



# INNOVATION & IP FORUM AND AWARDS

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The 3rd edition of the Innovation & IP Forum and Awards was held in Paris on January 28th, 2020. 400+ participants – IP directors, chief digital officer, general counsel, directors of R&D and head of data protection – gathered for this major international summit on Intellectual Property and Innovation including 2 prestigious ceremonies rewarding the best IP Departments and the best IP Advisors.

### AN INTENSIVE ONE-DAY PROGRAM...

The **Innovation & IP Forum and Awards** was particularly proud to host the third edition of our experts insight conferences. Outstanding speakers from all over the world debated and shared their expertise, knowledge and analysis during interactive round-tables and keynote speeches in three main topics: patent, trademark, design & data protection/IT.

The 15 panels welcomed prestigious speakers such as:

- Marco Aleman, Director Patent Law Division, WIPO
- Yann Ménière, Chief Economist, EPO
- Jennifer Chung, Associate General Counsel, Accuweather
- Micheal Kefi, Senior Counsel - Lead Antitrust & Competition – EMEA, Uber
- Sonia Cooper, Senior Patent Attorney, IP Policy and Strategy, Microsoft
- Dennis Wilke, Legal Brand Protection / IP, Cluse
- Luca Comparini, Blockchain Leader, IBM
- Yacine Lotaut, IP Director, Thales
- Jean- Marc Brunel, Vice-President Intellectual Property Group, Safran
- Sophie Pasquier, Vice President, Licensing Executive Society
- Stephen Wolke, Head of Intellectual Property & Services, Thyssenkrupp Intellectual Property

### ...FOCUSING ON NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

The Innovation & IP Forum and Awards featured targeted networking opportunities in several ways:

First, the One-to-One platform, designed to connect each participant to members of the international IP community, offered delegates the opportunity to enhance their international referral network and build new alliances. In addition, the networking luncheon and the cocktail reception allowed attendees to develop their network and meet participants with diverse profiles.

### ...INCLUDING TWO PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS CEREMONIES

The networking lunch was followed by the Best IP Department Awards which recognized the best IP Departments all over the world for their excellent annual results and lasting contribution to management and leadership. Next on the agenda was The Best IP Advisors Awards, which followed cocktail hour and rewarded best IP advisors. The gold award winners in each category were elected upstream by more than 70 specialist jury-panels (general counsel and chief IP counsel), who committed themselves to assessing the application forms submitted by carefully preselected laureates. The winners were called up to the stage to accept their trophies in front of 400+ European/international difference makers from the world of innovation.

We warmly congratulate the 2020 laureates and thank our prestigious speakers, jury members, partners and sponsors for their essential contribution to the success of the second edition of the Innovation & IP Forum & Awards. We look forward to welcoming you next year.



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**BEST IP ADVISOR: MIDDLE EAST**  
Winner: **Baianat Intellectual Property**

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Winner: **Studio Torta**

**BEST IP ADVISOR: SPAIN**  
Winner: **Baylos**  
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Winner: **Baptista Monteverde & Associados**

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Winner: **Gevers Group**

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Winner: **Santarelli**  
Special Distinction: **Ipsilon**

**BEST IP ADVISOR: US**  
Winner: **Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox**

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