushima in response to the accident at TEPCO's Fukushima No. 1 Nuclear Power Plant. In July 2014, Mr. Ito took on the position of Commissioner of the Japan Patent Office (JPO).

Jesper KONGSTAD

Mr. Kongstad obtained a M.Sc. Adm. (Economy and Planning) from Roskilde University, Denmark, in 1984, before obtaining a Master of Public Administration (MAP) from Harvard University, Massachusetts (USA) in 1988.

He has been Director General and CEO of the Danish Patent and Trademark Office, Ministry of Business and Growth since 2003. Previously, he held the position of CEO at Astion A/S in the biopharmaceutical industry from 1999 to 2003. From 1993 to 1999, he worked at the Statens Serum Institut as Director Corporate Planning, COO and finally CEO Biopharmaceuticals, Biological Drugs Division.

Previously, Mr. Kongstad worked as an instructor at Copenhagen Business School and external lecturer - Denmark's International Study Program - at Copenhagen University. He also acted as a consultant with the EU-Commission DG2 and Industrial Policy Advisor with the Ministry of Economy and Industry.

He has held memberships of various associations and boards, of the Executive Committee of the Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs and the European Patent Organisation where he was member of the Board before becoming Vice-chairman and subsequently Chairman of the Administrative Council. In 2006, Mr. Kongstad became a Knight of the Order of the Dannebrog.

Miguel Ángel MARGÁIN

Mr. Margáin is a lawyer with more than 20 years of experience in Intellectual Property matters.

He obtained his Law Degree, with Highest Honors, at the Universidad Panamericana (Generation 1987-1992). Then, in 1999, he obtained a Master in Law from Cambridge University, where he attended as the beneficiary of a British Council scholarship.

He has been invited as a speaker to national and international fora – the US Chamber of Commerce events in London in 2009, for the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Peru (2008), Costa Rica (2010) and San Salvador (2012) and on behalf of the Japan External Trade Organization Mexico (JETRO) in Japan in 2011 – and to the INTA Annual Meeting – Academic Course in 2012. He has been Professor of Intellectual Property Law at various universities in Mexico, such as the Universidad Panamericana, Universidad del Mayab and the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México.

Mr. Margáin served as one of the private sector representatives on the Mexican Government's Interinstitutional Copyright Protection and Industrial Property Committee and he participated in the drafting of the National Anti-Counterfeiting Plan. He has been an active member of several Intellectual Property associations, such as the Mexican Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (former President 2007-2010), the Mexican Bar Association, the International Trademark Association (INTA), the Interamerican Association of Intellectual Property, the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property, and of the American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico (Vice Chairman and Spokesman of the Intellectual Property Rights Committee).

Mr. Margáin has been recognized as a top Intellectual Property attorney by specialized publications such as: World Trademark Review 1000 – 2011 and 2012, Chambers Global 2011 and 2012, and by Chambers Latin America 2008 and 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, which is published by Chambers and Partners. He received the 2007 World Leaders International Award for Excellence in IP Litigation – Latin America, presented by Informa Law.

On January 2, 2013, the Minister of Economy, Mr. Ildefonso Guajardo, instructed by the President of Mexico, Mr. Enrique Peña Nieto, appointed Mr. Margáin Director General of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property.

Kunihiko SHIMANO

After earning a Master's Degree in Science Technology from the Waseda University of Japan, Mr. Shimano joined the Japan Patent Office in 1983 where he served as a patent examiner and an administrative judge in the Trial and Appeal Department.

From 2005 to 2007, Mr. Shimano served as a Counselor of the Secretariat of Intellectual Property Strategy Headquarters at the Cabinet Secretariat. In 2008, he took on the position of Director of Policy Planning and Research Division and, in 2010, became Senior Director of the Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology). In 2012, he was appointed Director of the Administrative Affairs Division.

Currently, he is Director General of the Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology).

Shintaro TAKAHARA

Mr. Takahara is Director of the International Policy Division at the Japan Patent Office (JPO).

He joined the JPO in 1990 and served as a patent examiner (1994-) and an administrative patent judge (2006-).

Prior to his current position, Mr. Takahara served as Director of the Polymer Division at the JPO (2013-2014), Director of the Secretariat of the Intellectual Property Strategy Headquarters at the Cabinet Secretariat (2010-2012), Director of the Multilateral Policy Office at the JPO (2008-2010) and First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2003-2006).

Giulio Cesare ZANETTI

Mr. Zanetti is a qualified lawyer with over 20 years experience in the field of Intellectual Property and development, and in adult learning methodologies.

He currently works as Adjunct Professor at Loyola University Chicago in Rome, and as an independent international consultant, supporting developing countries to use IP as a development tool for national economic and social growth.

Until November 2013, Mr. Zanetti was Director of the Training and Networks Department and Intellectual Property Specialist at the International Development Law Organization (IDLO). Since joining the organization in 2001, he was responsible for the design and implementation of regional, national and international capacity building programs for the benefit of developing country stakeholders, especially in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

Previously, Mr. Zanetti worked as Senior Legal Officer in the Legal Section of the International Registrations Department (Trademarks and Industrial Designs) for four years and then in the PCT Department of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva. Prior to this, he worked as an IP consultant for a number of years with Società Italiana Brevetti SpA, one of the main Italian IP firms dealing with trademarks, patents, industrial design and copyright.

He also serves as Visiting Professor at the Turin Master of Laws in Intellectual Property, jointly organized by the WIPO Academy and the University of Turin, and at the Master on International Law organized by the University La Sabana of Colombia. Mr. Zanetti has published several papers on various aspects of IP and development.

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Mr. Ong is the Director of the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

He is the former Deputy Director General of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, in which capacity he was part of the ASEAN Working Group on IP Cooperation and spearheaded the strategic initiatives of the Philippine IP Office, which include business process re-engineering and automation, creation of an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanism, establishment of technology transfer offices in universities, and pilot test of new delivery platforms to recognize, commercialize and protect traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and geographical indications.

Prior to his appointment to WIPO, he was an external consultant of Madrid and the Hague Registries, a qualified patent agent, an accredited mediator and lecturer on intellectual property law and development in the Philippines. He was previously in private practice specializing in trademark, design and patent protection and enforcement as well as alternative dispute resolution.

Mr. Ong has occupied several top managerial positions in private companies as well as in development projects such as the “Justice Reforms Initiatives Support (JURIS) Project” of the Philippine Supreme Court and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and other projects under the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Tomoko MIYAMOTO

Ms. Miyamoto is Head of the Patent Law Section, Patent Law Division, at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). She joined WIPO in 1997, and has worked on various issues with respect to patent policy, law and practices, including development of the international patent system and promotion of patent-related WIPO treaties. She also belongs to a team of the Secretariat serving the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP).

Prior to joining WIPO, Ms. Miyamoto worked for the Japan Patent Office (JPO).

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