

PIUG 2011 Annual Conference Workshop

Understanding the World's Major Patent Classification Schemes

Time and location

Tuesday, May 24: 3:15pm-6:15pm. Plenary Room (Regency A/B/C)

Abstract

Successful searches for areas of technology where US and European companies compete heavily with Asian companies often require the combined use of all available classification schemes. This session will compare the overall concept and philosophy of IPC, ECLA (the EPO's classification system), USPC (the United States classification system), and of the FI and F-terms classification systems created by the Japan Patent Office (JPO). Participants will learn about the strengths and shortcomings of each classification scheme and how to select the best classification to execute effective searches. The session will illustrate ways of identifying relevant classification symbols and demonstrate searches with IPC, ECLA and FI/F-terms.

Presenters

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Biographies

Christopher Kim is currently the CPC Program Coordinator at the USPTO, where he is responsible for the implementation of CPC within USPTO. Christopher has over 14 years of experience working on international projects, including Trilateral and IP5 harmonization projects. He was involved in the reform of the IPC at the outset from 1999 to 2005, as well as the Trilateral Classification Working Group, and the IP5 WG1 Working Group on Classification. His areas of expertise include patent information, documentation, standards, data exchange and classification.

Dr. Pierre Held started to work for the European Patent Office in 1997, as a patent examiner in Pure and Applied Organic Chemistry. In 2004 he joined EPO's Classification Directorate. He is currently EPO's Trilateral and IP5 Common Hybrid Classification (CHC) project manager. In this function he's been representing the EPO in meetings of the Trilateral and IP5 Working Groups on Classification as well as at WIPO's classification bodies (ALS, IPC/WG and IPC Committee of Experts). He is a member of the Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC) Implementation Group.

Jutta Hausser studied Japanese and Chinese studies at the University of Munich (Germany) and holds a PhD in Japanese Studies. She has spent several years in Taiwan and Japan doing research. She joined the European Patent Office in 2007. As a member of the EPO's Asian patent information team, she is mainly responsible for Japanese patent information. She carries out searches in Japanese databases and regularly gives courses on Asian patent information.