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IPTA PRESENTATION

International Search and Examination - Future Directions **Dr Francis Gurry, Director-General, WIPO**

3 August 2009 - Melbourne

IPTA is pleased to advise that Dr Francis Gurry, Director-General of WIPO, has agreed to give a presentation to IPTA members on Monday, 3 August 2009 in Melbourne.

Dr Francis Gurry is an Australian national with more than twenty years experience working within WIPO. Dr Gurry took over the office of Director General on 1 October 2008.

In accepting the appointment, Dr Gurry outlined challenges facing the world of IP and committed to a strategic re-alignment of WIPO in its future role in meeting the challenges. He has since released a Memorandum entitled *The Future of the PCT* which presents a vision for transforming the PCT to the benefit of IP system users.

Dr Gurry's presentation will develop his views on improving the relevance of international searches and examination to national phase processing, and ultimately enhancing national patent grant.

Details of presentation:

Date:	Monday, 3 August 2009
Time:	12.00nn-12.30pm: Pre-lunch drinks 12.30pm-2.30pm: Lunch and Presentation
Venue:	Sofitel Melbourne on Collins 25 Collins Street, Melbourne
Cost:	Member: \$115.00 (per person) Non Member: \$125.00 (per person)
rsvp:	20 July

If you would like to attend this presentation, please complete the attached registration form.

Professional Standards Board:

The Secretary has advised that the presentation will attract CPE hours.

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