



**“The Future of IP”
Francis Gurry, Director General, WIPO
Monday, 16 March 2009**

The Intellectual Property Institute presents the fifth in our series of lectures from leading figures on the world IP scene, addressing “The Future of IP”. On this occasion, **Francis Gurry**, Director General of WIPO, addresses the topic from his perspective. The event will be chaired by **Ian Fletcher**, Chief Executive, the UK Intellectual Property Office.

Hosted by: Nabarro LLP
Venue: Lacon House
84 Theobald’s Road
London WC1X 8RW

5.30: Registration
6.00: Opening Remarks
Ian Fletcher
6.15: The Future of IP
Francis Gurry

The lecture will be followed by a formal question and answer session, chaired by Ian Fletcher, and then refreshments.

This promises to be a very heavily subscribed event so please book your place early since capacity is limited.
Please register by Wednesday 11 March 2009

This seminar is accredited by the Law Society for 2.00 hours of CPD at advanced level. Solicitors attending should quote reference DAI/IPIN in their personal training records

Francis Gurry



Mr. [Francis Gurry](#) was appointed Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Secretary-General of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) on October 1, 2008.

Francis Gurry began his WIPO career in 1985, initially in the Development Cooperation and External Relations Bureau for Asia and the Pacific. He was instrumental in establishing the WIPO [Arbitration and Mediation Center](#) in 1994 and subsequently in developing the highly successful [Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy](#). He served on the WIPO top management team from 1997, initially as Assistant Director General, then from 2003 as Deputy Director General with responsibility for [patents and the PCT system](#), the Arbitration and Mediation Center, [traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and genetic resources](#).

Before joining WIPO, Francis Gurry practiced as an attorney in Australia, and taught law at the University of Melbourne, Australia. He holds law degrees from the University of Melbourne and a Ph.D from the University of Cambridge, UK. He is the author of numerous publications and articles on intellectual property issues in international journals.

An Australian national, Francis Gurry speaks fluent English, French and some Spanish.

