

Newsletter from STN

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Introducing the Agency Staff

In March we welcomed a new member of staff Diane Smith to fill the vacancy left by Maddy Marley.

Diane joins us from Merck Sharp and Dohme where she worked for 19 years (as Diane Lightowler) providing and managing external and internal information for neuroscientists. She obtained her degree in Chemistry from Oxford University and spent 4 years as a synthetic chemist at Beecham Pharmaceuticals before moving into the information profession.



Diane brings practical experience of the spectrum of STN databases and searching and analysis tools. Her specialist subject expertise includes chemical structure searching, biomedical, patent and drug pipeline databases. She will be the key STN contact for several pharmaceutical companies, but she is looking forward to meeting and serving the information needs of STN customers from all industry sectors.

Diane has two children (aged 11 and 8). When not organizing her children's social, sporting or educational activities, Diane is active in the school PTA and is also church treasurer. She likes to relax in front of a good detective drama.

We are also delighted to welcome Jen Tabern as our new Administrative Assistant. Jen joined the Agency in February replacing Lynda Barron who has started retirement by relocating to France.

Special offer for AnaVist – Available 1 March -31 August 2006

STN AnaVist is an interactive analysis and visualization tool that provides unique insights into trends and patterns in scientific and patent information. From 1 March until 31 August 2006, you can explore STN AnaVist while taking advantage of a Euro 450 credit* towards visualization usage.

The Euro 450 credit applies to the following fee generating activities:

- Search
- Visualize
- Subset visualize
- Saved visualized set

The Euro 450 credit does not apply to the following:

- Display, Save or Print document records
- CAplus download documents and download visualization

*The Euro 450 credit will be automatically carried over month-by-month until the Euro 450 is used or until 31 August 2006.

To download AnaVist V1.1 for FREE see:

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

Just a reminder on CAS Usage Policy – especially in relation to downloads from STN AnaVist

To support data mining, CAS permits the extraction of metadata for use within CAS or STN tools without first displaying the data. The use of CAS data in third party data mining tools is permitted as long as CAS records are downloaded via STN AnaVist.

For full details of CAS Usage Policy see <http://www.cas.org/infopolicy.html>.

Reloaded Derwent World Patents Index

A complete reload of DWPI will be released on STN in May 2006. The reloaded database will offer many new and enhanced features for patent searchers, including all the benefits of the recently introduced dynamic International Patent Classification (IPC) system.

New additional data will include:

- Original Patent titles, abstracts and main claim text
- Full original patent inventor names and patent agent details
- Language indicators for all patent publications
- Enhanced Derwent Chemical Resource (DCR) backfile

New search options include:

- Enhanced abstract sub-sections - for more focused searches.
- Basic Index Extension – to search all the new original text fields together.
- Enhanced Basic Index – now contains all value-added text data.
- Individually searchable patent family member data – for more selective searches.

IPC Searching Tips

Are you using truncation when searching IPC8 codes?

It's really not necessary, because files contain up-posted IPC codes. Search any IPC code at the main group level, e.g., S A61K0005/IPC, and it will retrieve records with any corresponding sub-group.

Another tip for searching IPC code ranges:

IPC code range searching is now more flexible in the CA/CAplus family of databases. You can use a hyphen *with spaces* as a separator in IPC range searching. You can now also use a colon between the codes in your search; the presence or absence of spaces is accommodated.

e.g. => S C08G0018-00 - C08G0018-38/IPC
=> S C08G0018-00 : C08G0018-38/IPC

STN Database News

CAS Registry has been enhanced with the addition of experimental NMR and IR spectra from Wiley Subscriptions and Japan's National Institute of advanced Industrial Science and Technology. Nearly 1.1 billion predicted and experimental properties, tags that refer to additional data, and spectra have been added to CAS Registry records for 19 million substances.

EMBASE is now updated on a daily, rather than a weekly, basis. Current -awareness alert (SDI) frequencies in EMBASE remain the same: weekly (default) and biweekly.

MARPAT – Structure highlighting in the FQHIT and QHIT display formats has been improved. The FQHIT display format shows the first query-focused Markush structure containing the query structure and the fields containing hit text terms in the record. The QHIT display format provides fields containing hit text terms and the query-focused Markush structures containing the query structure.

Displays have been algorithmically enhanced to provide accurate highlighting and offer a review of results more quickly and effortlessly.

RDISCLOSURE has been added to the ALLBIB database cluster. A complete listing of database clusters is available at:
<http://www.cas.org/ONLINE/CATALOG/CLUSTERS/cover.html>

REMINDER – The following databases will be removed from STN this year:

April 30 2006: ASMDATA, BLLDB, COPPERDATA, DIOGENES, DIPPR, FEDRIP,
NIOSHTIC, PLASPEC
May 21 2006: PDLCOM
June 22 2006: 1MOBILITY/2MOBILITY
June 30 2006: CONF
September 30 2006: INVESTEXT

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; 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 and registration form.

Courses planned for 2Q 2006, for which there is **still time to register**:

May	Venue
9 th – STN Basics	Cambridge
10 th – STN Basics: Next Steps	Cambridge
11 th – Polymer Searching on STN	Cambridge
16 th – Structure Search Tips	Cambridge
17 th – All About Marpat	Cambridge
18 th – Patent Searching on STN	Cambridge
24 th – STN Basics for Chemists (NEW!)	Cambridge
June	
6 th – Structure Searching on STN	Cambridge
7 th – Beilstein on STN	Cambridge
8 th – Advanced Substance and Subject Searching in Chemical Abstracts	Cambridge
20 th – STN Basics	Cambridge
21 st – BioPharmaceutical Information on STN	Cambridge
22 nd – Pharmaceutical Patents in the CAS Files	Cambridge

STN User Meetings: London 5 July, Manchester 6 July

This is an opportunity to hear the latest news from STN, meet with other users as well as STN staff from CAS, FIZ and your local Agency.

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.

FIZ seminars:

April 27 at 2.00 pm WPI Reload
May 18 at 2.00 pm WPI Reload
June 22 at 2.00 pm IPC reform on STN

See http://www.stn-international.de/training_center/e_sem/e_desc.html#wpi1 for registration details.

CAS seminars:

April 13 at 2.00 pm Searching for Engineering Information
May 11 at 2.00 pm Capitalizing on IPC Reform
June 8 at 2.00 pm Property Searching in CAS REGSIS TRY
July 13 at 2.00 pm Is That Patent Still Valid? Finding Patent Expirations and Extensions

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

STN Fixed Fee – Expanded to include more databases

The STN Fixed Fee Plan now includes access to Medline, RDisclosure and all CAS files in addition all the full-text patent files.

STN Fixed Fee Plan databases (newly added databases are **bold**)

CA ^{SM 3}	LITALERT ^{1,2}
CAOLD	MEDLINE
CAplus SM	MARPAT ^{® 3}
CASREACT^{® 3}	PATDD ³
CHEMCATS[®]	PATDPA
CHEMLIST[®]	PATDPAFULL
CIN[®]	PATDPASPC
DPCI ^{1,2}	PCTFULL
EPFULL	RDISCLOSURE
FRANCEPAT	REGISTRY
FRFULL	RUSSIAPAT
GBFULL	USPATFULL
HCA ³	USPAT ²
HCAOLD ³	WPIDS ^{1,2}
HCAplus ³	WPIFV ^{1,2}
HCHEMLIST³	WPINDEX ^{1,2}
HCIN³	WPIX ^{1,2}
INPADOC	ZCA ³
JAPIO	ZCAplus ³
KOREAPAT	ZREGISTRY ³

¹ Available only through the Thomson Scientific Open Access License option.

² A customer may opt-out of the Derwent databases when choosing a plan.

³ Databases not currently available via STN Easy[®] and STN Easy[®] for IntranetsSM.

To discuss your eligibility for the Plan please contact us at the STN Agency in the first instance.

Note: This plan is available to commercial customers only; the offer is not extended to information brokers or academic customers.

And Finally . . .

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

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