

Prizes cannot be won only in F1...

PRIZE FOR THE EUROPEAN INVENTOR OF THE YEAR 2010

2010 is the year of the Spanish Presidency of the European Union. During the presidency, on 28 April 2010, a prize giving ceremony will be held in the Reina Sofia Museum of Modern Art in Madrid to celebrate "the best European inventor of 2010".



The goal of these prizes, established in 2006 by the European Patent Office and the European Commission, is to reward those who help our society to improve whilst also

bringing to the public's attention the importance of progress. During the same days, 28 and 29 April, the European Patent Forum will take place in Madrid. The forum will have a particular focus on renewable energy in Europe.

Renew two trademarks for the price of one!!!

TRADEMARKS IN SPAIN

Not everybody knows this but when renewing a trademark in Spain it is now possible to combine two old trademark registrations in one single trademark registration at the time of the first renewal. This is applicable where the same mark was originally registered in more than one class under the single-class system in force in Spain up until 2001 as under the old system a trademark in two classes had to be filed with two separate applications. By combining the two old registrations in one trademark registration the costs for maintenance of the original two trademarks in Spain will be reduced to half.