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**Naples, Italy, September 17, 2019**

Provisional Program

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Tuesday, September 17, 2019

9.00 – 9.30 Registration

9.30 – 10.00 **Opening Session**

Welcome addresses by:

* Prof. Gaetano Manfredi, Rector, University of Naples “Federico II”, Naples, Italy
* Ms. Simona Marzetti, Head, International Affairs, Directorate General for the Fight Against Counterfeiting (DGLC) – Italian Patent and Trademark Office (UIBM), Ministry of Economic Development, Rome
* Mr. Giovanni Napolitano, Deputy Director, Department for Transition and Developed Countries (TDC), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva
* Mr. Raffale Marrone, President, Confapi Napoli, Naples, Italy
* Avv. Michele Elio de Tullio, Chairman, IP Commission, ICC, Rome

10.00 – 10.40 **Topic1 What is Intellectual Property (IP) Management? Why is it Important for SMEs?**

 WIPO and its Role to Support SMEs in E-Commerce, Branding, Exporting

 Speaker: Mr. Giovanni Napolitano

 Questions and Answers

10.40 – 11.30 **Topic 2 Trademarks, Geographical Indications, Designs**

 WIPO Services, Databases, Publications and their use by SMEs

 Case Study: Giacomo Maggiaro, Biological Farm Franca Battista

 Speaker: Mr. Giovanni Napolitano

 Questions and Answers

11. 30 – 11.45 Coffee Break

11.45 – 13.00 **Topic 3 The Role of Patents for SMEs**

 IP Diagnostics for SMEs: A New Tool to Help SMEs use IP to Protect their Assets

 Case Study: Mr. Flavio Farroni, CEO & Co-founder, MegaRide

 Speaker: Mr. Giovanni Napolitano

 Questions and Answers

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.30 **Topic 4 Trade Secrets, IP Information and IP Tools for SMEs**

 Speakers: Avv. Michele Elio de Tullio

 Mr. Roberto Sandrini, Project Manager, VIP4SMEs EU Project, Venice, Italy

 Questions and Answers

15.30 – 16.20 **Topic 5 IP Enforcement and its Challenges**

 Case Study

 Speakers: Ms. Simona Marzetti

 Mr. Graziano Mazza, *Amministratore Delegato*, PREMIATA srl, Fermo, Italy

 Questions and Answers

16.20 – 16.30 **CLOSING SESSION**

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