



Meeting of Trilateral Heads of Office with Trilateral Industry
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Alexandria, Virginia

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Agenda

Chair: Mr. Kevin H. Rhodes, President, IPO

10:00 – 10:10am Welcome Remarks

10:10 – 11:00am Office Updates – Trilateral Offices

11:00 – 12:00pm Industry Trilateral Topics

- B+ workstream chairs' update (EPO, JPO, USPTO)
- Update on Trilateral Industry's substantive patent law harmonisation proposal
- Feedback from IP5 3rd Global Dossier Task Force meeting
- Explore better use of worksharing by relying more on the work done by the other 2 patent offices in PCT or in PPH.

12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch for Trilateral Delegates and Trilateral Industry

1:00 – 2:00pm Status report from Trilateral Offices regarding IP5 Patent Harmonization Expert Panel

- Unity of invention: EPO
- Citation of prior art: USPTO
- Sufficiency of disclosure/written description: JPO

2:00 - 3:00pm Discussion

- The future of the Trilateral + Industry meetings going forward.

3:00 – 3:10pm IP5 Heads/IP5 Industry meeting in Japan on June 1, 2016:
first exchange –

3:30 – 5:30pm Reception for Trilateral Industry and Trilateral Office Delegates
The National Inventor's Hall of Fame and Museum
Atrium Level, USPTO