



# How to understand and draft search reports and written opinions

Intermediate/Advanced level

## Programme

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*Event chaired by David Ellis on behalf of the European Patent Academy*

## **Public event: How to understand search reports and written opinions**

### **Intermediate level**

Room: Conference hall

08.45 Registration

#### **09.00 Welcome and introduction**

*Eva Schneiderová, Director, Patent Department, Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic*

*David Ellis, Senior advisor, European Patent Academy, European Patent Office, Munich*

#### **09.20 Patent procedures**

– The patent procedure under the European Patent Convention

– The patent procedure under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

*Georg Wolfbauer / Jose Carlos Pardo Torre, Patent examiners, EPO*

#### **10.00 The structure of a search report**

– Citations and their categories

– Additional information in the report

– Practical examples

*Georg Wolfbauer / Jose Carlos Pardo Torre*

10.45 Coffee break

#### **11.15 Non-standard search reports**

– Different reasons for non-standard search reports

– Additional information in the report

– Practical examples

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#### **12.00 The European search opinion (EPC) and written opinion (PCT)**

– Legal basis and structure

– Prior-art documents

– Novelty and inventive step

*Georg Wolfbauer / Jose Carlos Pardo Torre*

12.45 Lunch break

#### **13.45 Exercises on understanding search reports and opinions**

– European search reports and opinions

– Non-standard search reports and opinions

*Georg Wolfbauer and Jose Carlos Pardo Torre*

#### **14.45 A practical case of patent prosecution at the EPO**

*Georg Wolfbauer / Jose Carlos Pardo Torre*

15.15 Coffee break

**15.45 Use of search reports and written opinions in the framework of patent information and economic intelligence**

*Stephen Adams, Magister Ltd., United Kingdom*

*Kateřina Hartvichov, Czech and European Patent Attorney, Czech and European Trademark and Design Attorney, Partner, HARBER IP s.r.o., Prague*

**17.00 Questions and answers**

**17.15 Closure of public event**

*Eva Schneiderov*

*David Ellis*

17.30 End of public event; drinks reception

## Speakers

### **Eva Schneiderová**

Director, Patent Department  
Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic

Eva Schneiderová works at the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic (IPO CZ) as director of the patent department. This department deals with granting patent protection, registration of utility models and industrial designs.

She has more than 25-year experience in intellectual property. She also lectures at the Industrial Property Training Institute of the IPO and presents at educational events organized for universities, enterprises, public etc.

Eva Schneiderová holds an engineer's degree in chemistry from the University of Chemistry and Technology in Prague and a Ph.D. in international and regional relations in industrial property from Metropolitan University in Prague.

### **David Ellis**

Senior advisor, European Patent Academy  
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David graduated from Manchester University, UK, with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering, and a Doctorate in Engineering. After working in wastewater and coastal engineering, and qualifying as a Chartered Engineer, he started at the EPO in 1997 as patent examiner. During this period, David undertook additional tasks including training, recruitment, facilitation, and patent awareness activities. He was subsequently the Assistant to Vice-President, DG 2, Head of Department of the EPO Web Team, and until 2017, Director, with responsibility for a directorate of forty two examiners working in image processing, video games and channel coding.

### **Georg Wolfbauer, (Non-Chemistry working group)**

Patent examiner  
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Georg holds degrees in chemistry from the Vienna University of Technology and the University of Hull, and a PhD in dye-sensitised solar cells from Monash University, Melbourne. On graduation, he worked in Vienna as a project manager for an industrial research centre specialised in electrochemistry. In 2001 he started working as a technical purchaser for the semiconductor industry. Three years later he joined the EPO in The Hague to work as an examiner in the field of organic semiconductors. In 2010 he passed all the European qualifying examination papers.

### **José Carlos Pardo Torre, (Chemistry working group)**

Patent examiner  
Sector Healthcare, Biotechnology and Chemistry  
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José graduated from the University of Zaragoza in Spain, where he obtained a master's degree in chemical engineering with highest honours. He completed his master's at Imperial College London in the UK and his thesis at the Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology in Jena, Germany. For the past seven years he has worked as a patent examiner in the field of oil refining at the European Patent Office in The Hague. He is involved in search and examination of patent applications, as well as in opposition procedures. Mr. Pardo Torre has also participated in CPC

classification audit at the EPO, and has presented and given training in several occasions to potential applicants as well as to examiners from national patent offices.  
He passed the B, C and D papers of the European Qualifying Examination in 2018.

### **Kateřina Hartvichov**

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Kateřina worked as a junior scientist in research of organometallic catalysts at the Institute of Chemical Process Fundamentals of the AS CR. In 2003, she joined INVENTIA s.r.o., an IP consultancy and patent attorney private practice. She qualified as a Czech Patent, Design and Trademark Attorney in 2006 and passed the European Qualifying Examination in 2012. She completed the Czech Industrial Property Education Institute in 2005 and the CEIPI Course on Patent Litigation in Europe in 2016. Kateřina is the founding partner of HARBER IP s.r.o. She is a member of the Chamber of Patent Attorneys of the Czech Republic, the epi (Chamber of European Patent Attorneys), the LESI and the AIPPI.

Kateřina graduated in chemistry from the Faculty of Natural Science of Charles University in Prague.

She lectures at the Czech Industrial Property Education Institute, has co-authored the Commentary on the Czech Patent Act, and authored several articles on IP protection strategy. She is an epi Tutor, an epi Coach and a tutor for CEIPI Basic Training Course as well as for EQE Preparatory Courses. Kateřina is also a member of the epi Professional Education Committee, representing the Czech Republic.

### **Stephen Adams**

Patent information specialist  
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Stephen is the managing director of Magister Ltd., a UK-based consultancy specialising in patent information and founded in 1997. He holds a BSc in chemistry from the University of Bristol and an MSc in information science from City University, London. He is the author of two editions of "Information Sources in Patents", published by Walter de Gruyter KG, and serves on the editorial advisory board of the Elsevier journal "World Patent Information". In 2012 he received the IPI Award for outstanding contributions to patent information.