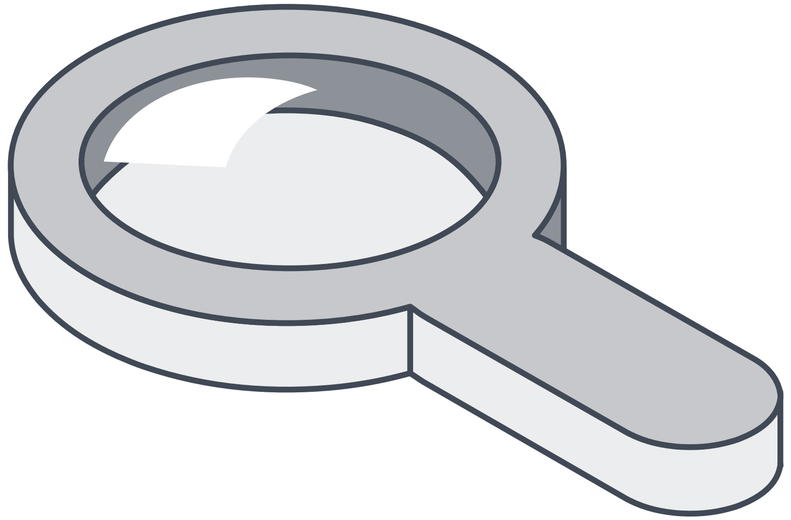
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Mastering the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool: advanced features

Programme | 11 November – 17 November 2026



Format - **Online workshop**

Course reference - **OW35-2026**

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Description

This workshop is intended for examiners from national patent offices who are experienced ANSERA-based SEARCH tool users. The training looks at the particularities of performing searches using the tool's advanced features.

The workshop comprises of two days of online sessions:

– The first day will focus on the analysis of the application, the collecting of information needed to perform an effective search, developing search strategies for your search in patent literature and in non-patent literature, and optimally implementing these strategies at a higher level, all making use of the features and functionalities offered by the Ansera-based SEARCH tool.

– The second day will be about casting the search strategies developed during the first day into concrete searches (search sessions and markers) in the Ansera-based SEARCH tool, carrying out the search, going through the result sets and assessing the information in the prior art documents found. Also the re-use of information from previous searches will be discussed, as well as further possibilities to enhance your search.

The participants will be able to choose between two advanced search cases, one form the electro-mechanical field and one from chemistry-pharmaceutics field. Each day is divided into three parts.

The plenary morning sessions will mostly be dedicated to presenting the theory and introducing the cases, with a lot of room for discussion.

After the plenary morning sessions, the participants will work on their own, applying what was discussed in the morning to the case they selected.

In the second half of the afternoon the day is closed in a plenary session in which results are presented and discussed.

Description

Participants should have completed at least the entry and intermediate-level courses on the ANSERA-based SEARCH tool or have significant experience in using the tool. Advanced features and operators will be discussed in detail, but the basic functions and functionalities are assumed to have been mastered by the participants before the workshop.

Technical requirements
The online sessions will be held on Zoom.
All times given in the programme are CEST.

Duration
7 hours of online sessions and 7 hours of self-study.

Wednesday, 11 November

EPO tutors:
Sébastian Bareyt and Xavier Dauw

09.00 **Zoom link activated**

09.15 **Starting a search, collecting information and search strategies**
- Analysing the application
- Initial search
- Looking at result sets provided by other sources
- Classification
- Data sources
- Strategies

10.45 **Presentation of exercises**

11.00 **End of morning session**

11.15 **Individual work on the cases**
Preparing a short presentation

15.00 **End of individual session**

15.05 **Zoom link activated**

15.20 **Come back session**
- Presentation and discussion of individual results
- Deciding on the search strategies to be implemented on day 2

16.45 **End of afternoon session**

Tuesday, 17 November

EPO tutors:
Xavier Dauw and Sébastian Bareyt

09.00 **Zoom link activated**

09.15 **Implementing the search strategies and carrying out the search**
- Sessions, markers, buckets
- Storing and re-using elements of the strategies
- Going through the result sets
- Optimising the AbS Viewing experience
- Discussion

10.45 **End of morning session**

11.15 **Individual work on the cases**
Preparing a short presentation

15.00 **End of individual session**

15.05 **Zoom link activated**

15.20 **Participants present their implementations and their best prior art document**
- Discussion
- Main takeaways

16.45 **End of afternoon session and closure of the workshop**