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TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015

**Santa Clara University
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PROGRAM

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Registration, Networking, Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome & Opening Remarks

A Conversation with the European Patent Office



Four short panels with officials from the European Patent Office.

An interactive Q&A will follow each panel to allow attendees the opportunity to ask questions of the panel.

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

The European Patent Office for U.S. Users

This panel, featuring EPO officials, will address Early Certainty from Search, the EPO as PCT Authority, Rule 164, and additional tools for U.S. applicants.

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Speakers: *Alfred Spigarelli and Heli Pihlajamaa*

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Challenging Aspects of European Patent practice for U.S. Users

This EPO panel will cover added matter (Art. 123 (2) EPC), the Inventive Step and the Problem and Solution Approach.

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Speakers: *Alfred Spigarelli and Heli Pihlajamaa*

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Unitary Patent System and Unified Patent Court

EPO officials will discuss recent developments with regard to the Unitary Patent System and Unified Patent Court.

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Speakers: *Alfred Spigarelli and Heli Pihlajamaa*

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Practical Tips and Strategies for U.S. Users before the European Patent Office

EPO Officials will discuss practical tips and strategies for U.S. users, placing particular emphasis on optimizing patent practice before the EPO.

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Speakers: *Alfred Spigarelli and Heli Pihlajamaa*

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Luncheon and Keynote Speaker John Cabeca

John Cabeca, Director of the new Silicon Valley office of the USPTO will introduce his office and discuss its role with regard to USPTO patent prosecution.

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Speaker: *John Cabeca*

SCHEDULE

A Conversation with United States Patent and Trademark Office



Three panels featuring the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

An interactive Q&A will follow each panel to allow attendees the opportunity to ask questions of the panel.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Collaborative Efforts with the EPO

This Panel will cover Trilateral and IP5 Cooperation and will include a discussion of Rule 14.

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Speaker: Mark Powell

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Global Prosecution and the USPTO

This USPTO panel will address Work Sharing Initiatives, the Global Dossier and the Common Citation Document (CCD).

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Speaker: Mark Powell

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

USPTO Office Updates

This panel will address recent updates and changes from the USPTO.

MCLE credits: 1.00

Speaker: Mark Powell

A Conversation with the EPO and the USPTO

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Round-Table Discussion: The Future of Global Patent Prosecution

The day's final panel will be a roundtable discussion between attendees and event speakers. Officials from the EPO and the USPTO will together engage and address questions from the floor.

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Speakers: Alfred Spigarelli, Heli Pihlajamaa and Mark Powell

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Networking Reception

Reduced registration fees made possible thanks to the generosity of Santa Clara University.

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