PIUG Patent Searching Fundamentals - Faculty Biographies

Stephen Adams

Stephen Adams is the managing director of Magister Ltd., a UK-based consultancy specialising in patents information. Mr. Adams is a Qualified Patent Information Professional (number 20190044100092) and holds a B.Sc. in chemistry from the University of Bristol and an M.Sc. in Information Science from City University, London, as well as professional memberships of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) and the UK's Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP). He is the author of three editions of "Information Sources in Patents", the latest published in 2020 by Walter de Gruyter KG, contributed several book chapters and written numerous articles in the field of patent information, including over 20 refereed papers for the Elsevier journal "World Patent Information". His professional service includes the Editorial Advisory Board of "World Patent Information" between 2006-2020 and three terms on the Board of PIUG Inc., the International Society for Patent Information, as Director-at-Large (2002-2006) and Vice-Chair (2014-2016 and 2016-2018), as well as service on the management committee of the UK's Patent and Trade Mark Group over many years. He received the PIUG's Special Recognition Award in 2008 and the IPI Award in 2012 for outstanding contribution to patent information.

Dominic DeMarco

Dominic DeMarco is an expert in the field of patent searching. His specialty is the broad swath of engineering technologies including biomedical, chemical, computer, electrical, and mechanical. Dominic is a registered US Patent Agent and has been teaching patent search classes for over a decade. In his free time, he manages patent search firm DeMarco IP and goes on ridiculously long bicycle rides.

Anthony (Tony) Trippe

Anthony (Tony) Trippe is Managing Director of Patinformatics, LLC. Patinformatics is an advisory firm specializing in patent analytics and landscaping to support decision making for technology-based businesses. In addition to operating Patinformatics, Mr. Trippe is also an Adjunct Professor of IP Management and Markets at Illinois Institute of Technology teaching a course on patent analysis, and landscapes for strategic decision making. Tony is an influential thought leader in the patent analysis space, wrote the Guidelines for the Preparation of Patent Landscape Reports for the World Intellectual Property Organization, has been named one of the Top 300 IP Strategists by IAM Magazine, and is the developer of ML4Patents.com the industry's online resource for the use of machine learning and artificial intelligence in the field of Intellectual Property.

Martha Yates

Martha Yates is currently a Principal Information Scientist for Bayer Crop Science in St. Louis. Prior to that, she was a patent scientist and a scientific searcher. Martha has been in the information industry for over 25 years with Bayer, Monsanto and Mallinckrodt Medical. She has a B.A. in Biology from Colorado College and a M.S. in Biochemistry and M.S.L.S. in Library Science from the University of Kentucky. She is also a registered patent agent and a registered

Qualified Patent Information Professional (QPIP). Martha was the chair of PIUG from 2016-2020 and is currently the immediate past chair until 2022. She was the recipient of the PIUG Stu Kaback Business Impact Award in 2020.

John Zabilski

John is the Chair of the PIUG Education Committee and a Senior Principal Customer Success Specialist at Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS). He has been training and consulting on how to search for patent information for over thirty years. John has provided onsite and online training in the agro, biotech, chemical, pharma and polymer areas for many organizations including 3M, AbbVie, Corteva, Dow, Lilly, Lubrizol, P&G, Pfizer and many universities. Some of his personal milestones include training at 10 patent offices around the world, contributing to presentations for the WIPO Technology Innovation Support Centers (TISC), and presenting at AALL, ACS, PIUG, SLA and world online meetings including the China Patent Annual Conference in Beijing. John is a Registered U.S. Patent Agent and a Qualified Patent Information Professional (QPIP).