



Strategic Working Group and  
Programme Group Meeting –  
User Day –  
Trilateral Conference  
10 to 14 November 2008  
The Hague, EPO



## Trilateral User Day

13 November 2008  
8:30 - 16:00

The Hague,  
European Patent Office  
Auditorium

08:00-09:00 *Registration and Breakfast*

09:00-09:30 Welcoming Remarks:

**Alison Brimelow**, President of the EPO

**Thierry Sueur**, Chairman BUSINESSEUROPE Patents  
Working Group

09:30-10:15

Round Table:

**Business needs to maintain a sustainable patent  
system and the role of the PCT**

**Moderator: Joff Wild**, Editor, IAM Magazine

**Speakers:**

**Tony Rollins**, Managing Counsel, European Patents, Merck,  
Sharp & Dohme (BUSINESSEUROPE)

**David Kappos**, Vice-President of IPO, Vice President and  
Assistant General Counsel, Intellectual Property Law and  
Strategy, IBM Corporation (IBM)

**Hirohiko Usui**, President of JIPA

10:15-11:00 Questions / Discussions

11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-12:15 **Round Table:**  
**Insights into the Trilateral Patent Offices' work-sharing  
and the main assets of the PCT**

**Moderator: Thierry Sueur**, Vice-President  
Intellectual Property and Vice President, European &  
International Affairs AIR LIQUIDE,

**Speakers:** Heads of the Trilateral Patent Offices

- **Alison Brimelow**, President of the EPO
- **Jon Dudas**, Under Secretary of Commerce for  
Intellectual Property and Director USPTO
- **Takashi Suzuki**, Commissioner of the JPO
- **Francis Gurry**, Director General of WIPO

12:15-13:00 Questions / Discussions

13:00-14:30 *Lunch*

14:30-15:15 **Round Table:**  
**Insights/perspectives from intellectual property  
associations on a sustainable patent system  
(Development of the PCT / Quality)**

**Moderator: Wim van der Eijk**, Principal director international  
Legal Affairs and Patent law.

**Speakers:**

- **Jacques Combeau**, Adviser to the Vice President,  
Intellectual Property, AIR LIQUIDE(BUSINESSEUROPE)
- **Steven W. Miller**, IPO President and chief IP counsel for  
Procter & Gamble Co. (IPO)
- **Todd Dickinson**, Executive Director of the American  
Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- **Hiroki Naito**, Managing Director of JIPA

15:15-16:00 Questions / Discussions

16:00-16:10 Closing Remarks from **Alison Brimelow**