Patent seminar series on searching non-patent literature

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Description

Non-patent literature (NPL) is an important category of prior art. In certain technical fields, for example those in standards-driven industries, no search is complete without it. However, unlike patent literature, NPL is often spread across numerous sources with no common classification schemes or retrieval tools.

This seminar series looks at various aspects of searching NPL.

The first seminar explores the basic concepts and covers common NPL search characteristics. It also includes a brief introduction to the main NPL databases and search tools.

The second seminar comprises two sessions. The first of these looks in more detail into standards, as well as some specific NPL databases and the different strategies you can use to search them. The second session dives into searching Asian NPL databases, in particular the principal NPL databases in China, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

Finally, a main-takeaway and wrap-up seminar allows participants to summarise the most valuable information and discuss particular cases or problems they face when searching NPL.

Technical arrangements
The sessions will be held on Zoom.

Seminar series

**Two-hour sessions
10-12.00 hrs**

7 November 2024

**Seminar 1:
Searching NPL: general concepts**

EPO tutor:
Primoz Skulj, patent examiner

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**Seminar 2, session 1:
Searching NPL: standards, databases and field-specific topics**

EPO tutor:
Marco Mele, patent examiner

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**Seminar 2, session 1:
Searching NPL: Asian databases**

EPO tutors:
Jenny Olausson Boulois, patent examiner, and Jutta Hauβer, patent knowledge expert

5 December 2024

**Seminar 3:
Searching NPL: main takeaways and wrap-up**

EPO tutors:
Jenny Olausson Boulois, Marco Mele and Jutta Hauβer