

## PIUG 2017 Annual Conference Workshop

### “Making it to the Premiership” – a review of the rising stars in the IP information space.

#### Time and location

Saturday, May 20: 8:45am – 12:30pm; Maplewood Room

#### Abstract

Patentability searches have demanded global coverage for many years, and in many instances novelty-destroying disclosures can be found from amongst the patent documents from the ‘usual suspects’; the IP5 offices, the PCT or a small range of established national offices representing industrialised countries. However, as more FTO work is demanded, there is increasing interest in being able to search for more and more ‘exotic’ countries. In some cases, it may be difficult to locate even the bare minimum of bibliographic information, let alone detailed legal status, and this paucity of data has hindered the addition of these countries into the coverage of family databases. This often leaves searchers reliant upon national-language registers or local search files without sophisticated retrieval capabilities. This workshop will discuss some research focused on identifying some countries with increasingly active IP regimes, and to make the case for their inclusion in the worldwide flow of patent information. Having identified the rising stars, the workshop will review the documentation from each country and assess the impact which their inclusion could have upon value-added search sources.

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Stephen Adams completed a B.Sc. degree in Chemistry at the University of Bristol, UK, followed by an M.Sc. in Information Science from The City University, London, UK. For a number of years, he worked as a technical information searcher in the field of food science at the UK Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food. Following a period as editor of "International Packaging Abstracts" at Pira International, he moved to ICI Agrochemicals (later Zeneca Agrochemicals) to become their principal patent searcher in 1988. He founded Magister Limited in 1997.

Stephen served as the first non-US "Director at Large" for the Patent Information Users Group (PIUG Inc) between 2002 and 2006. He received a Special Recognition Award from the PIUG in May 2008. The citation recorded that this was in Recognition of:

- Stephen's Tireless Service to PIUG,
- Ten Years of Excellent Patent Searching Workshops,
- Membership of the PIUG Board of Directors 2002 to 2006
- Having been voted Favorite Speaker Countless Times

Stephen is a member of the Association of Independent Information Professionals ([AIIP](#)) and is on the editorial board of [World Patent Information](#), The International Journal for Industrial Property Documentation, Information, Classification and Statistics.