

PIUG 2012 Annual Conference Workshop

Multi-, Tri- and Bi- ; An Exercise in Lateral Thinking for the Patent Searcher

Time and location

Saturday, April 28: 1:00pm – 5:00pm; Nat Hill Room

Abstract

In recent decades, the patent system in all its aspects has increasingly moved away from each national office working in isolation, and much more towards collaboration, work-sharing and mutual recognition arrangements. Different agreements can have an impact on each part of the patenting process, and also upon the work of the patent searcher and analyst. This workshop will examine the general environment (the impact of TRIPS, regional treaties like OAPI, ARIPO, EAPO, the proposed Unitary Patent) as well as specific arrangements which affect the application (the PCT), prosecution (the PPH, sub-contracted examination and search), recognition of granted rights (the recent EPO-Morocco memorandum) and litigation (Unified Patent Court) of patents. The work of the Trilateral offices and the IP5 in developing common working practices will also be reviewed.

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- Stephen's Tireless Service to PIUG,
- Ten Years of Excellent Patent Searching Workshops,
- Membership of the PIUG Board of Directors 2002 to 2006,
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