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**ITECHLAW OFFICIAL LAUDED BY CZECH  
ARBITRATION COURT FOR GROUNDBREAKING DECISION  
ON FIRST .EU DOMAIN NAME DISPUTE**

**PRAGUE, Czech Republic, Nov. 6, 2006** – In the first case resolving disputed ownership of a .EU domain name – [www.pst.eu](http://www.pst.eu) – the Czech Arbitration Court found for the defendant, PST Business Solutions B.V., in a decision written by Court panelist Enrique J. Batalla. Since that April 18 decision, hundreds of other cases involving .EU domain name ownership disputes have been settled by the Czech Arbitration Court, underscoring the speed and efficiency of the Court’s arbitration process.

To mark his groundbreaking contribution to the .EU arbitration process, Batalla, vice president of the International Technology Law Association (ITechLaw), received an award today from the Chairman of the Czech Arbitration Court, Bohuslav Klein. The award was presented here at the annual ITechLaw European Conference.

The Czech Arbitration Court was selected by the European Commission and the Belgium-based nonprofit European Registry of Internet Domain Names last April to handle .EU domain-name disputes. Arbitration is a faster and more flexible process than traditional court proceedings, allowing for quicker settlements and disposition of caseloads. The Court’s rulings are valid in 130 countries.

“I am honored to receive this award and to contribute to an arbitration process that is bringing equity and efficiency to resolving disputes over ownership of .EU domain names,” said Batalla.

A long-time member of ITechLaw, Batalla, 62, was named vice president of the 35-year-old global association earlier this year. He is senior partner in the Madrid law firm of Batalla Abogados, where he specializes in information technology law. A graduate of the University of Granada, he also studied in Washington, D.C. at the International Juridical Practices.

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The ITechLaw Annual European Conference is in its eighth year and is the largest European conference devoted to the leading-edge issues in technology and telecommunications law that are helping to reshape the global economy. Technology law experts from more than 30 nations are attending this year's Prague conference.

**About the International Technology Law Association**

Founded in 1971, ITechLaw is the world's premier organization representing lawyers in the technology sector. The organization has hundreds of members worldwide, representing more than 65 countries on six continents and a broad spectrum of expertise.

In addition to serving as a forum for members to discuss a wide range of legal issues, the association regularly organizes conferences that explore cutting-edge issues and trends in technology law, intellectual property law, the law applicable to the financing of technology companies, and other areas of law having a significant impact on the growth and development of technology-intensive industries.

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