

NEWSLETTER FROM STN September 2005

Introducing the Agency Staff

A few words aboutour new Team Manager Mike Corkill

Goodbye Mike.... Hello Mike.....

The STN Agency for UK and Ireland has a new manager. As we say goodbye to Mike Hannant, who had successfully managed the Agency for the last two years, we welcome Mike Corkill.

Mike is one of RSC Publishing's most experienced staff. He has worked for Sharon Bellard (a previous RSC-STN Manager) and most recently held the responsibility for managing all other RSC database products. He obtained his BSc and PhD from Bristol University and has since accrued over 25 years experience in database and journal publishing.

“With the advent of the web there were many in the scientific community who forecast the demise of bibliographic databases and databanks as publishers of primary, scholarly work and technical data exploited web technology to disseminate their content via their own websites.

I did not share that view then, and I do not now.

More than ever the information professional and (increasingly) end users demand simple yet sophisticated tools to search, retrieve and analyse specialist data through one interface with the confidence that they are capturing all the relevant, available published information. These demands are perfectly satisfied by the portfolio of STN products and services with their timely enhancements. I see a great future for STN. It will be my prime objective to ensure that the Agency continues to deliver the best possible service to you.”

When he has spare time, Mike may be found skiing, snorkelling, bird watching or practising amateur astronomy.

STN AnaVist – powerful new interactive analysis and visualisation software now available

STN AnaVist is powerful interactive analysis and visualization software that offers a variety of ways to analyze search results from scientific literature and patents as well as visualize patterns and trends in the research. STN AnaVist can help you answer complex questions as well as provide information that can be used to make faster and better business decisions.

With STN AnaVist, you can:

- Analyze the patent landscape—determine who, what, where, when, and why
- Track competitive intelligence—find out what your competitors are doing
- Discover new applications for existing technology
- Determine research trends—find whether a particular area of research is on the rise, steady, or declining
- Support strategic business planning

Don't miss this special offer - you can download the software absolutely FREE until 31st December 2005. For further information and download instructions simply go to http://www.stn-international.de/stninterfaces/stnavist/stn_anavist.html.

If you would like to arrange a demonstration to help you decide if STN AnaVist is for you, then please contact us – this is bound to be popular, and you won't want to miss out by delaying!

To get the most from STN AnaVist you might like to consider upgrading your copy of STN Express to Version 8, which allows for efficient transfer of search results. Features of this new version were outlined in our last newsletter (June 2005); alternatively find out more about the software at http://www.stn-international.de/stninterfaces/stnexpress/stn_exp.html

Reminder - STN Patent Fixed Fee Plan

Do you have a recognised and growing demand for patent information in your organization? If so, you should 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 cancel 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 last quarter of 2005 here's the programme - there's still time to register!

October	Venue
6 th – Biomedical searching	Cambridge
12 th – Structure search tips	Cambridge
18 th – STN Basics	Cambridge
19 th – Citation searching	Cambridge
20 th – Using the CA Lexicon	Cambridge
November	
3 rd – STN Express v8.0/AnaVist	Manchester
8 th – Text searching for Biologics	Cambridge
9 th – Sequence searching	Cambridge
10 th – STN Express v8.0/AnaVist	Cambridge
15 th – STN Express v8.0/AnaVist	Cambridge
16 th – STN Basics	Cambridge
17 th – STN Basics – Next steps	Cambridge
December	
13 th – STN Basics	Cambridge
14 th – STN Basics for Chemists	Cambridge
15 th – Structure searching	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.

CAS seminars:

- STN: Stereochemistry in the CAS Registry File 13 October 2005; 1.30 pm
- STN: Finding Clinical Trial and Drug Pipeline Information: 25 October 2005 at 6 pm
AND 10 November 2005 at 1.30 pm
- STN: Multifile Patent Searching: 29 November 2005 at 6pm
AND 8 December 2005 at 1.30 pm
- STN: Using Boolean Operators in Structure Searching: 13 December 2005 at 6pm
AND 12 January 2006 at 1.30 pm

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

<http://www.cas.org/training/schedule.html>

FIZ seminars for the next quarter are still in the planning stage, but are likely to include BEILSTEIN, INPADOC, IPC Reform and STN Express V8.0

Descriptions of each seminar content when available and registration details will be found at:

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

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

Questions from the Help Desk

Have you ever wondered why.....

some substances in Registry have no references in any other STN database?

Answer:

Many substances are registered by CAS when the publication in which they appear is indexed by STN; the databases in which these publications may be found are indicated in the Locator (LC) field. But there are other reasons for a substance to appear in Registry, without any supporting publications, and for which no databases are indicated.

In order to support CAS Registration policies a component of a multicomponent substance such as a salt, copolymer or mixture will receive a Registry number. Although the component itself has no references, the substance of which the component is a part will in many cases have its own references. Similarly, a Ring Parent, ie the main ring system excluding substituents, will have a Registry number but no references, and many of the compounds containing ring systems will have references. Another instance is a translated protein from GenBank; there will only be references associated with sequences containing the same backbone.

Some substances are from chemical libraries. Most of these substances are new registrations not yet linked to the CHEMCATS database, and some have been withdrawn at the supplier's request. A number of agencies have data collections which are not represented in STN databases, yet they have requested registration of substances from these collections. Some examples are the Commission of European Communities, and World Health Organizations. For further information about these, you will need to consult the appropriate agency.

Finally, requests may be received by CAS Client Services for registrations of substances, and no additional information is available.

STN User Meeting: London 28 November

As is customary, there will be a User Meeting prior to Online Information 2005. This is an opportunity to meet with other users as well as STN staff from CAS and FIZ and your local Agency. You can also visit the STN International stand over the following three days 29th November – 1st December at Olympia Grand Hall, where staff will be on hand to give you any information or assistance you may require.

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