

PIUG 2019 Annual Conference Workshop
“The wonderful world of WIPO standards”

Time and location:

Wednesday, May 8: 1:00pm – 4:00pm; conference room to be determined

Abstract:

Whether we are aware of it or not, WIPO Standards have a direct impact on how modern patent documentation is collected, published, collated and distributed, both in free and commercial databases. However, adherence to a WIPO standard is rarely mandatory, and even major offices can differ in their interpretation and implementation of them. This workshop will review the range of standards, not just for patents but other IP as well, in order to give an overview of the field. We will discuss the patent information standards in more detail, and seek to understand how patent information specialists can benefit from the resulting data feeds from national and regional patent offices. Instances where patent offices apply different rules will be particularly noted, and the impact of this on how we interpret database records, and indeed on the record structure in some databases.

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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.