

NEWSLETTER FROM STN

Introducing the Agency Staff

A few words aboutMaddy Marley

Maddy has worked at the STN Agency for over 10 years where she specializes in providing support and training for the pharmaceutical industry, as well as giving advice on the Help Desk, writing tailored workshops and assisting in devising search strategies. Prior to that, she was a chemical information specialist at Smith Kline Beecham, as it was known in those days. Her degree is in Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

“STN keeps me in constant face-to-face contact with people, many of whom have now become good friends as well as loyal business contacts. I thoroughly enjoy keeping in touch with them, as well as their new colleagues, and learning about their ever-changing roles. The search queries keep my scientific skills refreshed and make me increasingly pleased that I have stuck to “paper” as opposed to “bench” chemistry”

In her spare time Maddy plays tennis, is an expert weed controller in the garden and enjoys reading anything but science!

Questions from the Help Desk

Have you ever wondered why.....

some substances in Registry have Deleted Registry numbers?

Answer:

After a substance has been registered, a more precise structure may come to light in a later document. For example, a number would have been assigned to a trade-named substance or a natural product for which no structural information was available at the time of registration. Later the structure may be elucidated and found to correspond to a structure already in the file. Since each unique substance has only one Registry Number, all the substance information of the original registration is then transferred to the record for the new number. So the first number assigned becomes replaced and is now the deleted Registry Number in the DR field.

The best way to make sure you get all references relating to that substance is to search in the Registry file first, before crossing the answer L-number over to CAPlus or to other bibliographic files containing Registry Numbers. This way all Registry Numbers for the substance are searched automatically, resulting in complete retrieval. Searching for only the deleted Registry Number would find only older documents relating to the substance.

For information about how Registry Numbers are assigned, follow this link:

<http://www.cas.org/EO/regsys.html>

New version of Express now available

STN Express with *Discover*, Analysis Edition, Version 8.0 is now available for Windows applications. If you have Version 7 the upgrade to 8.0 will cost just £40, plus VAT. To move to Version 8.0 from earlier versions, or to buy your first copy of Express, will require that you

purchase a new licensed copy at £164, plus VAT. These prices are for single-user copies; contact us if you are not sure if you need a multi-user license.

If you already use Express but haven't yet converted to the Analysis Edition now is a very good time to consider this. The benefits include enhanced results analysis, increased security, easier to access content and improved post-processing. This new version builds upon features in the previous versions of the Analysis Edition. A good way to find out more is to come along to one of our User Meetings (see below). You can order the CD-ROM from the STN International website now ready for delivery late June.

See <http://www.stn-international.de/stninterfaces/stnexpress/orderexp.html>.

STN Patent Fixed Fee Plan

Do you have a recognised and growing demand for patent information in your organization? You may be in a position to consider taking up the STN Patent Fixed Fee Plan which would let you budget comfortably your online searching needs over a twelve-month period. There are 31 patent and substance databases included in this offering, making a very attractive option for substantial usage. Please contact us to organise a visit from a STN representative to discuss your interest and provide further details.

Updates and training opportunities:

The STN Agency is now offering all public training courses **free of charge**, but we do reserve the right to cancel courses if there is insufficient interest. We will give you notice of any cancellation at least a week in advance, and ask that you let us know if you have to pull out after registering; this way there will be no costs incurred.

You can also arrange tailored training either at our Cambridge offices or at your own site. See <http://www.rsc.org/Publishing/CurrentAwareness/STN/public.asp> for full details, including workshop descriptions.

For the coming few months here's the programme - there's still time to register!

<u>July</u>	<u>Venue</u>
19 th – Basics for Chemists	Cambridge
20 th – STN Basics	Cambridge
21 st – STN Basics – Next Steps	Cambridge
<u>August</u>	
Summer Specials – Pharma Focus	London
16 th – Searching for Formulations	London
17 th – BioPharmaceutical Searching in a multifile environment	London
18 th – Tracking Generics	London
<u>September</u>	
13 th – Property & Preparation searching	Cambridge
14 th – Beilstein on STN	Cambridge
15 th – STN Basics	Cambridge
20 th – Basics for Chemists	Cambridge
21 st – Structure searching	Cambridge

22 nd – Reaction searching	Cambridge
28 th – Patent Forum	Cambridge

**CAS and FIZ e-seminars:
Web-based seminars that bring professional training to your desktop**

Now you can take part in e-seminars, in English and at European user-friendly times, from two sources. The respective schedules for the next couple of months are as follows:

FIZ seminars:

Pharmaceutical Substances 19 July 2005; 09:00 am

Reaction Searching in Beilstein on STN 10 August 2005; 2:00 pm

Descriptions of each seminar content and registration details can be found at:

http://www.stn-international.de/training_center/e_sem/e_desc.html#ps

CAS seminars:

STN: Advanced Structure Searching with Filters/Screens 14 July 2005; 1.30 pm

STN: Finding Regulatory Information 11 August 2005; 1.30 pm

Descriptions of each seminar content and registration details can be found at:

<http://www.cas.org/training/eseminars/eventdes.html#stnadvancedstructure>

If you do take the opportunity to take part in a seminar, please give us your feedback after the event.

STN User Meetings: London 6 July and Manchester 7 July

Now is your chance to meet with some other STN users, and Agency staff and colleagues at our annual summer STN User Meetings.

The schedule is now ready and can be seen in full at:

<http://www.rsc.org/Publishing/CurrentAwareness/STN/News/STNUserUpdate2005.asp>

In summary, the topics covered will include:

STN Headlines

Using STN to Find Promising New Areas for Research

New Approaches for Analysis of STN Data – STN Express® V8.0 and preview of STN® AnaVist™

Developing Efficient Search Strategies

Chemical and Physical Property Searching on STN

To attend either of these meetings please send us an e-mail to the address at the end of this newsletter.

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