

PIUG 2017 Annual Conference Workshop

The EPO Patent Information Products Roadshow - 2017

Time and location

Saturday, May 20: 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Maplewood Room

Abstract

Knowledge is a powerful thing. Intelligence is the ability to apply knowledge to achieve actionable results. Knowledge comes from understanding information, and information is generated when data are codified.

This workshop will show you how the EPO's extensive patent data and comprehensive patent information, collected from multiple sources, worldwide, can deliver you the knowledge and intelligence to achieve the actionable results you need.

The workshop will involve 3 case studies in 3 different technical areas such as smart materials, additive manufacturing and personalized medicine (to be confirmed). Since the workshop is planned to be more of a **'hands-on' type of workshop, participants are urged to bring their own mobile devices or laptops** in order to maximize the learning experience. The format is planned to involve open-ended (i.e. more than one way to do it) "assignments" in each area, using EPO's free-to-use applications.

Presenter

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Nigel Clarke is head of unit and responsible for the EPO's flagship online information services including Espacenet and the European Patent Register.

He specialised in physical chemistry, (with mathematics and physics) at the University of Exeter. Nigel's PhD was in neutron science and he carried out post-doctoral research on carbon fibres at the University of Surrey. Leaving academia, Nigel started work in the UK Scientific Civil Service in research and project management.

He joined the European Patent Office in The Hague as patent examiner and was subsequently IT project manager. Moving to the EPO in Vienna, Nigel took up the positions of international cooperation project manager, and then market researcher.

Nigel has wide experience of interfacing between research scientists and the IP world. He is a Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry, a Member of the Institute of Physics and a Chartered Scientist of the UK Science Council. He has published numerous scientific papers. He is a Visiting Academic Fellow for Innovation Creativity and Entrepreneurship at the Oxford Brookes Business School. He has authored or co-authored several book chapters and papers on patents, patent information, and innovation and has lectured widely on these topics. Nigel serves on the Editorial Board of the Elsevier Journal, World Patent Information.