

Wednesday Morning Session 8:30 - 12:00  
Hot Topics - Session Chair: Suzanne Robins

10:30-11:00

**What are the Hot Topics in Europe?**

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**Abstract:**

This short presentation will look at the topics that dominated the EPIDOS Annual Conference 2003, held in Luxembourg last November, and which are likely to make a lasting impact on patent information across Europe and beyond, including:

- the IPC reform
- the move to XML for all EPO databases
- new esp@cenet and direct access to INPADOC
- Open patent services
- the EPO patent information survey
- patent information from South East Asia

**Biography:**

Daniel Shalloe joined the European Patent Office in September 1989 as a search examiner, having completed a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Imperial College, London two years previously. In October 1991, he moved to the EPO's newly created Vienna sub-office, specialising in patent information. Since 1991, he has been editor-in-chief of EPIDOS News and a leading member of the organising team for the EPIDOS Annual Conference.

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