**Introduction to Intellectual Property**

**12, 13 December**

Intellectual property (IP) refers to creations of the mind, such as inventions, literary and artistic works, designs, and symbols, names and images used in commerce. IP is protected in law by, for example, patents, copyright and trademarks, which enable people to earn recognition or benefit from what they invent or create. Through their work, researchers, including PhD students, generate IP that is valuable for the society. The management of this IP is central to ensure technology transfer from the university to companies, that will make the research results accessible to the market.

**Aims of the course:**

* To give participants an understanding of IP issues
* To give participants tools to implement IP issues in their research project
* To raise participant’s awareness of the importance of IP for research funding
* To raise participant’s awareness of the importance of IP for maximizing research impact

**By the end of the course, the participants should be able to:**

* Describe IP policy at ULiège
* Understand the different ways of protecting research results
* Use correctly the tools to ensure invention protection

**Target group:** PhD candidates. Course is limited to 20 participants

**Prerequisites:** Working knowledge of English

**Duration of the course:**  1.5 days

**Location:** J-M Ghuysen large room; B34 +5

**Educators:**

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**The course schedule**:

***12th December***

9:00 – 11:00 Introduction to IP - interactive session (E. Naveau)

11:00 – 12:00 Introduction to Valorization (A. Houbrechts)

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 17:00 Patent data search (F. Piron)

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9:00- 11:00 Software: Open Source vs Proprietary (J. Fays)

11:00 – 12:00 Feed back - open discussion (All)