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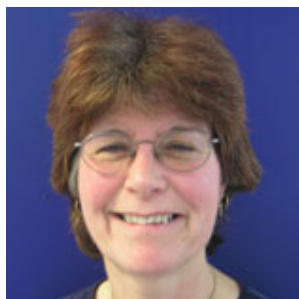
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Introducing the Agency Staff

Ann Ennis started her working life in special libraries and soon added Chartership of the Library Association (now CILIP) to her chemistry degree. After a time involved in marketing software for libraries she started working for the RSC in the Library in Burlington House.



Those of you with long memories may also recall that she spent a short time with STN when the Agency moved to Cambridge in 1988, before taking on a role in RSC Search Services. Ann rejoined the STN Agency on a part-time basis in 2000.

Much of Ann's time is taken up with supporting her two sons through school and sporting achievements. Somehow her editorial and marketing experience has led her to become responsible for publicity on a number of local committees. In those rare free moments she indulges her passion for gardening and environmental matters.

Special Offer for AnaVist – Available to 31 August 2006

Have you downloaded STN AnaVist yet? If not, do you realise what you are missing?

STN AnaVist is a powerful interactive analysis and visualization software package that provides unique insights into trends and patterns in scientific and patent information. You can download the software for free using the following link:

<http://downloads.stn-international.de/stndownloads/stndownloads/>

STN AnaVist allows you to:

- Analyse the patent landscape
- Track competitive intelligence
- Discover new applications for existing technology
- Determine research trends
- Support strategic planning

In addition, from now until 31 August you can use STN AnaVist up to the value of Euro 450 absolutely free. Simply download and make use of the software, and on your next STN invoice you will receive a credit up to this value. The Euro 450 credit applies to either Search or Visualize.

Don't miss out – take advantage of this limited time special offer and add power to your STN search results. Contact us now for more information or to arrange a demonstration.

STN Database News

1. **An F-Term thesaurus has been added to CA/CAPLus.** F-Terms are patent classifications used by the Japanese Patent Office (JPO) and have been included in CA/CAPLus records since January 2004. You can now easily find information on the F-Terms in CA/CAPLus by using the thesaurus in the F-Term (/FTERM) search field, and also identify F-Terms for inclusion within search strategies.
2. **Chinese patent records are now available more than 130 days sooner in CA/CAPLus** than any other database producer. SIPO Chinese patent records are processed more rapidly due largely to new processing software tools and procedures developed in-house at CAS.
3. **1MOBILITY/2MOBILITY will remain available via STN until future notice.** Originally, these databases were scheduled for removal on 22 June 2006. The databases are currently under evaluation through the remainder of 2006 – so make sure you use them if you don't want to lose them!

Monthly Current Awareness Alerts (SDIs) will continue to be processed. 1MOBILITY (Global Mobility Bibliographic Database) and 2MOBILITY (Global Mobility Standards Database) are produced by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) and are available exclusively through STN.

4. **TULSA/TULSA2 reloaded and enhanced with new search and display fields.** The Petroleum Abstracts Database, produced by the University of Tulsa, and available on STN as TULSA (for subscribers) and TULSA2 (for non-subscribers) has been reloaded and enhanced with new search and display fields, the stop word list has also been removed. Several additional enhancements are related to IPC Reform.
5. **Coverage of the defensive publication journal *Research Disclosure* was reinstated in Derwent World Patent Index (DWPI) on STN (WPINDEX, WPIDS, and WPIX),** resuming with the May 2006 edition, and will continue as the editorial process is completed for each monthly publication. The missing backfile, from March 2001 to May 2006, will be added in stages over the coming months. Once complete, DWPI will have full coverage of *Research Disclosure* from October 1978 to the present.
6. **FSTA (Food Science and Technology Abstracts) has been ENHANCED WITH JAPANESE PATENTS** to reflect the increasing importance of patent information to the food science community, Up to 100 Japanese patent records are being added each week, with a target of 2,500 records by year-end and potentially a 50% increase in patent coverage compared to 2005. Records may include patent applications, granted patents, and utility models with International Patent Classification codes covering all food-related topics. Coverage for 2007 is to be reviewed at the end of this year.
7. **Chemical Safety Information (CHEMSAFE)** has been reloaded and enhanced with recommended safety characteristics of approximately 2,800 pure components and 500 mixtures (e.g., flammable liquids, gases, and dusts). More than 100 characteristics measured at non-atmospheric conditions are now included.

Free Maintenance Release (Version 8.01b for Windows) of STN Express with *Discover!* Now Available

New Features

- Improved file associations: STN Express now launches automatically when you double-click on any of these file types: .rep, .tbl, .str, .trn.

- Easier access to User Guide information: Selecting **Help > View STN Express User Guide** directs you to the STN Express with *Discover!* resources web page, providing access to the most recent updates in the STN Express User Guide.

Structure-building Improvements in the following areas

- Acyclic bond characteristics.
- Query fragments referenced by G-Groups.
- The R-Group Analysis Table Tool.
- Bond specifications in isolated rings.

Maintenance Fixes

- The Properties Wizard was updated.
- Spectral data are now available from both REGISTRY and SPECINFO.
- You can specify which database(s) to include by setting the "Spectra Data Database" preference on the Account tab.

To receive the free maintenance release, you need to be currently using the Analysis Edition of STN Express with *Discover!* (Version 8.0 or higher for Windows). For instructions on how to download this maintenance release, visit:

<http://www.cas.org/Support/express80/win/patches/patches.html>

STN Express with *Discover!* Version 8.01b is also available directly from the Web via the "Purchase and Download" site:

<http://downloads.stn-international.de/stndownloads/stndownloads/>

You can also obtain the software on CD-ROM by using the printed or PDF version of the STN Express with *Discover!* order form.

Training Opportunities and Updates

The STN Agency offers 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.

You can also arrange tailored training either at our Cambridge offices or at your own site.

For full details, including workshop descriptions and registration form, see

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

Courses planned for the next couple of months, for which there is **still time to register**:

September	
14 th – STN Basics	Cambridge
19 th – STN Basics for Chemists	Cambridge
20 th – Structure Searching on STN	Cambridge
21 st - Property and Preparation Searching in Registry and Beilstein Files	Cambridge
25 th – Patent Searching on STN	Cambridge
26 th – Analyzing your search results with STN Express V8.0/ AnaVist	Manchester (¹ / ₂ day)
October	
3 rd - STN Basics	Cambridge
4 th - STN Basics: Next Steps	Cambridge
5 th – BioPharmaceutical Information on STN	Cambridge

All half-day sessions will run 10.00am to 1.00pm

All full-day sessions will run 10.00am to 3.30pm

CAS e-seminars:

CAS e-seminars are live, interactive, web-based, bring professional training to your desktop and are each 1 hour in length.

Aug 10 at 2.00pm Finding Regulatory Compliance Information in CHEMLIST
Sep 14 at 2.00pm Maximising your STN Fixed Fee Plan
Oct 12 at 2.00pm Creating superior document sets for STN AnaVist

See <http://www.cas.org/training/schedule.html> for registration details.

User Days

We held two very successful User Days in July at which we were pleased to be able to meet and talk with users from many different industry sectors.

Presentations were given by Agency staff, and also our colleagues Ralph Remme from FIZ-Karlsruhe and Dr Barry Dunne of Science Information International Ltd. We were also delighted to welcome Pam Toplis who delivered a very informative user perspective on STN AnaVist.

The programme included:

- What's New on STN
- IPC8 Reform
- New Features in AnaVist 1.1
- Analysing the Competitive Environment with STN and AnaVist
- DWPI Reload
- Customising the ChemPort Environment
- Finding Clinical Trials and Drug Pipeline Information

If you would like to receive a copy of any of the presentations, please let us know.

And Finally . . .

Please contact us if you have any comments or questions arising from this newsletter:

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