

Morning Session - Tuesday 8:30 - 12:02

Patent Country Coverage and Traditional Patent Information Sources - Edlyn Simmons

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**INPADOC: 30 Years of Endeavour yet Unmapped Territories Remain!**

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**Abstract:**

For over 30 years, INPADOC databases have been an indispensable resource for patent information professionals. We shall look at an aerial map of the coverage of both the bibliographic and the legal status files, including some insider intelligence about how the EPO obtains these data. A searchlight will be turned to the most significant gaps in the country coverage. We shall then survey the regions and countries where improvements can be expected. Focussing on the EPO's co-operation activities helps understanding of the complexities behind delivering the improvements expected by users. Having scanned the landscape the fine detail such as the "patchwork" nature of the INPADOC family will be introduced. The presentation ends with a briefing on the sensitive issues of PCT applications entering the national phase and the validation of European patents in the EPC member states.

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