The art of reading patent documentation
Seminar for Technical University Munich

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This seminar has been specifically designed for you as researchers and innovators in new technologies and looks at the importance of patents as a source of information for research and new projects. In order to understand, locate and evaluate patent information it is necessary to know about patent documents.

The focus is set on how to get the most out of patent documents. Participants will learn on how to use efficiently patent information. You will have access to reading material, recorded videos, examples as well as successful IP case studies on how university inventions turned into business.

The online sessions will deepen the benefits of use of patent documentation by exploring the information that can be found in patents in your technical field.

Use this possibility to interact with EPO experts during the online sessions.

Format:
- a package of video material and self-paced courses (including quizzes)
- two online sessions with Q&A

Prior to the online sessions, participants are invited to study the preparatory material to be provided in the European Patent Academy’s eLearning centre. Participants will have the opportunity to meet virtually and discuss with EPO patent documentation experts.

Please register to the EPO e-centre to be able to access the mandatory and optional self-paced courses at https://e-courses.epo.org

The following e-course is considered as perquisite for the participation in the online session:
- The art of reading patent documentation https://e-courses.epo.org/course/view.php?id=243
- From idea to patent https://e-courses.epo.org/course/view.php?id=240

The following e-courses serve as optional preparatory material:
- The European patent system from filing to grant https://e-courses.epo.org/course/view.php?id=229
- Think patents: the value of patent documentation for innovation and research https://e-courses.epo.org/course/view.php?id=74
Online sessions with EPO experts

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Moderator:
Philipp Merkl, technology manager, TUM ForTe, Munich

09.30 Overview session: Efficient use and getting the most out of patent information
Elisabeth McDonald, patent documentation expert, European Patent Office, Vienna

10.15 Break

10.30 Exercise session: Retrieving patent information
Christian Soltmann, product manager, European Patent Office, Vienna

12.30 End

EPO experts:

Elisabeth McDonald joined the EPO's principal directorate of patent information in 1992. Over the years she has been heavily involved in the area of training and the PATLIB Network. She was responsible for the patent information content and its implementation of the pilot project to reorient patent information centres which ran from 2010 to 2013. Since 2013 Lisa heads the unit of user support coordination and tools for patent information products and services. Today, Lisa also manages the training and continued development offerings for PATLIB centres within the PATLIB 2.0 project.

Christian Soltmann is a product manager in the Vienna sub-office of the EPO. He holds a PhD in materials science and a MAS in intellectual property. After several years in the field of fundamental and applied research, he specialised in intellectual property and became a patent searcher and examiner at the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property. He joined the EPO in 2013 and is today involved in the maintenance and further development of the EPO’s worldwide legal status database (INPADOC).