Anonymous Access

Everyone may view pages in the PIUG Space without logging in.

You must login in order to add or edit content such as creating new topics or replying to existing topics in the Discussion Forum or to view limited-access pages such as PIUG members-only content or committee spaces.

New users must signup for the wiki before they can login.

Signup Fundamentals

PIUG individually grants requests for access to the PIUG wiki to all individuals with sincere interest in patent information. PIUG membership is not required for participation the PIUG wiki. PIUG membership helps support the PIUG wiki and confers additional benefits including access to members-only information (e.g., presentations at PIUG conferences, Newsletter archives, subscription discounts, etc.), and the options to create a Personal Space on the PIUG wiki or be included in the PIUG LinkedIn group.

The annual membership fee is US$95 (2016). A discounted annual membership fee of US$50 (2016) is available to full-time students, full-time retirees, individuals unemployed at the time of renewal, and individuals from emerging countries (as defined by the World Bank). See the PIUG membership page for details.

Signup Now

Signup for the PIUG wiki involves a simple process of sending an email message to the PIUG Wikimaster at wikimaster@piug.org with the following information:

- Full name:
- Email address:
- Company affiliation:
- Brief explanation of interest in patent information if not clear from your company affiliation:
- What drove your interest to sign-up for the PIUG wiki?
- Current PIUG member (y/n):

Users should expect a response by email from the PIUG Office within 3 business days. Each user will be assigned a unique username that usually consists of the user's first initial and last name. In addition, the user will be assigned a temporary password. Note that a valid password must contain at least 8 characters including one number and letter. Use of mixed case and other characters (@, _, -, +, £, $, etc.) is recommended but not required.

After logging in and changing your temporary password, you will be able to create, edit, and comment on pages and forum topics throughout the PIUG space, the main area of PIUG collaboration.

Forgotten username or password

Use the Forgot your password link on the login page to reset your password.

Users may use either their username or their email address to login. Contact the PIUG Wikimaster at wikimaster@piug.org to confirm the username or to have your password reset if the automated process does not work.

PIUG User responsibility

By signing up for the PIUG wiki, you agree to follow standard professional practices when you participate on the PIUG wiki as you would in any other aspect of your practice as a member of the global patent community. This includes taking actions consistent with the Guidelines for Commercial Participation, the PIUG Antitrust Policy, the Internet Disclaimer & Copyright Notice, and the Use of PIUG Name and Logo Policy.

Do not use the PIUG wiki to post insulting, profane, pejorative, derogatory, defamatory, abusive or unprofessional content. Violation will result in removal of the offensive content and your username being disabled.

Next steps

- Use the Help pages to access guides such as Help - Create and Edit PIUG Wiki Pages.
• Maintain your user information, upload photo and update user profile.

• Update settings by clicking on your photo (or default avatar) in the upper right corner and discover all that is available to you.
  
  • PIUG wiki Personal profile and picture: Profile >> Picture. Add professional background information and photos similar to those on LinkedIn pages. The wiki will try to resize your picture to 48 x 48 pixels but sometimes it doesn’t do a good job. In that case, you should try uploading a 48 x 48 pixel image directly for best results. Don’t use a non-personal avatar icon or company logo. The PIUG wiki is to build community among individual members.

• PIUG wiki email notifications setting: Settings >> Email. Here are our recommendations:

  ✓ Autowatch
    Pages and blog posts that you create, edit or comment on will automatically be watched for future changes.

  ✓ Subscribe to daily updates
    You will receive a daily email report summarising all changes that you have permission to view.

  □ Subscribe to all blog posts
    You will receive an email when any blog post is added, even if it is in a space you aren’t watching. You won’t receive emails for comments on those blog posts, or changes to them.

  □ Subscribe to network
    You will receive an email when anyone you are following adds or changes content.

  ✓ Subscribe to new follower notifications
    You will receive an email when anyone chooses to follow you.

  ✓ Notify on my actions
    You will receive notifications for changes you make, in addition to other people’s changes.

  ✓ Show changed content
    Check this option to see changes made in Edit notification emails.

  □ Subscribe to recommended updates
    You will receive an email with recommended items based on comments and likes

• PIUG Personal Space: Add Personal Space. PIUG members are encouraged to add a full-featured Personal Space as explained in the corresponding Personal Spaces Help page.

• Join PIUG to take advantage of member benefits.

• Use the PIUG Discussion Forum (PIUG-DF) to discuss developments in patent information.

• Post on the PIUG blog to share press release-type information and simple announcements (formerly “news items”).

• Use forums: Job Postings, Situations Wanted, Ask PIUG Leadership, Electronic Communications Committee, and Wiki Administration.

• Contribute to and learn from knowledge, patent resource, and patent information meetings, conferences, and seminars pages and other community pages throughout the PIUG wiki.

• Join PIUG committees, task forces, working groups and teams.