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**Kære Finn Skriver Frandsen og Jette Christensen**

Efter aftale fremsendes hermed 50 eksemplarer af Teknologirådets rapport "Anbefalinger til fremtidens patentsystem" til fordeling blandt udvalgets medlemmer, stedfortrædere m.fl. Jeg vedlægger desuden en invitation til et internationalt seminar den 15. juni, hvor arbejdsgruppen bag rapporten vil diskutere sine anbefalinger med internationale eksperter.

Rapporten foreligger også i en engelsk udgave, som kan bestilles på Teknologirådets sekretariat.

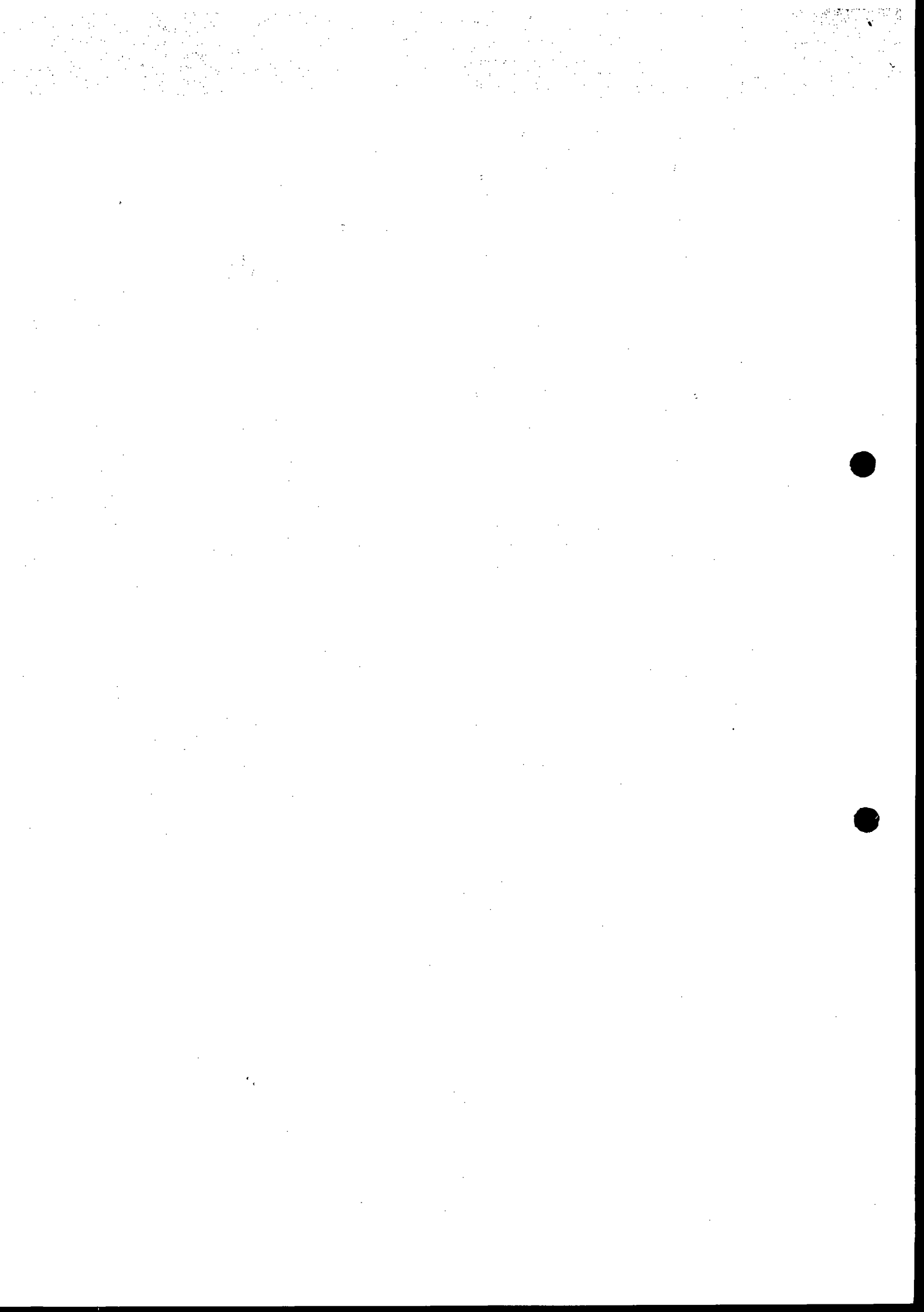
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### **Programme**

At the seminar, the working group will present its recommendations for the future development of the patent system. The members of the working group are:

- Erik Hoffmeyer (chairman of the group), former Governor Chairman of the Danish National Bank
- Peter Lotz, Head of Department of Industrial Economics and Strategy, Copenhagen Business School
- Knud Overø, former CEO, Ferrosan A/S
- Jens Schovsbo, Professor, University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law
- Tine Sommer, Senior lecturer, Aarhus School of Business, Department of Law
- Christian Friis Bach, Senior lecturer, The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Department of Economics and Natural Resources

The following experts have been invited to present their comments on the recommendations:

- **Dominique Guellec**, Chief economist - EPO
- **Dietmar Harhoff**, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Institut für Innovationsforschung, Technologiemanagement und Entrepreneurship)
- **Marianne Levin**, Stockholm University, Department of Law

Approximately half of the seminar will be reserved for debate, and participants at the seminar will be given the opportunity to address questions to the working group and the invited experts. The final programme for the seminar is not yet complete.

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## The Future of the Patent System

The Danish Board of Technology and Copenhagen Business School invite you to an international seminar focusing on the new report, "Recommendations for the Patent System of the Future",

15 June 2005, 2pm – 5pm  
Copenhagen Business School  
Solbjerg Plads 3, 2000 Frederiksberg, Denmark

The Software Directive has caused heated debate. At the core of this debate is the question of whether patents improve or hamper the development of new software – and where limits as to what should be patentable should be set. Another question, which has caused an animated debate, is the reasonableness of patenting genes.

Through the years, patent rights have been strengthened. An increasing number of things can now be patented, more people can take out patents, the patent currency has been prolonged, and the protection and enforcement of patents have been strengthened. At the same time, technology has developed rapidly whereas adjustments to the patent system have been slow. Especially developments in the fields of bio- and information technology have put the system under pressure, and this development has given rise to more fundamental questions concerning the patent system at large:

- Has the notable rise in the number of patents promoted or hampered technological and economic development?
- Have the enhanced possibilities for patenting in public research institutions promoted or hampered development of knowledge – especially basic research?
- Are the various limitations to patent protection – both within and outside the system itself – sufficiently countering the potentially negative effects of the patent system?
- Is the patent system sufficiently flexible and effective to contain the very different trends in technological development?
- Can the current patent practise ensure effective patenting procedures, a high patent quality and effective enforcement?
- What should be patentable and what should not?

These are some of the questions, which a working group set up by The Danish Board of Technology addresses in its report. **The report was published on 6 June** on the Board's homepage, [www.tekno.dk](http://www.tekno.dk), where additional information about the report, the project and the working group can be found.

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