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*Event chaired by Dominika Baráč
on behalf of the European Patent Academy*

Public event: How to understand search reports and written opinions

Room: Julio Delicado

08.45 Registration

09.00 Welcome

*Patricia García-Escudero Márquez, Director General,
SPTO*

*Niels Stevnsborg, senior content expert, European
Patent Academy, EPO*

09.15 Patent procedures

- The patent procedure under the European Patent Convention
- The patent procedure under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Sonsoles Hernanz Albi, patent examiner, EPO

10.00 The structure of a search report

- Citations and their categories
- Additional information in the report
- Practical examples

Rob Chapman, patent examiner, EPO

10.45 Coffee break

11.15 Non-standard search reports

- Different reasons for non-standard search reports
- Additional information in the report
- Practical examples

Rob Chapman

- 12.00 The European search opinion (EPC)
and written opinion (PCT)**
– Legal basis and structure
– Prior-art documents
– Novelty and inventive step
Sonsoles Hernanz Albi
- 12.45 Lunch break
- 13.45 Exercises on understanding search reports
and opinions**
– European search reports and opinions
– Non-standard search reports and opinions
Sonsoles Hernanz Albi and Rob Chapman
- 14.45 A practical case of patent prosecution at the EPO**
Rob Chapman
- 15.15 Coffee break
- 15.45 Use of search reports and written opinions in the
framework of patent information and economic
intelligence**
Stephen Adams, Magister Ltd., United Kingdom
Francisco Bernardo Noriega, European patent attorney, Spain
- 17.00 Questions and answers**
- 17.15 Closure of public event**
*Isabel Serin   Ram  rez, Technical Advisor, Patent
and Technology Information Department, SPTO*
Dominika Bar   
- 17.30 End of public event

Speakers

Dominika Baráč

Examiner, Healthcare, Biotechnology and Chemistry
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Dominika studied food technology and biotechnology at the Technical University of Munich. Before joining the EPO as an examiner in 2008, she worked as a product and process development manager for frozen bakery products. At the EPO she works in food science and technology. Her tasks include search, examination, classification, opposition and chairing oral proceedings in both examination and opposition. She passed the European qualifying examination in 2014.

Rob Chapman

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Rob studied medical biochemistry at the University of Sheffield, wrote his doctoral thesis at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich and holds a Master's degree in business administration from the Open University. He worked as a research scientist before joining the EPO in 2008 as an examiner in the area of immunotherapeutics (vaccines and antibodies). In addition to searching, examining and classifying patent applications, he examines opposition cases and provides training in seminars for the European Patent Academy.

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Sonsoles studied aerospace engineering at the technical universities of Madrid and Braunschweig. After working in the field of airports and air transport and as a teaching assistant at the Technical University of Munich, she joined the EPO in 2011, where she works as an examiner in the field of machine tools and welding technologies. She is experienced in search, examination, opposition and classification and passed the European qualifying examination in 2016.

Stephen Adams

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Stephen is the managing director of Magister Ltd., a UK-based consultancy specialising in patent information and founded in 1997. He holds a BSc in chemistry from the University of Bristol and an MSc in information science from City University, London. He is the author of two editions of “Information Sources in Patents”, published by Walter de Gruyter KG, and serves on the editorial advisory board of the Elsevier journal “World Patent Information”. In 2012 he received the IPI Award for outstanding contributions to patent information.

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Francisco has an MSc in organic chemistry (Oviedo University) and a diploma in industrial property and European patent litigation (CEIPI). He is a qualified European patent attorney. With over 27 years' experience in IP, as an EPO examiner, head of IP at a pharma company and latterly a founding partner of ABG Patentes, he advises major pharma firms on building patent portfolios, patent litigation and supplementary protection certificates and also works in materials sciences and biotechnology. He sits on the epi's Council and pharma and biotech committees and founded and co-ordinates the CEIPI-epi European Patent Law course in Spain.

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