

## **„Patents and Polymorphs“**

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In a more than ever competitive environment, a basic understanding of patents is indispensable for any scientist. The pre-requisites for a patent, the different routes to obtain patents and the effect of patents will be presented. Some aspects of the cost of patenting will also be highlighted. As to the practical impact of patents, several examples relating to high profile patent disputes involving polymorphs emphasize the need of a continuous collaboration between the scientist and the patent attorney.