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INPADOCDB now online on STN

The European Patent Office (EPO) has completed the INPADOC(PRS) and DOCDB harmonization project producing the new International Patent Documentation Database (INPADOCDB) on STN.

The new file offers a lot of **new and enhanced content**:

- About 63 million documents (old file: 49 million documents).
- Backfile to 1836(US), 1879(DE), 1840(GB), 1900(FR), 1944(JP), etc.
- Many more abstracts, mostly in English.
- Cited references (patents and non-patent literature) for 12 offices. Citations from searches made at the EPO for BE, CH, EP, FR,GB, NL, TR and all WO are loaded as well as data from AU, DE, JP and US.
- European classifications (ECLA, ICO, IDT).
- Improved Legal Status display.

Details on content enhancements, new search fields, new display formats, and major changes from INPADOC are available from FIZ Karlsruhe at:

<http://www.stn-international.de/stndatabases/details/inpadocdb.html>

STN[®] Viewer[™]

Introducing a new STN tool to enhance Full-Text patent evaluation and navigation.

The STN[®]Viewer[™] will become essential for patent information professionals, as well as patent agents and attorneys, to enable quicker and easier navigation and evaluation of full-text patents. It provides:

*A powerful suite of tools designed for easy management of patent projects

*Integration with STN, seamless access from patent searching to evaluation

*Direct access to information contained in STN's highly valued full-text patent databases

Key features include:

- **Create** custom patent information projects with patent documents retrieved from STN full-text patent databases – via STN Express[®]

- **Share** patent information projects with others
- **View** major sections, publication stages, and family members
- **Define** concepts, phrases, and numbers for patent document highlighting
- **Navigate** the entire patent document via a highlighting map

Attendees at the forthcoming User Meetings (see below) will have the advantage of a preview of this new web-based workflow productivity tool.

STN User Meetings

STN User Meetings will be held on 20 June in London and 21 June in Manchester. Take the opportunity to hear the latest news from STN and meet with other users as well as STN staff from CAS, FIZ and your local Agency. We are fortunate to have an invited speaker, Teresa Loughbrough from Unilever, to share her experiences of toxicology searching.

Sessions will comprise:

- What's new on STN, including INPADOCDB
- Totally Toxic? Toxicology searching – a professional viewpoint
- The new STN[®] Viewer
- Hidden Gems – lesser-known STN commands
- Discussion sessions – Using STN[®] AnaVist[™]; and Changes and Challenges in your Role

Book your place now by sending us an e-mail; confirmation of timings and full agenda will then be sent to you.

Spotlight on CBNB

Chemical Business NewsBase (CBNB) on STN has recently boosted its coverage of **regulatory** information in the **pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals** sectors.

Alongside its existing coverage of the US Federal Register and the Official Journal of the European Communities, the CBNB database now includes the following titles in its regular source list:

- US Food and Drug Administration News
- EMEA (European Medicines Agency)
- European Commission Enterprise and Industry
- MHRA (UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency)
- Pesticides Register of UK Approved Products
- UK Health and Safety Executive Pesticide Webpages

Additionally, CBNB has always offered unique legal (LA) search codes. These are:

LA-00/cc for legal aspects including lawsuits

LA-10/cc for regulations

LA-20/cc for health and safety

LA-30/cc for environmental aspects

LA-40/cc for permits, patents and approvals

Together, these electronic sources and unique search codes provide extensive information, ranging from product approvals to enforcement actions.

Case 1:

Find what agrochemicals the Pesticides Register approved in March 2007 by searching on the source and the publication date:

s pesticides register/so and mar 2007/pd

Case 2:

See what the US Food and Drug Administration News has to say about the drug sold under the tradename Keppra by carrying out a freetext search on the tradename in combination with the source field:

s US food/so and keppra

Case 3:

See the European Medicines Agency's opinions on pharmaceuticals, with discussion of their side-effects, risk balance, adverse reactions etc. by searching for the source in combination with the LA code for health and safety:

s emea/so and la-20/cc

So, if you are interested in which companies have received product approvals for active ingredients and tradenames in the USA; or whether a drug is to be banned in the EU; or in approval notices for professional pesticide products in the UK; or if you have other questions about the legal aspects surrounding chemicals in industry, **then search CBNB on STN today!**

If you have any feedback about CBNB we will be happy to pass this to the database provider for you.

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

MARPAT – NOW UPDATED DAILY

MARPAT is now updated on a daily, rather than a weekly, basis. Current-awareness alert (SDI) frequency remains on a biweekly schedule.

RDISCLOSURE – RELOADED WITH ENHANCEMENTS

Research Disclosure (RDISCLOSURE) has been reloaded with a number of enhancements. RDISCLOSURE corresponds to the defensive publication *Research Disclosure*, published by Kenneth Mason Publications Ltd. Several of the enhancements are related to implementation of patent classification codes to improve searching.

WPIDS/WPIX – ENHANCED WITH NEW FRAGHITSTR DISPLAY FORMAT

DWPI (WPIDS and WPIX) has been enhanced with the Fragment Code Hit Structure (FRAGHITSTR) display format. The new format allows for rapid browsing of chemical fragment code search results.

CASREACT – COVERAGE EXTENDED

Over 270,000 additional reactions from over 17,000 documents from 1992-1999 have been added to CASREACT.

EMBASE – ENHANCED WITH CLINICAL TRIAL NUMBER FIELD

Excerpta Medica (EMBASE) has been enhanced with the Clinical Trial Number (NCT) field. The new field is searchable, displayable, printable, selectable, and sortable. The File Segment (FS) field now includes the source of the clinical trial number.

MEDLINE/LMEDLINE – RELOADED WITH ENHANCEMENTS

MEDlars onLINE[®] (MEDLINE/LMEDLINE) from the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) has been reloaded with a number of enhancements, including a new Clinical Trial Number (NCT) field.

Patent File Updates:

1. IFICDB/IFIPAT/IFIUB – RELOADED WITH ENHANCEMENTS

The IFI Comprehensive (IFICDB), Patent (IFIPAT), and Uniterm (IFIUB) databases have been reloaded with a number of enhancements. Several of the enhancements are related to International Patent Classification (IPC) Reform implementation in these databases.

2. KOREAPAT – ENHANCED WITH IPC 8 FEATURES AND FUNCTIONALITY

Korean Patent Abstracts (KOREAPAT) is now IPC 8 compliant. A number of new search, display, and select fields and an IPC thesaurus have been added to the database.

3. RUSSIAPAT – ENHANCED WITH PRE-1994 RECORDS

Russian Patent Abstracts (RUSSIAPAT) has been enhanced with over 1,400,000 records for documents from 1924-1994. The new records include patent and application information, inventor and assignee data, and International Patent Classification (IPC) codes. Titles (TI) are included in records from 1977 to the present.

Tips from the Help Desk

Customizing Your Command-Line Searching Environment

Have you ever wished you could change your classic STN password to something more memorable?

Have you ever wished you could carry out a command-line search without needing to enter the actual SEARCH command (as in internet search engines)?

Have you ever wished you could receive cost warnings before searching or displaying?

You can customize your STN login ID to do all these, and more, using SET commands!

Some of the most commonly used ones are shown here, but you can see the full range of SET possibilities, including how your login ID is currently set up, by typing SHO SET at the => prompt.

SET PASSWORD	To change your password
SET ABB ON	To search CAS/Derwent abbreviations automatically
SET AUTOSEARCH ON	So you do not need to enter the SEARCH command
SET DUPORDER FILE	To de-duplicate in file order, rather than reverse chronological order
SET NOTICE DISPLAY	To receive a cost warning before displaying
SET NOTICE SEARCH	To receive a cost warning before searching
SET PLURALS ON	To search for plurals automatically

Append the word PERM to the command to apply the setting beyond your current session, so that the new setting is still in effect when you next log in.

For further help while online, enter the command HELP SET followed by the setting of

interest e.g. => HELP SET PASSWORD

STN Easy users can change their settings in **Preferences**.

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:

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24 th Tips for Searching with STN Easy	London*
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5 th STN Basics	Cambridge
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6 th STN Basics for Chemists	Cambridge
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27 th Full-text Patent Searching	Cambridge*
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28 th STN Basics – Next Steps	Cambridge
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10 th STN as a second search language – command line overview	Cambridge
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11 th Searching Beilstein	Cambridge
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12 th Tips for Searching with STN Easy	Cambridge*
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25 th Searching Derwent WPI	London
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26 th Searching with INPADOCDB	London
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1 st Analysing Your Search Results	Cambridge
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15 th Sequence Searching	London
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16 th More about MARPAT	London
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*All full-day sessions will run 10.00am to 3.30pm
Half-day sessions 10.00am to 1.00pm



The STN Patent Forum on 28th March attracted 30 attendees who benefited from five separate presentations. Feedback indicated that this was one of the best they had attended. The presentation “Commercial value of patents and patent awareness” by Peter Draggett, a patent attorney from Stratagem IPM, was particularly popular and evoked a lively discussion. Stephen Adams gave considerations regarding some of the pitfalls in relation to searching in full-text patent files; another very well-received session.

If you missed this event but would like to receive a copy of all or any of the presentations please let us know.

And finally

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