

Morning Session: Tuesday 8:30 - 12:00

Patent Country Coverage and Traditional Patent Information Sources - Session chair:
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9:00 - 9:30

Global patent sources and managing the challenges they present

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Abstract:

Providing comprehensive coverage of inventions claimed in the patent literature world-wide is a daunting challenge. The numbers are well-known - over a million new inventions each year and rising - but what are the realities of bringing together this huge morass of disparate, complex, multi-lingual, legalistic data into a uniform managed environment suitable for use by a technologist wishing to track the latest developments in their field or a patent agent seeking to establish freedom to operate a given process? What are the choices faced by an organisation like Thomson Scientific in putting together one of the world's largest and most relied on patent information resources?

In this presentation, we'll review some of the traditional sources of patent information available and examine the different criteria applied in selecting sources for inclusion in the Derwent World Patents Index database. We'll also seek to show how operating within a dynamically changing legal and commercial environment is a complex but rewarding activity.

Bio:

Bob Stembridge graduated from University of Sussex with a Bachelors degree in Chemistry. He joined Thomson Derwent in 1980 and has held various roles in editorial, marketing, sales and product development over the years. Leaving in 1988 for interludes working as Information Analyst at British Petroleum and European Sales Liaison with Dialog, he returned to Thomson Derwent in 1996 and most recently became Customer Relations Manager for Thomson Scientific, with responsibility for liaison with customer user groups.

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