PIUG 2009 Annual Conference - Technical Program Updates

We are very pleased to announce the Technical Program Preliminary Agenda details and Conference Brochure for the PIUG 2009 Annual Conference, Searching for Patents Beyond Your Borders, which will be held on May 2-7, 2009 at Hyatt Regency, San Antonio, Texas.

Technical Session - Preliminary Agenda

Monday, May 4, 2009*

Opening Session
- Welcome - Cynthia Barcelon Yang, PIUG Chair, Bristol-Myers Squibb
- Opening Remarks - Kartar Singh Arora, Program Chair, BASF Corporation
- Keynote Speech - TBA
- The Information Retrieval Facility: the Bridge between Intellectual Property and Information Retrieval Research - John Tait, Chief Scientific Officer, Information Retrieval Facility

Session Theme: Going beyond Borders and Other Challenges
- Chairperson - Ginger DeMille, USPTO
- Why IP & R&D Matter During Recessionary Periods - TBA, Thomson Reuters
- Toward Greater Internationalism in Patent Information: A Provider-Vendor Perspective and Approach - Elliot Linder, Questel

Panel Discussion on Recent Changes to USPTO Practices
- Chairperson - Marty Goffman, Sequence Base Corporation
- Participants - Rouger (Ric) Henschel, Foley & Lardner; Ron Kaminecki, Dialog; Rick Neifeld, Neifeld PLC;

Session Theme: Patent Information from non-English Speaking Regions
- Chairperson - Bruce Mason, CibaVision
- Administrative Protection of Pharmaceuticals in China - Aleksandr Belinskiy, sanofi-aventis
- China - the State of Innovation and Why US Companies Need to Stay Vigilant - Bob Stembridge, Thomson Reuters

Tuesday, May 5, 2009*

Session Theme: Updates from Patent Offices
- Chairperson - Stephen Adams, Magister Ltd.
- Panel Participants - Representatives from EPO, WIPO and other patent offices.

Session Theme: A View from Inside the Bar - Patent Information in Law Libraries
- Chairperson - Steve Mitchell, TPR International
- Participants - TBA, Patent information professionals from Law Libraries
- Product Reviews in the Exhibit Room (afternoon)
- Workshops (afternoon)

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Session Theme: When Analysis and Visualization of Patent Information is not your Forte
- Chairperson - TBA
- Enhancing Patent Landscape Analysis with Visualization Output - Yun Yun Yang, Bristol-Myers Squibb
- Beyond Record Borders - The Next Generation of Patents Reports - Diane Webb, BizInt
- Patent Sequence Dashboard - Lakshmikant Goenka, Dolcera
- Searching Beyond Patents - Erik Reeves, Sumobrain & FreePatentsOnline
Roundtable Discussion: Challenges and Opportunities Facing Patent Information Analysts and Providers in this Economic Downturn
Chairperson - Lucy Akers, Bristol-Myers Squibb
Participants - Representatives from patent information managers, vendors and data providers.

Session Theme: Some Ways to Cope with Beyond Borders
Chairperson - TBA
Lessons from the PIUG Wiki and Discussion Forum - Thomas Wolff, Wolff Information Consulting
Patents 102 - Ron Kamenecki, Dialog
The application of machine translation in patent data deep-processing & powerful search engine development - Yanhuai Liu, Beijing East Linden
The How, Why, and When of Accelerated Examinations: A Searcher's Perspective - Dominic Demarco, Demarco IP

Session Theme: Beyond Your Area of Expertise
Chairperson - TBA
Use of the Inventor Field in Patent Searching - Henry (Hal) Murray, ExxonMobil
Chemical Structure Searching for Non-chemists - Sandy Burcham, David Gange
Impact assessment of In re Bilski - Roy Zimmermann, Medtronic; Samir Raiyani, Dolcera; Lakshmikant Goenka, Dolcera

Closing Remarks - Doreen Alberts, PIUG Vice Chair, Theravence Inc.

* Five-minute sponsor product reviews will be interspersed throughout the technical sessions on Monday and Tuesday.


Workshops are scheduled on Saturday (May 2), Sunday (May 3), Tuesday (May 5) and Thursday (May 7). For workshop details and to register for the workshops, please visit the Workshop website at http://www.piug.org/2009/an09work.php

Conference events and other information were posted previously to the PIUG Discussion Forum wiki on Feb. 19th.

For more conference updates, please visit the PIUG webpage at http://www.piug.org/2009/an09meet.php

We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

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Planning Committee, Co-Chairs