5G mobile networks and intellectual property rights: winner takes all?
online panel discussion: Tuesday 24 November 2020 15.00 - 16.30 GMT

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Join us for an online panel discussion organised by the Intellectual Property Awareness Network (IPAN) and The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET).

The 5G mobile phone network promises faster and better access to online services throughout the developed and the developing world. But will ownership of intellectual property (IP) rights in 5G technology restrict its roll-out in those parts of the world that need it most?

This online panel discussion aims to raise awareness and understanding of the critical importance of IP rights as it is very topical in the case of 5G, the latest generation of mobile communications. The UK Government has recently followed the example of the US Government and will phase out the use of most technology from Chinese-owned Huawei. BT has also announced that it is awarding a major contract for alternative products to Finnish company Nokia.

Is ownership of IP rights affecting who will have access to the benefits of 5G?

Listen to what the varied panel of experts from u-blox, Percy Crow Davis, Nokia and Vodafone have to say and engage in the conversation during our Q&A session. The discussion will be chaired by the entrepreneur Alessandro Hatami of the advisory firm Pacemakers.io.

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Chairman:

Alessandro Hatami - is the founder of advisory firm **Pacemakers.io**. He has been a practitioner in digital transformation in finance for over 15 years, holding executive roles at the Lloyds Banking Group, PayPal, PayPoint and GE Capital.

He is a Non-Executive director and a board advisor as well as a mentor and investor in early-stage tech firms. He is a well-known figure in fintech transformation and is a frequent speaker at events across the globe. His upcoming book "Reinventing Banking and Finance" is scheduled for publication in November 2020.

Expert Panel:

Sylvia Lu - is Head of Technology Strategy at **u-blox** - a Swiss creator and global leader of wireless chipset and modules, where she heads cellular technology strategy, global standards and industry alliances. She is a multi-award-winning engineer and had worked in the telecoms industry for over 13 years, for four mobile generations.

Sylvia represents u-blox at various standardisation bodies and industry associations (including 3GPP, ETSI, IET, 5G-ACIA). Sylvia also serves on the Board of 5G-ACIA, UK5G and CW (Cambridge Wireless), and provides industry-focused, independent advice to policy panels and national networks on future plans for 5G.

Dai Davis - is a Chartered Engineer and specialist Information Technology lawyer. He works in his own practice, **Percy Crow Davis & Co**. He acts for many suppliers of Information Technology solutions as well as buyers of Information Technology systems. He has advised on cutting-edge technology including the Internet of Things, Smart Meters, Digital Currency and Bring Your Own Device.

As well as being an active member of the IET, he has chaired an International Standards legal advisory committee for over a decade. He is a Liveryman of the City of London through the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists.

Adrian Howes - Adrian Howes is Head of IP and Standards in the IP Policy Group of **Nokia**. He previously worked as a senior litigation counsel at Mylan, a consultant for Sony Computer Entertainment and the IP department of Bird & Bird.

He is a qualified lawyer and studied chemistry and law at the Universities of Durham and Cambridge, respectively. Adrian's work at Nokia encompasses IPR regulatory and policy issues, covering cross-industry discussions on IPR in the context of current and next generation industry standards.

Rubi Kaur - is a Senior Solutions Architect at **Vodafone Group**, focusing on Enterprise new Product Development. She has over 20 years' managerial and technical lead experience from previous roles at BT, O2 and the UK Government.

Rubi is a fellow of the British Computer Society, Chartered Institute for IT and a member of BCSWomen whose mission it is to make "IT Good for Society". In 2019, she delivered the keynote "Is this the Age of Digital Enlightenment?" at the Future Sync Tech conference and in 2020 she featured in the Computer Weekly list of most influential women in technology.

Rubi has a BSc (Hons) in Physics and Computer Studies, an MSc in Optoelectronics and an MBA from the Henley Management Business School.