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Moderator: Roberta Romano-Götsch, COO Healthcare, Biotechnology & Chemistry, EPO

12.55 Activation of the Zoom link

**13.00 From the European Inventor Award (video):
Gene-based breast cancer test**

How researcher Laura van 't Veer and her team at the Netherlands Cancer Institute (NKI) empowers women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer to make informed decisions about whether or not to undergo chemotherapy after initial surgery

13.05 Welcome address

Steve Rowan, Vice-President Patent Granting Process, EPO

13.15 Latest technology trends in the health sector

Yann Ménière, Chief Economist, EPO

Q&A

13.45 The EPO's approach to computer-implemented inventions and artificial intelligence

*Eve-Marie Mayer-Martin, Director in Healthcare, Biotechnology & Chemistry, EPO
& Abderrahim Moumen, Director in ICT, EPO*

Q&A

**14.15 From the European Inventor Award (video):
Gene-silencing technique to treat diseases**

How Thomas Tuschl's groundbreaking method of "switching off" human genes has become a vital tool in developing new ways of diagnosing and treating conditions from haemophilia to high cholesterol.

14.20 Recent EPO developments concerning patent applications in the health sector

Roland Böhler, lawyer, Directorate Patent Law, EPO

Q&A

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14.50 Recent case law in the field of personalised medicine
Teresa Sommerfeld, technically qualified member, Board 3.3.01, EPO Boards of Appeal

Q&A

15.20 The Unitary Patent and the Unified Patent Court in the starting block – possibilities and opportunities for the health sector
Michael Fröhlich, Director, European and International Legal Affairs, PCT, EPO

Q&A

15.50 Closing remarks
Roberta Romano-Götsch

16.00 End of conference and introduction to technical workshop

Technical workshop: searching emerging technologies in the health sector

Moderator: Abderrahim Moumen, Director in ICT, EPO

16.05 The elements of a successful search strategy
Gershon Sleightholme, Team Diagnosis/ Electrical Automotive Parts, EPO

16.15 Optimising the use of classification
Hervé Chabus, Team Surgery, EPO

16.25 Q&A

16.35 Examples in Espacenet
Zoran Cilensek, Team Immunology, EPO

16.45 Q&A

17.00 End of workshop