

PIUG 2015 Annual Conference Workshop

Patent Documentation from South America: Procedures, Sources and Uses

Time and location

Saturday, May 2: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Westin Lombard Yorktown Center room to be determined

Abstract

The workshop will provide a review of the patent information resources relating to the 12 sovereign states of the South American continent (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela) and the dependent territory of French Guiana. It will consider national and regional activities in relation to IP policy, particularly the role of the Andean Community and MERCOSUR trading blocs, specific aspects of national law and procedure which differ markedly from more familiar regimes, and the publications arising from each country and their inclusion in bibliographic and legal status databases.

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Stephen Adams completed a B.Sc. degree in Chemistry at the University of Bristol, UK, followed by an M.Sc. in Information Science from The City University, London, UK. For a number of years, he worked as a technical information searcher in the field of food science at the UK Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food. Following a period as editor of "International Packaging Abstracts" at Pira International, he moved to ICI Agrochemicals (later Zeneca Agrochemicals) to become their principal patent searcher in 1988. He founded Magister Limited in 1997.

Stephen served as the first non-US "Director at Large" for the Patent Information Users Group (PIUG Inc) between 2002 and 2006. He received a Special Recognition Award from the PIUG in May 2008. The citation recorded that this was in Recognition of:

- Stephen's Tireless Service to PIUG
- Ten Years of Excellent Patent Searching Workshops
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