Title: **STN Patent Forum**

**Time and location:**

Friday, October 30: 9:00am – 11:50am; Socio Virtual Conference App

**Abstract:**

- **Topics**
  - *What’s New on STN?*
  - *Performing Effective Freedom to Operate Searches on STNext®*

**Presenter:**

**John Zabilski**, CAS; **Jim Brown**, FIZ-Karlsruhe

**Background:**

**John Zabilski** – John is currently a Senior Principal Customer Success Specialist at Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) who’s main responsibility is training strategic accounts on SciFinder-n and STNext. John has been employed by CAS for 39 years serving in editorial and several technical positions, is a registered US Patent Agent (No. 59,626), and the chair of the PIUG Education and Training Committee.

**Jim Brown** - Jim is presently the Senior Key Account Manager for FIZ Karlsruhe in the U.S. His current duties at FIZ Karlsruhe Inc. include sales, customer trainings, authoring workshop manuals and presentations, and representing FIZ at conferences and exhibits. Jim was on the PIUG Board of Directors from June 2010 to June 2012 in the position of secretary; from June 2012 to the present he has served on the PIUG Board of Directors as Vice-Chair.