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### Introducing the Agency Staff

We are pleased to welcome Janet as a new addition to our team. Janet previously worked as an Administrator in a Training Environment, for a regional Electricity distributor. She will deal with your workshop bookings, service queries and many other administrative matters.

### Enhanced Version of DWPI Now on STN

The new version of *Derwent World Patents Index* (DWPI) has been released on STN. The reloaded database offers additional data and new search options as well as enhanced display and download facilities.

#### **Benefits for patent searchers using DWPI on STN now include:**

- Use of International Patent Classification Reform (version 8) codes
- An additional 750,000 searchable abstracts
- The inclusion of original patent titles, abstracts and main claim text
- The flexibility to search value-added text only
- More bibliographic information, including full inventor names
- All patent publications containing language indicators
- Improved performance of date limiting searching
- The optional display of details about each patent family member including patent agent names
- XML download format for advanced post-processing of results.

The Derwent World Patent Index on STN (WPINDEX, WPIDS and WPIX) is a comprehensive database of worldwide patents with patent families compiled from 41 global issuing authorities, contains over 14 million family records and is updated twice weekly. STN's implementation of the database, which was launched on STN on 22 October 2006, requires no changes or learning curves for the customer.

### STN Database News You May Have Missed.....

## 1. CA/CAPLus

### **Pre-1967 chemical substance index entries enhanced with preparation role**

The CAS preparation role (PREP) is being added to nearly 4 million index entries in CA/CAPLus records from 1907-1966. Simplified retrieval of preparations will be possible from the beginning of CA indexing in 1907 to the present.

### **F-Term thesaurus enhanced**

The F-Term thesaurus in CA/CAPLus has been enhanced with multilevel Narrower Terms (NT) in the search and display hierarchy. The F-Term thesaurus was added to CA/CAPLus earlier this year to provide enhanced and efficient access to Japanese patent content. F-Terms are patent classifications used by the Japanese Patent Office (JPO) and have been included in CA/CAPLus since January 2004.

### **Patent kind codes will be updated**

Patent kind codes in CA/CAPLus records are being updated to reflect data published on patent documents more accurately. As a result, patent kind codes in many new CA/CAPLus records are expected to change. To ensure consistent patent kind code searching, updating of the CA/CAPLus backfile will begin in late December.

The updated patent kind codes will appear in the current PK and PK.B fields of CA/CAPLus. New PK.OLD and PK.B.OLD fields will display the old patent kind codes. These new fields will not be included in any default display formats, but can be added to custom displays.

The update to CA/CAPLus patent kind codes may impact search strategies in current-awareness alerts (SDIs) or in saved search queries. You are encouraged to confirm the validity of these queries after December 15.

### **MARPAT accession number crossover limit increased to 50,000**

The CA/CAPLus to MARPAT accession number (AN) crossover limit has increased from 10,000 to 50,000.

## 2. CHEMLIST – enhanced with new search and display fields.

A Restricted Chemical List (RSTR) search and display field is now available in CHEMLIST. The RSTR field identifies chemical substances that have legislative import, manufacture, and/or use restrictions in: Israel, Taiwan, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, India, Pakistan, and China. Restricted chemical lists from additional countries will be added as they are identified.

## 3. ADISCTI - reloaded and enhanced.

ADIS Clinical Trials Insight, produced by Wolters Kluwer Health and available on STN® as ADISCTI, has been reloaded and enhanced. ADISCTI now includes integrated information about clinical trials, tracked from the first public mention, including interim results, through to completion of the trial. Coverage has also been enhanced to include studies presented at the top 100 meetings and published in the top medical journals.

## 4. CAS Registry Number – crossover limit increased to 300,000 in multiple databases.

The crossover limit for CAS Registry Numbers (RN) has increased in 17 additional databases on STN®. There is a charge to crossover each CAS Registry Number into non-CAS databases. Enter HELP COST in CAS REGISTRY<sup>SM</sup> for details.

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## Topical Tips

Don't be misled into thinking that STN only covers chemistry! Amongst the 200+ databases are some little-known gems. For example, you could search the ITRD database on STN for published world-wide information on Transport Research!



Ever wondered what research has been carried out on “*road charging*” or “*drinking and driving*” worldwide? Just typing in these phrases in the ITRD database will give you hundreds of abstracts from high quality published papers, journal articles and conference proceedings.

Input to the ITRD database is provided by more than 30 renowned institutes and organisations from more than 23 countries in one of the four ITRD languages.

More than 400 000 references on transport research literature and ongoing research are available via STN Easy or STN on the Web with more than 1000 references added each month. One of the unique aspects of ITRD is the fact that there are 4 languages represented in the database, English, French, German and Spanish, and each record is available in one of these languages. Though some 70% of the database comprises English abstracts the STN implementation of the database ensures that all records have the English keywords (controlled terms) as they are automatically added from the quadrilingual thesaurus.

## Interface News

STN Express with Discover! – Free maintenance release version 8.01c

A free maintenance release (Version 8.01c for Windows®) is now available for STN Express with *Discover!* This release is available to current users of STN Express with *Discover!* Version 8.0 or higher for Windows.

The maintenance release includes enhancements and fixes to specific issues that have been reported, including:

- The Report and Table post-processing tools have been updated to accommodate new fields available in the recently reloaded Derwent World Patents Index® (DWPI<sup>SM</sup>) database suite. *To apply post-processing tools to these new records, it is critical that you upgrade to Version 8.01c.*
- To reduce login time, the STN® splash screen has been removed from the login process.
- The CA Lexicon and Company Name Thesaurus have been reloaded.
- Acyclic bond characteristics set to Ring no longer revert to Chain.

To upgrade to this maintenance release from an existing version of the Analysis Edition

(Version 8.0 and higher): Launch STN Express; Select **Web** from the toolbar; Select the appropriate STN Service Center (FIZ Karlsruhe); Select **Free Maintenance Upgrades**. Or, for instructions on how to download this maintenance release, visit <http://www.cas.org/Support/express80/win/patches/patches.html>

## Patent Forum – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Don't miss STN's Patent Forum, which will give attendees the chance to hear presentations from STN Agency staff and invited speakers. Topics will include:

- Full text patent file solutions
- Analysis of patent information
- Commercial value of patent information to organisations.

There will be plenty of opportunity for discussions with the speakers and other attendees, so make a note in your diary and book your place now by sending us an e-mail.

## 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>

**Register now** for courses planned for the first quarter of 2007.

<b>January</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> -STN Basics	Cambridge
17 <sup>th</sup> -STN Basics – Next Steps	Cambridge
18 <sup>th</sup> -Full-text Patent Searching on STN	Cambridge
23 <sup>rd</sup> -STN Basics for Chemists	Cambridge
24 <sup>th</sup> -Structure Searching on STN	Cambridge
25 <sup>th</sup> -Introduction to MARPAT	Cambridge
<b>February</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> -Tips for searching with STN Easy	Cambridge (Half day)
7 <sup>th</sup> -STN Basics – Engineering Focus	Cambridge
8 <sup>th</sup> -Beilstein on STN	Cambridge
15 <sup>th</sup> -What's New in DWPI/Searching INPADOC	London
16 <sup>th</sup> -Report Tools in STN Express/STN AnaVist	London
<b>March</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup> -Structure Searching Tips	Cambridge
14 <sup>th</sup> -More about MARPAT	Cambridge
15 <sup>th</sup> -STN Basics	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.

Jan 11th at 2.00pm      Processing sequence data

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

## European User Meeting

The European STN User Meeting was held in London on 27<sup>th</sup> November preceding the Online Exhibition at Olympia.

Presentations were given by colleagues from FIZ-Karlsruhe and Science Information International Ltd, as well as a representative from Thomson Scientific.

The very full programme included:

- What's New on STN
- Experiences with IPC Reform/Adding value to first-level patent data
- STN Full-text solution – new features and options
- Finding older information in CAS databases
- Thomson Scientific update
- USGENE – a completely new resource for biosequence searching
- Legal status information in STN patent databases
- When do analysis and visualisation add value to information retrieval?

If you were not able to attend and would like to receive a copy of any of the presentations, please let us know.

## And Finally. . .

The STN Agency wish all of our users a happy Christmas and a successful and prosperous New Year



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