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**PIUG 2010 Annual Conference**  
An International Conference for Patent Information Professionals

*"Moving Targets: Current & Future Best Practices and Opportunities for  
Patent Information Professionals."*

*Saturday, May 1st to Thursday, May 6th 2010*

*Hilton Baltimore Convention Center  
Inner Harbor Baltimore, Maryland*

Conference website: <http://www.piug.org/2010/an10meet.php>

Dear PIUG Members,

Now is the member exclusive period for registering for the meeting. Registration has opened to the general public on **March 1, 2010**.

As many of you know, the PIUG Annual Conference is a great opportunity to network with colleagues from around the world, visit vendors to learn about enhancements and suggest improvements, stay up to date on best practices, learn of new software and new products, attend workshops given by leaders in the fields, get involved in the patent information profession, and share one's knowledge with other patent information professionals.

This year's theme "["Moving Targets: Current & Future Best Practices and Opportunities for Patent Information Professionals."](#)" will aim to offer views from patent information professionals and others who have worked with moving targets in the area of patent information. The conference will feature world-renowned experts on patent information for technology research and planning, for legal organizations, and for overall corporate IP management (technology licensing and related activities). The conference will include many opportunities for discussion and part of Tuesday afternoon will be dedicated to visiting the exhibit hall. Many workshops will also be held in conjunction with this meeting (before and after the technical sessions). This year, we are very pleased and honored that **Robert L. Stoll, Commissioner for Patents, USPTO**, has agreed to give the **Keynote Speech** for the meeting.

Attendees typically have a professional, scientific, or technical interest in patents and represent a multitude of companies. Previous meetings in Crystal City, Virginia and San Antonio, Texas, drew enthusiastic groups of over 390 and 320 people, respectively, to the three-day technical sessions. Nearly one-fifth of the attendees were international; that is, attendees came from Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy,

Japan, Netherlands, the Russian Federation, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. We expect about 400 attendees in 2010.

## Registration

### Registration Fees

Conference Fees	By March 31	April 1 to April 28	Onsite
PIUG Member	\$395	\$550	\$550
Non-member (opens March 1, 2010)	\$450	\$550	\$550
Students, Unemployed, Full-time Retirees*	\$125	\$180	\$180

\* Students, unemployed, full-time retirees must be PIUG members. Students must submit a valid copy of their student ID or letter from their Program Director validating their student status.

To qualify for the member registration fee, the registrant must have renewed their membership in PIUG for 2010. (To establish or renew PIUG membership go to the [PIUG membership](#) page.) Registration fee includes all breakfasts, lunches, and refreshments during conference breaks Monday-Wednesday, the Sunday Welcome Reception, and the Tuesday night ice cream social.

#### Registration includes:

- PIUG Business Meeting Sunday afternoon, May 2.
- First-Time Attendees Reception, Sunday night, May 2
- Welcome Reception, Sunday night, May 2.
- IPI-Award Ceremony & Dinner, Monday night, May 3
- IFFI Players Production and dessert reception- Tues, May 4
- Conference breakfasts, lunches, and refreshments during meeting breaks, Mon. – Wed., May 3 – 5.
- USPTO Workshop on US Classification Code Searching – Thurs, May 6

### Two Easy Ways to Register in Advance

- On the Web

Use the online process for regular attendee registration or for sponsor or exhibitor attendee registration and pay by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Personal or Corporate American Express credit cards.

- By Mail

Obtain a printable form as either a Microsoft Word or Adobe pdf document. Mailed Registration forms MUST be accompanied by check, or money order. Forms received without payment will NOT be processed. Funds must be in U.S. dollars and drawn on a US Bank. Checks or money orders should be made payable to PIUG. (For accounting purposes, the PIUG Federal Tax ID number is 38-3449639.). Send the completed form and payment (check or money order only) to:

**PIUG Annual Conference**  
**7044 South 13th Street**  
**Oak Creek, WI 53154**

Please allow seven to ten business days for processing of form.

#### Registration Questions

Contact Experient: +1 (330) 425-9330 (phone) or email, [piugannual@experient-inc.com](mailto:piugannual@experient-inc.com).

#### Registration Deadlines

- March 31, 2010 Early Bird Deadline
- March 1, 2010 Early Bird non-member registration begins

- By April 3, 2010 Full refund of registration fee
- After April 3, 2010 No refund
- April 28, 2010 End of Advanced Registration

**Early Bird Deadline**

The deadline for early bird registration is March 31, 2010. Registration forms must be postmarked by that date to qualify for the early bird rate. Web registrations must be entered by 12 midnight EST on March 31 to qualify.

**Substitutions, Cancellations and Refunds**

All changes, substitutions, and cancellations must be made in writing and sent to Experient by email or by fax at +1 (330) 963-0319. Substitutions may be made without penalty.

**Deadlines for refund of conference registration fees**

The full conference registration fee is refundable prior to April 4, 2010. To cancel your registration and receive a refund (less 10% administrative fees) before this date, please contact Experient. No-shows will not receive refunds of any fees paid.

**Confirmations**

Confirmations will be sent via e-mail to registrants within one week of receipt. If an e-mail address is not provided, or if an e-mail sent to you is returned as undeliverable, you will receive a confirmation via fax or regular mail within 5-7 business days.

**On-site Registrations**

Full conference registrations will be accepted on site. However, you should contact Experient to determine if space is still available prior to making your travel plans.

On-site registration will be available at no additional fee, provided space is available, although attendees are encouraged to register in advance. We cannot guarantee that registrations received after April 28, 2010 will be processed prior to the conference.

**Special Needs**

If you have special needs and require accommodation to fully participate, please e-mail a description of your requirements by April 3, 2010 to Experient. Should you require special hotel accommodations, please email a description of your requirements to Experient at piugannual@experient-inc.com.

**Hotel Reservations**

Please contact the Hilton Baltimore Convention Center hotel at phone number and use the registration web address listed above.

**Exhibitor and Sponsor Registration**

All exhibitors and their staff must register to be admitted to the exhibit hall and/or the technical session. Registration fees must be paid by all exhibitors and their staff if not eligible for a complimentary sponsor registration. The number of free registrations is sponsorship level dependent. Please contact Experient at +1 (330) 425-9330 if you have any registration-related questions. For other exhibit-related questions, contact Helen Yun at yunhelen @ yahoo.com. For questions about sponsorship, contact Denise Fobare-Deponio at denisefd @ aol.com.

**At-Conference Matters**

**PIUG Registration Desk**

The PIUG Registration Desk will be open during the following times for conference attendees to pick up their PIUG Badge and other conference materials:

Saturday, May 1	noon to 3:00 pm
Sunday, May 2	5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Monday, May 3	7:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, May 4	7:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday, May 5	7:00 am to noon

### **Name Badges**

Name badges will be supplied when you arrive at the conference, and are required for admission to all events and the exhibit hall.

### **Training Opportunities**

Information on additional training opportunities held in conjunction with this conference can be found at the [Workshop](#) page of this PIUG 2010 Annual Conference website.

### **Conference Presentations**

Please note that handouts of the presentation slides will not be given out at the conference. Presentations will be made available on the [PIUG Members Only](#) web pages shortly after the conference. To be able to access those handouts, be sure to join PIUG or renew your membership online via the [PIUG membership](#) web page.

PIUG would like to thank the following companies and organizations for generously providing support for this year's conference!

For an updated listing, please visit <http://www.piug.org/2010/an10sponsors.php>.

#### **Emerald**

- Questel
- Thomson Reuters

#### **Diamond**

- STN

#### **Sapphire**

- BizInt Solution (meeting books)
- LexisNexis
- Matrixward

#### **Amethyst**

- Intellixir
- Minesoft
- Ocean Tomo
- Search Technology/Vantage Point
- SumoBrain
- Technology & Patent Research (TPR) International (meeting bags)

#### **Exhibitor**

- Dolcera
- East Linden
- European Patent Office
- Generics Web
- Global Language Translation and Consulting
- IFI Patent Intelligence
- Inspec
- Intellectual Property Publishing House
- Quosa
- Parthys Patent Eagle
- RWS Group
- WIPO

## Technical Session - Preliminary Agenda

See <http://www.piug.org/2010/an10prog.php> for accurate Program information.

Monday-Wednesday, May 3-5, 2010

The conference will feature world-renowned experts on patent information for technology research and planning, for legal organizations, and for overall corporate IP management (technology licensing and related activities). The conference will include many opportunities for discussion and part of Tuesday afternoon will be dedicated to visiting the exhibit hall. Many workshops will also be held in conjunction with this meeting (before and after the technical sessions).

### Sunday, May 2

- PIUG Business Meeting
- First Time Attendee Welcome
- Welcome Reception

### Monday, May 3 Morning

7:30-8:30am	<b>Breakfast</b> Location: Exhibits Hall – Holiday 4-6
8:30-8:50am	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Cynthia Barcelon Yang</i> , PIUG Chair, Bristol-Myers Squibb
8:50-9:00am	<b>Brian Stockdale Award Presentation</b> <i>Edlyn Simmons</i> , PIUG Director-at-large
9:00-10:00am	<b>Keynote Address</b> <i>Robert L. Stoll</i> , Commissioner for Patents, USPTO
10:00-10:30am	<b>Break –</b> Sponsored by TBA
10:30-noon	<b>Updates from Patent Offices</b> Chairperson – <i>Stephen Adams</i> , Magister Ltd.
	<b>Update from Brazil Patent Office</b> <i>Lucy Mary Gonzalez</i> , Brazil Patent Office
	<b>Update from South Africa Patent Office</b> TBA, South African Patent Office
	<b>Update from USPTO</b> TBA, USPTO
	<b>Update from Australian Patent Office</b> TBA, Australian Patent Office
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>

### Monday, May 3 Afternoon

	<b>Lunch – PIUG Service Awards</b> Sponsored by TBA Location: Key Ballroom 9-12
1:30-3:00pm	<b>Moving Targets from Changes to Practices of USPTO – Opening Remarks</b> Chairperson – <i>Martin Goffman</i> , Sequence Base Corporation
	<b>Do You Own Your Genes? - The Future of Gene Patents</b>

	<i>Martin Goffman</i> , Sequence Base Corporation
	<b>Updates on US Patent Law and Practice</b> <i>Rick Neifeld</i> , Neifeld IP Law PC
	<b>TBA</b> <i>Ric Henschel</i> , Foley & Lardner
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
	<b>Product Reviews</b>
	<b>Break –</b> Sponsored by TBA
3:45-5:30pm	<b>Other Moving Targets for Patent Professionals – Opening Remarks</b> Chairperson – <i>tba</i> ,
	<b>A Status Update on the Development of Certification of Patent Information Professionals</b> <i>Aalt van de Kuilen</i> , Solvay
	<b>PIUG Update on Certification Program - PETT Initiatives</b> <i>Susan Hantos</i> , Davies Collison Cave
	<b>Patent Information Retrieval Contest (PIRC) 2009 in Japan</b> <i>Yoshiharu Nakade</i> , PIRC
	<b>Evaluating the Effectiveness of Patent Search Systems</b> <i>John Tait</i> , IRF
6:30pm-	<b>IPI Award Dinner</b> Cocktails at 6:30pm (cash bar), dinner at 7:15pm Sponsored by PIUG Location: Key Ballroom 9-12

**Tuesday, May 4  
Morning**

7:30-8:30am	<b>Breakfast</b> Sponsored by TBD Location: Exhibits Hall – Holiday 4-6
8:30-10:00am	<b>Patent Analysis in the World of Moving Targets – Opening Remarks</b> Chairperson – <i>Tony Trippe</i> , 3LP Advisors
	<b>Computer Curation of Intellectual Property &amp; Scientific Content</b> <i>Steve Boyer</i> , IBM
	<b>Statistical Analysis, a tool to evaluate many facets of a technology</b> <i>Pierre Buffet</i> , Questel
	<b>Towards Open, Scalable and Flexible Technology Platforms for Patent Informatics</b> <i>Nalin Agrawal</i> , Inrea Research Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
	<b>Product Reviews</b>
	<b>Break –</b> Sponsored by TBA/td>
10:45am-noon	<b>Life Beyond Patent Information – Opening Remarks</b> <i>Martin Goffman</i> , Sequence Base Corporation
	<b>Product Reviews</b>

**Tuesday, May 4**

## Afternoon

	<b>Lunch</b> Sponsored by TBA Location: Key Ballroom 9-12
1:30-3:30pm	<b>Moving Targets in Search Techniques and Tools – Opening Remarks</b> Chairperson – <i>TBA</i> ,
	<b>Product Reviews</b>
	<b>Defining Rules for Selecting Information in Multi-Database Patent Reports</b> <i>Diane Webb</i> , BizInt
	<b>Natural Language v. Boolean: Sorting Out Natural Language, Semantic Search and Taxonomic Queries in Patent Searching</b> <i>Kris Atkinson</i> , Boston Scientific Corp
	<b>A Patent Research Best Practice: Using semantic search technology to overcome research challenges</b> <i>Mike Hudelson</i> , LexisNexis
	<b>Revisiting INPADOC</b> <i>Stephen Adams</i> , Magister Ltd.
	<b>Product Reviews</b>
3:30-6:00pm	<b>Extended Break and Exhibit Room Open for Product Reviews</b> Break Sponsored by TBA
4:00-5:00pm	<a href="http://www.piug.org/2010/an10work.php">http://www.piug.org/2010/an10work.php</a> - <b>tuesdayWorkshops</b>
7:30pm-	<b>IFFI Play and Dessert Reception</b> Location: Peale A-C

## Wednesday, May 5 Morning

7:30-8:30am	<b>Breakfast</b> Sponsored by PIUG Location: Exhibits Hall – Holiday 4-6
8:30-10:00am	<b>Moving Targets: Current &amp; Future Best Practices in Searching, Reporting and Analyzing – Opening Remarks</b> Chairperson – <i>TBA</i> ,
	<b>Moving Beyond Patents - the Developing Role of the IP Information Specialist as an Integral Part of Business Success</b> <i>David Brown</i> , Thomson Reuters
	<b>SIMPLE: A Platform for Deriving Business Value from Patent Information</b> <i>W Scott Spangler</i> , IBM
	<b>Objectively assessing patent quality using sophisticated statistical models and predictive analytics tools</b> <i>Jonathan Barney</i> , Ocean Tomo
	<b>Break –</b> Sponsored by
10:30am-noon	<b>Patent Information in the Age of Outsourcing – Opening Remarks</b> Chairperson – <i>Bruce Mason</i> , CibaVision
	<b>Outsourcing - Meeting Challenges and Generating Opportunities</b> <i>James Grant</i> , SciMed Partners

	<b>Outsourcing Opportunities in the Patent Analytics Area of Developing Countries: A Case Study on India</b> <i>Srinivasan Parthiban, Patent Eagle</i>
	<b>The 5 Things You Must Know Before Outsourcing to India</b> <i>David Gange, Nanobiz LLC</i>
	<b>Eye on Asia</b> <i>Brian Sweet, CAS</i>
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 5</b> <b>Afternoon</b>	
	<b>Lunch</b> including Bingo Card drawing Sponsored by Location: Key Ballroom 9-12
1:30-3:00pm	<b>Roundtable Discussion on Moving Targets – Opening Remarks</b> Chairperson – <i>Lucy Akers, Bristol-Myers Squibb</i>
	<b>Roundtable Discussion on Moving Targets – Session 1</b>
	<b>Roundtable Discussion on Moving Targets – Session 2</b>
	<b>Break –</b> Sponsored by
3:30-5:30pm	<b>Moving Targets: Current &amp; Future Best Practices in Searching, Reporting and Analyzing - Part 2 – Opening Remarks</b> Chairperson – <i>Zhifu Shu, ExxonMobil</i>
	<b>Finding the Synergy Need to Create a Strategic Patent Portfolio</b> <i>Fonda J. Daniels, SAS</i>
	<b>Mechanical Patent Searching: A Moving Target</b> <i>Dominic DeMarco, DeMarco IP</i>
	<b>Patent Information Services in China</b> <i>Huabing Liu, IPPH</i>
	<b>Patents as a Moving Target</b> Chairperson – <i>Ron Kaminecki, Dialog</i>
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <i>Doreen Alberts, PIUG Vice Chair, Theravance Inc.</i>
Evening (time to be determined)	<b>Committee Meetings (signup and make arrangements at the Conference.</b>

\*\*\*Please note that there will be 5 minute sponsor product reviews interspersed throughout the technical sessions on Monday and Tuesday\*\*\*

Please visit the Program Agenda website at <http://www.piug.org/2010/an10prog.php> for more updates.



## Preliminary Workshop Schedule

The following workshops are being offered in conjunction with the PIUG 2010 Annual Conference. Please note that you must register separately for each workshop. As space is limited please register early. Early bird registration deadline for workshops is **March 31**. Regular registration fees apply thereafter or until the workshop fills up. Workshop schedule is subject to change.

### Saturday, May 1

Instructor	Workshop	Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Stephen Adams, Magister Ltd.	<a href="#">Understanding patent litigation: procedures and information sources</a>	1:00pm-4:30pm	Peale A-C	For fee*	Registration link pending

\* Note that discounted fees are available to people who register for both Stephen Adams' and Edlyn Simmons' workshops.

### Sunday, May 2

Instructor	Workshop	Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Edlyn Simmons	<a href="#">Patent Law Basics for Patent Searchers</a>	8:00am-noon	Peale C	For fee*	Registration link pending
Barry Brager, Perception Partners	Automating Patent Analysis: Best Practices for Reliably Exploiting Global Information Sources	8:00am-noon	Johnson B	For fee	Registration link pending
WIPO	WIPO's Patentscope Services	8:30am-9:30am	Johnson A	Free	Registration link pending
BizInt	Creating Reference Rows with BizInt Smart Charts 4.0	9:00am-11:00am	Peale B	Free	Registration link pending
STN	<a href="#">Structure Searching Derwent World Patents Index (DWPI) using STN Express</a>	9:00am-11:00am	Peale A	Free	<a href="#">Registration</a>
Minesoft	Minesoft's PatBase enhancements	10:00am-11:00am	Johnson A	Free	<a href="#">Registration</a>
Questel	Get the best IP Practices out of orbit.com, Questel's new patent portal	11:30am-2:00pm	Latrobe	Free	<a href="#">Registration</a>
Thomson Reuters	Powering Your IP Research with Citation Analysis	2:15pm-3:30pm	Johnson B	Free	Registration link pending

### Tuesday, May 4

Instructor	Workshop	Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Dolcera	Dolcera Patent Dashboard Workbench	4:00pm-5:00pm	Holiday	Free	<a href="#">Registration</a>
Intellixir	Intellixir system	4:00pm-5:00pm	Marshall BR	Free	<a href="#">Registration</a>
Ocean Tomo	Enhanced Patent Analysis Using the Ocean Tomo Suite of Software Solutions	4:00pm-5:00pm	Pickersgill	Free	<a href="#">Registration</a>

## Thursday, May 6

Instructor	Workshop	Time	Location	Cost	Registration
STN	STN Patent Forum	9:00am-4:00pm	Ruth	Free	<a href="#">Registration</a>
Steve Melnick and Terry Mackey, USPTO	<a href="#">USPTO Classification Workshop: What's Going on at PTO Related to Classification and Search</a>	9:30am-11:30am	Peale B-C	Free	Registration link pending
Inspec	Importance of non-patent literature in the patent process	8:00am-9:00am	Johnson A	Free	Registration link pending
Search Technology	Improving your Vantage Point on Patent Information - Leveraging Non-Patent Content	9:30am-10:30am	Johnson A	Free	<a href="#">Registration</a>
Tom Wolff	<a href="#">Learning and Sharing: Getting the Most out of the PIUG Wiki</a>	9:00am-10:00am	Latrobe	Free	Registration link pending
Matrixware	Leonardo visual workflow platform for the patent searcher	9:30am-11:30am	Johnson B	Free	Registration link pending
LexisNexis	Deep Patent Research Using LexisNexis IP Solutions with Semantic Search	9:00am-11:00am	Peale A	Free	<a href="#">Registration</a>
Tom Wolff	<a href="#">Learning and Sharing: Getting the Most out of the PIUG Wiki</a>	11:00am-12:00pm	Latrobe	Free	Registration link pending
Steve Melnick and Terry Mackey, USPTO	<a href="#">USPTO Classification Workshop: Case Studies in the Chemical, Electrical and Mechanical Disciplines</a>	1:00pm-3:00pm	Peale B-C	Free	Registration link pending

## Evening Activities

**Sunday evening, May 2, 2010:** There will be a First Time Attendee Welcome Reception followed by a Welcome Reception for All Meeting Attendees in the Exhibit Hall with the opening of the Exhibits.

**Monday evening, May 3, 2010:** IPI-Award Ceremony and Dinner Celebration

**Tuesday night play, May 4, 2010 :** Dessert Reception and IFFI play

**Wednesday evening, May 5, 2010:** PIUG Committee Meetings – time and locations to be determined by committee members

We hope that you will enjoy the excellent technical program, designed to provide new learning and networking opportunities for the patent information community. We look forward to seeing you in Baltimore!

## Travel Information

### LOCAL AIRPORTS to Hilton Baltimore

#### Baltimore/Washington International

**Distance from hotel:** 10 mi.

**Drive time:** 15 min.

**Directions:** Take I-195 W to I-295 N to Baltimore. I-295 becomes Russell St. Turn right on Pratt St.

#### Transportation to and from the Airport

Type	Typical Minimum Charge
Limousine	35.00 USD
Super Shuttle	21.00 USD
Rental Car	Rates Vary
Taxi	25.00 USD

#### Washington National Airport

**Distance from hotel:** 41 mi.

**Drive time:** 50 min.

#### Transportation to and from the Airport

Type	Typical Minimum Charge
Limousine	170.00 USD
Super Shuttle	115.00 USD
Rental Car	Rates Vary
Taxi	140.00 USD

#### Washington Dulles International Airport

**Distance from hotel:** 70 mi.

**Drive time:** 75 min.

## Transportation to and from the Airport

Type	Typical Minimum Charge
Limousine	130.00 USD
Rental Car	Rates Vary
Taxi	100.00 USD

## HOTEL

### Hilton Baltimore

401 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland, United States 21201

Tel: 1-443-573-8700 Fax: 1-443-683-8841

**Please note:** If you would like to stay at the Hilton Baltimore, you must make your own hotel reservation directly with the hotel. Registering for the meeting does not reserve a hotel room for you.

A block of rooms have been reserved for April 30, 2010 - May 6, 2010. The special room rate will be available until March 31st or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

2 DOUBLE BEDS - \$ 209.00 USD/Night  
1 KING BED EXECUTIVE FLOOR - \$ 209.00 USD/Night  
1 KING BED - \$ 209.00 USD/Night

## Program Committee

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