

Standing for Ordinary Member of Council: Mr R D Mair

Richard Mair

Qualifications:

Chartered Patent Attorney, Registered Trade Mark Attorney, European Patent Attorney, European Trade Mark Attorney, European Design Attorney, M.A. (Cantab.) in Engineering.

Professional Career:

Boult, Wade & Tennant 1978-84, Qualified 1981; F. J. Cleveland & Co. 1984-88 – salaried partner 1986-88; and Abel & Imray 1988-present – Partner 1988-2015 and now Consultant.

Services to the Institute:

I was a CIPA Tutor for UK qualifying examination candidates 1982 – 1990.

CIPA Clinics: I took Clinics twice a year over the period approximately 1998 - 2014.

I have been a member of CIPA's International Liaison Committee since its formation in 1996, and took over as its Chairman in 2015.

I have been a member of CIPA's Trade Marks Committee since about 1998, was Acting Chairman 2014-15 and have been Vice-Chairman since then.

Over the period approximately 2005-15 I was a CIPA representative on the Registry Practice Working Group (Trade Marks) and then its successor the Marks & Designs Forum, the main body through which the UK IPO consults users of the Trade Mark and Designs systems. I have also represented CIPA at WIPO UK Days in Geneva, and at OHIM UK Days.

In January 2016 I represented CIPA at a new Global IP Alliance formed in Tokyo of 9 national and one international IP attorney organisations.

Services to the Profession:

The function of the International Liaison Committee is to promote the UK IP profession generally and to foster and improve relations with our sister institutes and associations outside the EU by arranging meetings with them; it organises Delegations to visit them and receives Delegations from them here in the UK. I have led or been a member of CIPA Delegations to Japan, South Korea and Canada, and have been involved in receiving Delegations from China, the USA, Canada, Japan and South Korea.

Other Relevant Information:

I am a member of AIPPI, APAA, ECTA, FICPI, ITMA and Marques, and have attended various Congresses and Conferences of those and other IP organisations such as INTA. I have represented CNIPA (the Committee of European National IP Institutes, of which CIPA is the UK member) at an OHIM Liaison Meeting.

Languages spoken: French and German fluently, with an elementary knowledge of Italian, Polish and Spanish.

Attendance at Council meetings (June 2015 – April 2016):

N/A