

Full name: *Dr. Mauro Boero*

What subject did you study? *PhD in Physics*

Year of Graduation: *1996*

Current Job Title: *Principal Patent Examiner*

Current Employer/Organisation Name: *European Patent Office*



How did you become interested in the area that you work in?

Working in EU-funded projects and coming into contact with patent attorneys

How did you get to where you are today?

Post-doc in Exeter, Epson sponsored position at Cambridge University, EPO

What does your current role involve?

Examining patents in semiconductors, lecturing on IP, coaching young colleagues

What skills and/or personal qualities are needed?

Technical knowledge in semiconductor physics, analytical skills, interpersonal skills, languages and legal skills

What do you enjoy most about your role?

The international environment, and disseminating IP information around the world

Are there any things that are not so good?

The flat career system, and the work can only be done in The Netherlands and Germany

Has anything surprised you about your role?

How so many different cultures can happily coexist and be synergic