

Update On Worldwide Patent Database Coverage For The Searcher PIUG 2008

Abstract

Many information professionals were caught by surprise in the 1990s by the rise (and rise!) of patent information from South Korea, China and India. We have all had a steep learning curve to negotiate towards competence in handling these new sources. The purpose of this workshop is to try to identify and understand the patent information from the next generation of rising stars. Established and prolific authorities such as the tripartite offices, China, Korea or the other G8 countries will not be considered further. The workshop will consist of a series of short country-by-country reviews of the legal procedures and patent information sources in a range of countries from Asia, Latin America, Africa and Eastern Europe. Each country will be selected on the basis of official WIPO statistics on the number and type of patents granted in recent years, and trends in industrial development.

Instructor Biography

Stephen Adams is managing director of Magister Ltd., an information and training consultancy specialising in patents documentation. He trained as a chemist at the University of Bristol, then completed a Masters degree in Information Science at City University London, and is a Chartered Member of both the Royal Society of Chemistry and the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP). He has worked in technical information for over 25 years, and formed Magister Ltd. in 1997. The company has clients from the patent information user (and non-user) communities, the major patent database producers, patent offices, online hosts and industry professional development groups. Stephen has held board and committee positions in both the UK Patent and Trade Mark Group (PATMG) and PIUG Inc., the International Society for Patent Information. He is currently a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the Elsevier journal "World Patent Information" and the Council representative for PATMG at CILIP.

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