

Monday Morning Session 8:30 - 12:00  
How to Find Patent Information - Session Chair: Lucy Akers

8:45 - 9:30

**Kenote Address: There's a World out There...and it Matters**

by Steven Adams, Magister

**Abstract:**

Statistics are often cited which show that the tripartite patent offices (EP, JP, US) publish and grant a high percentage of all patent documents. This can lead to complacency when dealing with information from so-called 'minor' countries. However, in an increasingly inter-connected world, patent information specialists need to be acquainted with a wide range of sources and procedures. This applies both to patentability questions and to legal status. Patterns of world trade are changing, and these will inevitably impact decisions on where to obtain intellectual property rights in the future. It is debatable whether there will ever be a truly global one-stop shop in patent information in the foreseeable future, but this talk will try to enhance our understanding of the wider implications of the phrase "world-wide patent information"

**Biography:**

Stephen Adams is managing director of Magister Ltd., a best-practice and training consultancy specialising in patents documentation. He trained as a chemist at the University of Bristol, then completed a Masters degree in Information Science at City University London. He has specialised in patent information for the last 16 years. He has held various offices in the UK Patent and Trade Mark Group, and is currently one of the Directors-at-Large of PIUG Inc., the International Society for Patent Information, and a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the Elsevier journal "World Patent Information." Stephen is also Chairman of the COPS Group (Certification of Patent Searchers in Europe)

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