

Monday Afternoon Session 1:30 - 4:00

Where to Find Patent Information and Patent Documents - Session Chair: Sandra Unger

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Extraction, Analysis, and Searching of ECLA Codes in Questel-Orbit's PlusPat Database

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Abstract:

Because of the routine and dynamic nature of their creation, assignment, and indexing, the European Classification, or ECLA, codes offer distinct advantages in specificity and consistency over less dynamic, i.e., more static, classifications such as the USPCs and, especially, the IPCs, on which the ECLAs are based. This presentation will include a brief background on ECLA codes plus practical subject-specific examples illustrating their usefulness in prior art searching in Questel-Orbit's PlusPat database.

Biography:

After graduating with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from New York University in 1970, Mr Linder soon realized that he did not wish to pursue a career in chemical engineering and, following his love of language, took a job as a "chemical indexer" with the **American Petroleum Institute (API)** in New York City, where he served for nearly 23 years, many as indexing manager and editor of the *API Thesaurus*.

It was during this period that his professional affiliation with the then **Orbit** began when, in 1975, Orbit was the first service to make the API files available online, exclusively for 10 years. It was also during this time that Mr Linder forged professional lifelong relationships with many of today's PIUG members.

Mr Linder worked with STN and Dialog to spec the API files on their systems once the Orbit exclusive expired. He also collaborated with Derwent and Orbit to realize the merged Derwent-API patent file, another Orbit exclusive (still is), which won the database-of-the-year award in 1991.

In 1993 Mr Linder found the courage to resign from a changed API and leave his beloved New York for Washington, DC to join his other beloved, Marsha Fenn, daughter of his parent's neighbors whom he had met during a coincidental parental visit in Florida. The couple celebrated their 10th anniversary in July 2003.

From 1993 to 1994 Mr Linder was a Senior Information Specialist with **Information International Associates**, on contract to **NASA**, where he oversaw publication of the 1994 *NASA Thesaurus* and worked on the procurement recommendation to the NASA STI Program management for replacement of the RECON search and retrieval system.

Mr Linder spent 1995 to 1998 as Senior Product Manager at **Chadwyck-Healey Inc**, where he developed and managed the *International Index to Music Periodicals (IIMP)* as well as three other electronic music and performing arts database products and two electronic history/social science products.

From 1999 to 2002 Mr Linder was a Senior Information Specialist with **ASRC/Stanley Associates**, on contract to the **Search and Information Resources Administration (SIRA)** of the **USPTO**, where he served as an in-house consultant to the chemical and chemical engineering tech center. He also developed courses and conducted training of patent examiners, supervisors, and technical staff in searching patent and non-patent literature, and in the use of newly deployed and enhanced software applications.

Mr Linder has come full circle, joining **Questel-Orbit Inc** in 2002, and currently serving as Sales Manager, North America.

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