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## **Federal Patent Court media release**

The newly-created Federal Patent Court held its first plenary session on 18 January 2011 in Zurich. Participating in the session were all judges i.e. the two full-time judges and the 31 part-time judges (20 technical judges and 11 lawyers). Following the swearing-in of the judges, Frank Schnyder (Chardonne) was unanimously elected as vice president. As such, he forms the panel of Chief Judges together with both full-time judges, Dieter Brändle (elected as president by the Federal Assembly) and Tobias Bremi.

The Federal Patent Court is expected to take up its activities on 1 January 2012 (subject to a different decision by the Federal Council). The regulations that are to be drawn up with regard to this were discussed during the plenary session. These regulations are planned to be published in autumn 2011.

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