

2003/05/08 13:00 BXL Luxemburg Square: Free Ideas for a Free World

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Free Ideas for a Free World — Performance and Demonstration on Luxemburg Square beside the European Parliament in Brussels

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1 Time and Place

Thursday 2003/05/08 13.00-14.30 BXL Place du Luxembourg
see 2003/05/08 Brussels Software Patent Event Organisation Wiki

2 Program Proposal

Needed::

- Stage

- Stage decoration, banners, posters
- Orator's podium, amps & speakers
- Piano

Elements:

- Männerchor "Die Gedanken sind patentiert" mit Klavierbegleitung
- Funeral March, Gravestones with Patents
see <http://www.elug.de/projekte/patent-party/freie-software/trauer.html>
- Pantomime
- Speeches
- Award of Medals for 2nd Patent Infringement Programming Competition
see <http://www.elug.de/projekte/patent-party/preise.html>
- several km long rope with 30000 patents dangling at junctures

Schedule Draft:

12:30	Buffet near the site
13:00	Eröffnung durch Trauerzug
13:05	Begrüßung, kurze erklärende Worte
13:15	Die Gedanken sind patentiert
13:20	Pantomime
13:30	Reden
13:55	Siegerehrung
14:10	Die Gedanken sind patentiert
14:15	Pantomime
14:25	Abgang: Trauerzug
14:30	Ende

3 Annotated Links

- **2003/05/08 Brussels Software Patent Event Organisation Wiki¹**

Alexandre Dulaunoy of AEL.be and friends from all over Europe are working to offer optimal onsite support for guests to the May 2003 European (Anti) Software Patent Event in Brussels.

- **posters created by Henk de Boer**

with support from vrijschrift.org

4 Questions, Things To Do, How you can Help

- **How you can help us end the software patent nightmare**
- **In what way can I participate in preparing the demo?**

see 2003/05/08 Brussels Software Patent Event Organisation Wiki

To participate in the cabaret and men's choir, get in contact with peter at gerwinski de for infos on how to partipate.

Some banners need to be painted on the 7th.

- **What Posters do we have?**

see posters created by Henk de Boer

¹<http://wiki.ael.be/index.php/ManifAgainstSoftwarePatents>

- **What slogans can be used for banners?**

Your imagination is needed. Possibly sub-optimal examples:

- Thoughts are Free? No: Patented!
- Software Patents = Professional Disbarment for Programmers
- E-Patents: A Threat against the IT Industry
- Free Ideas for as Free World!
- e-patents = e-extortion
- e-patents = e-feudalism
- Programmers want to innovate, not litigate.
- Patents for new use of forces of nature
Copyright for logical creations
- EPO, Stop Stealing Our Work!
- CEC, BSA, McCarthy, Fourtou: Europe’s Biggest Software Pirates
- CEC, BSA, McCarthy, Fourtou: Stop Stealing Our Intellectual Property!
- Stop fait-accompli politics!
- “Program with a Further Technical Effect” = “Program as such”.
- “Piracy with a Further Legal Effect” = “Piracy as such”.
- further technical effect = furthest ethical defect
- Software Patents Violate Basic Freedoms!
- Freedom of Publication!
- Contractual Freedom!
- Freedom of Choice of Profession!
- Property in Individual Creation!
- Software Patents = Intellectual Expropriation
- *We* are the Software Creators, Down with IP Lawyer Tyranny!
- *We* are the Software People, Down with Software Stalinism!
- 1989: End of Totalitarianism; 2003: Begin of E-Totalitarianism?
- EU: Software Law written by Software Analphabets!
- EU lets Yesterday’s Innovators Strangle Tomorrow’s Innovation
- Yesterday’s Hardware Innovators, Stop Strangling Tomorrow’s Software Innovation
- Bring Software Literacy to the EU!
- We are the “Economic Majority”
- You may be the Financial Majority, but we are the Innovation Majority
- EU/BSA = Software Pirates
- Yes to E-Copyright, No to E-Patents

- Yes to E-Inclusion, No to E-McCarthyism
 - Yes to eEurope, No to M\$ Europe
 - Patents Reward Business Failure
 - European Patent Office into the UN!
 - Think Globally Act Locally
 - Down with WIPO & EPO Tyranny!
 - Democratise Patent Legislation!
 - Patents put ideas under control of money
 - Put ideas in control of money, not money in control of ideas!
 - Don't let the megacorps control our information
 - Software patent = Thought Control
 - Software patent = Speech Control
 - EICTA, UNICE: Organised Industry Misrepresentation
 - We are the Software Innovators, Why do you Want to Kill Us?
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