

# Patent seminar series on novelty in chemistry, pharmacy and biotechnology

21 March 2025 - 15 May 2025

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Format - **Online seminar series**

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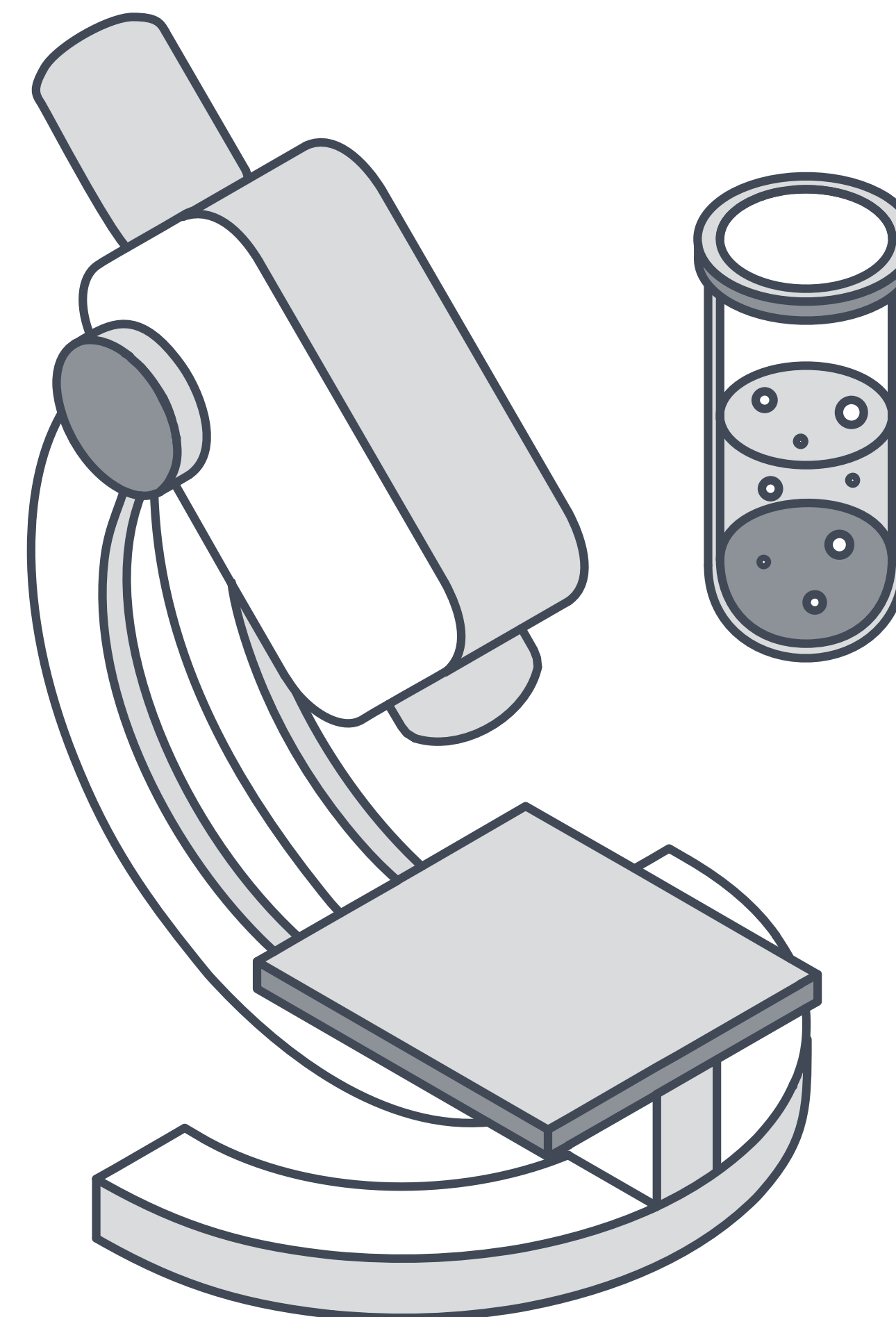
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## Description

The patenting seminars on novelty will focus on advanced challenges encountered when assessing the novelty of an invention in the following fields:

- The first seminar of this series will address assessing the novelty of particular chemical compounds: for example, optical isomers, extraction of naturally occurring substances and purity
- The second seminar will focus on novelty challenges that arise in the context of biotechnological inventions: novelty of antibodies, commercial availability, novelty of biological material and enabling disclosure

- The third seminar will focus on the pharmaceutical field: the meaning of “specific use”, patient groups, mechanism of action and clinical situations, and clinical trials

The first session of each seminar is open to patent attorneys and patent examiners. The second session is for patent examiners only.

# Programme

## Thursday, 20 and 27 March

**09.30 – 11.30**    **Seminar 1:**  
**Novelty in chemistry**  
EPO tutors:  
*Irmgard Seitner, Sébastien Bareyt,*  
*patent examiners*

## Thursday, 3 and 10 April

**09.30 – 11.30**    **Seminar 2:**  
**Novelty in biotechnology**  
EPO tutors:  
*Begoña Blanco Urgoiti,*  
*Isabel Pérez-Mato, patent examiners*

## Thursday, 8 and 15 May

**09.30 – 11.30**    **Seminar 3:**  
**Novelty in the pharmaceutical field**  
EPO tutors:  
*Markus Borst, patent examiner*