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Public event

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Room: Adriatic

*Moderated by Dominique Winne on behalf
of the European Patent Academy, EPO*

08.45 Registration

09.00 Welcome

Ljiljana Kuterovac, Director General, State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia
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
- Rainer Kaysan, examiner, EPO*

10.00 The structure of a search report

- Citations and their categories
 - Additional information in the report
 - Practical examples
- Luís Martins Lopes, examiner, EPO*

10.45 Coffee break

11.00 Non-standard search reports

- Different reasons for non-standard search reports
 - Additional information in the report
 - Practical examples
- Rainer Kaysan, examiner, EPO*

- 11.45 The European search opinion (EPC) and written opinion (PCT)**
– Legal basis and structure
– Prior-art documents
– Novelty and inventive step
Luís Martins Lopes, examiner, EPO
- 12.30 Lunch break
- 13.30 Exercises on understanding a search report and opinion**
– European search report and search opinion
– Non-standard search reports and opinions
Rainer Kaysan and Luís Martins Lopes, examiners, EPO
- 14.30 A practical case of patent prosecution at the European Patent Office**
Rainer Kaysan and Luís Martins Lopes, examiners, EPO
- 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
- 16.30 Questions and answers**
- 17.00 Closure of the public event**
- 17.15 End of the public event

Speakers

Stephen Adams

Managing Director of Magister Ltd., Victoria, Roche, Cornwall, UK

Stephen Adams is the managing director of Magister Ltd., a UK-based consultancy specialising in patent information founded in 1997. Mr Adams holds a BSc in chemistry from the University of Bristol and an MSc in information science from City University, London, and is a member of both the Royal Society of Chemistry and the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP). 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”. He received the IPI Award in 2012 for outstanding contribution to patent information. He is the current Vice-Chair of PIUG Inc., the International Society for Patent Information.

Rainer Kaysan

Examiner, Joint Cluster Vehicles and General Technology, EPO, The Hague

Rainer Kaysan is an aeronautical engineer. He studied at the University of the Armed Forces in Munich, graduating in 1999 with a speciality in system dynamics and artificial intelligence. During his career as an officer in the German Air Force he was mainly involved in military aircraft development, testing and entry into service. Mr Kaysan joined the EPO in 2006, where he works in search, examination and opposition in the field of aircraft, aviation and cosmonautics. Besides these core tasks, Mr Kaysan is also involved in business transformation and IT development to support his fellow examiners and administrative staff.

Luís Martins Lopes

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Luís Martins Lopes is a chemist. He graduated with a master's degree in analytical chemistry from the University of Aveiro in Portugal and obtained a PhD in electrochemistry/radiochemistry from the University of Liège in Belgium. He worked as a research fellow at the University of Reims in France before joining the EPO in 1997 as a search examiner in the field of materials and methods for graphic technologies. Currently he is involved in search, examination and opposition of patent applications in the fields of batteries and fuels cells, as well as metallurgy. He also coaches new recruits to the EPO.

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Dominique Winne graduated from the Catholic University College of Bruges-Ostend, Belgium, with an engineering degree in electricity/electronics in 1999. In 2000, he obtained an MSc in communications systems and signal processing and in 2005 a PhD in image communication from the University of Bristol, UK. Mr Winne joined the EPO in 2004 as an examiner and has worked in different areas of audio, video and media, in particular in the fields of colour correction for printers, pattern recognition and digital watermarking. Since 2008, he has been involved in lecturing for the European Patent Academy and coaching new recruits to the EPO. As an examiner, he regularly chairs examining divisions during oral proceedings and is involved in opposition procedures.

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