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Dr. Jorge Ávila is President of the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI).

He graduated in 1984 from Federal University of Rio de Janeiro with a degree in Civil Engineering. In 1994, he acquired Master's Degree in Business Administration, from Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (COOPEAD/UFRJ). Dr. Ávila became a Ph. D in 2003, on the subject of Public Health, from University of the State of Rio de Janeiro.

He joined the Brazilian Oil Company PETROBRAS in 1987 as a System Analyst. From 1995 to 1999 he worked as Studies and Business Development Director at the Industrial Development Company of the State of Rio de Janeiro. In 1999, he joined the Brazilian Innovation Finance Agency (FINEP), as Executive Director until march, 2003. In April 2003, Dr. Ávila was back to PETROBRAS as a Business Consultant for institutional strategies and partnerships, in which duty he stayed until September 2004, when he was designated Vice-President of the INPI, and on 2006, he began its Presidency administration.