

The PIUG Wiki - A New Medium for PIUG Collaboration and Discussion

PIUG 2008 Northeast Conference

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The Journey Begins – May 2008

- Committee Functions
 - Email used for almost all team communication
 - Board of Directors discussion list – board-piug@piug.org
 - Sponsorship committee – pbwiki
 - New committees and task forces forming
- www.piug.org
 - Obsolete pages, e.g. KnowledgeBase
 - HTML difficult for contributors to maintain, e.g. meetings
 - Non-collaborative, i.e. one webmaster
- PIUG-L
 - Erratic, little-used archives
 - No attachments
 - Out-of-office messages
 - Users occasionally reported PIUG-L as spam



Why and How

The mission of PIUG is to support, assist, improve and enhance the success of patent information professionals through leadership, **education**, **communication**, advocacy and **networking**.

"Web 2.0 is a living term describing changing trends in the use of World Wide Web technology and web design that aims to **enhance creativity**, **information sharing**, **collaboration** and functionality of the web... such as **social-networking sites**, video sharing sites, **wikis**, **blogs**, and **folksonomies**." [Wikipedia]



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- Access functions available to PIUG members (described below)

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- Attach documents to wiki pages

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Wiki Login Screen



Enter your account details below to login to Confluence.

End User Agreement

Username:

Password:

Remember my login on this computer



Not a member? [Signup](#) for an account.

[Forgot password?](#)



Wiki Signup Screen

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Personal details

These will be used to identify you as you contribute to the Confluence site. Any notifications from the system will be sent to this email address. Also, if you lose your password, you can have a new one sent to your email address.

Full Name:

Email:

Use same email address as PIUG membership

Choose a username

Your username will be used to log in to Confluence. This must be unique: for example John Smith could use jsmith. Alternatively you can use your email address as your username.

Username: Same as email

Choose a password

Finally, choose a password for your account. Pick something you will be able to remember, but that someone else (even someone who knows you well) would not be able to guess. To make sure you do not mistype your password, you must enter it twice.

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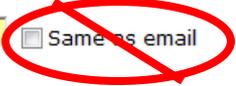
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Password: ≥ 6 chars incl.
 ≥ 1 number & ≥ 1 letter



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People Directory

Search names
* → right truncation

Show: **All People** | [People with Personal Spaces](#)

 A.J. D'Ambra ☆	 Adaptavist.com Ltd. ☆	 Admin - Tom Wolff ☆	 Adrienne Shanler ☆	 Aleksandr Belinskiy ☆
 Alison Taylor ☆ 	 Anthony Trippe ☆	 Connie Godsey-Bell ☆ 	 Cynthia Barcelon Yang ☆	 Dan Phelps ☆
 Denise Fobare-DePonic ☆	 Donald Walter ☆	 Doreen Alberts ☆	 Brynn Simmons ☆	 Eduard Rozenberg ☆
 Ginger DeMille ☆ 	 Heidi Stone ☆	 Helen Yun ☆ 	 Huw Evans (Adaptavist) ☆	 JaneList ☆
 John Arenivar ☆	 Kartar Singh Arora ☆	 Ken Koubek ☆	 Kim Miller ☆	 Lucy Akers ☆
 Malcolm Hallam ☆	 Mark Hutcherson ☆	 Martha Yates ☆	 Martin Goldman ☆	 Martin Wallace ☆ 
 Milk Putk ☆	 Nuria martinez ☆	 Peter Vanderheyden ☆	 qin meng ☆	 Samir Raiyani ☆
 Sandra Unger ☆	 Suzanne Robins ☆	 Tom Wolff ☆ 	 tralvex ☆	

Globe → Member Personal Space

Yellow Star → Favorite

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My Favourites

 Annual Conference Committee (Annual Conference Committee) ★

 Cynthia Barcelon Yang ★

Team Wiki Spaces

[\[Board of Directors\]](#) (access limited to Directors)

[Annual Conference Committee](#) (access limited to committee members; committee chairs are Cynthia Yang and Doreen Alberts)

[Executive Secretary Task Force](#) (access limited to committee members; task force chair is Tony Trippe)

[Membership Task Force](#) (access limited to committee members; task force chair are Edlyn Simmons and Don Walter)

For other committees, task forces, teams, and Forums, see the [Electronic Communications Committee Forum](#) entry on [Open vs. Private Team Collaboration](#) for a list of other possible wiki spaces and forums. PIUG leaders and members should reply to that Forum topic in order to initiate action on these or other possible spaces or forums.

Access Spaces via Dashboard

Open Discussion Forums

[PIUG Discussion Forum](#) -- Raise issues of interest to PIUG participants

[Job Postings](#) -- PIUG members may add new job postings or add comments or replies to existing ones

[Ask PIUG Leadership Forum](#) -- This forum will be monitored by the PIUG Board of Directors and leaders of committees, task forces and teams

[Electronic Communications Committee Forum](#) -- Share issues with others interested in electronic communications issue for PIUG

Watch all forums of interest

Lower Part of PIUG Space Home Page

Navigation through the wiki

Provide feedback

Reorganization is an ongoing part of wiki development process. We are working on the left-side navigation area, the top menu bar, and the on page function icons. Please provide your input in the [Electronic Communications Committee Forum](#).

Internet Disclaimer & Copyright Notice

Understand the [PIUG - Internet Disclaimer & Copyright Notice](#) before using the PIUG Website and Wiki.

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 laws **liability** meeting member minesoft
 navigation news overview patent_offices
 posting
professional development
 questel references regulations seminar stn
 training tutorials university uspto wpi

Add labels (keywords) to pages to populate Label Cloud

Wiki Dashboard

Welcome to Confluence

Confluence is the enterprise wiki designed to make it easy for you and your team to share information with each other, and with the world.

Where do I start?

All content in Confluence is organised into *spaces*. So to start browsing content, simply click on one of the spaces listed below.

Spaces: My New (2) All

Lists only pages that user can access

 [Annual Conference Committee](#)   

 [Board of Directors](#)   

 [Demonstration Space](#)   
A space which demonstrates Confluence functionality.

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Forum - Electronic Communications Committee

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Labels:

[forum](#), [wiki](#), [development](#), [discussion](#) [EDIT](#)

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This forum is open to all registrants to the PIUG Wiki. Tom Wolff is the committee chair.

Moderators: Tom Wolff

Please add topics or post replies here relating to questions, suggestions, and concerns on Wiki development and usage matters.

[Add forum topic](#)

Files	Topic	Author	Replies	Last Post
	The PIUG Wiki - A New Medium for PIUG Collaboration and Discussion Tom Wolff's presentation at the PIUG 2008 Northeast Conference in New Brunswick, NJ is attached hereon. Abstract: The new PIUG wiki is designed to further the PIUG mission "to support, assist, improve and enhance the success of patent information professionals ...	 Tom Wolff Oct 12, 2008 06:31	0	-
	Attaching Documents - Quick Reference Guide Attachments are accessible on any page via the Edit...Attachments menu bar item or the "Attachments" link in the upper righthand corner of any page that can handle attachments. The page that comes up offers a file location box with Browse (your computer ...	 Admin - Tom Wolff Oct 10, 2008 22:48	0	-
	Wiki pages on Search engines Don: The answer is YES. I expect it will take another few days or so for the wiki pages to show up in Google et al. Note that only pages in the main PIUG wiki space pages are accessible to search engines ...	 Admin - Tom Wolff Oct 10, 2008 21:54	1	 Admin - Tom Wolff Oct 10, 2008 22:10
	Open vs. Private Team Collaboration Each committee, task force and team may have its own wikispace/forum or may work as part of the principal PIUG wikispace/forum, either within the main flow of the wiki or possibly as a subwiki/forum. Overall it would be better to keep ...	 Admin - Tom Wolff Oct 03, 2008 12:21	2	 Admin - Tom Wolff Oct 03, 2008 12:21

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Files	Topic	Author	Replies	Last Post
	In light of the new PIUG Wiki, should the old email discussion list go away? If so, when and how? Hi Brian, Not sure why you would want to do this, but let me be the first to volunteer to a) moderate the legacy list b) donate hosting services for the legacy list I've had about 10 years of experience with listservs, both using ...	Brian Bridgewater Oct 15, 2008 16:14	2	Keith Nagel Oct 21, 2008 23:07
	Should the PIUG discussion list only be for members and peer organizations that PIUG has a "reciprocal" arrangement with? PIUG has a longstanding agreement with the PATMG group of CILIP in the UK to share the PIUG discussion list with them. Replacing the open email discussion list with closed access to this wiki would leave our UK colleagues out in the cold if we ...	Brian Bridgewater Oct 15, 2008 16:36	2	Edlyn Simmons Oct 20, 2008 00:36
	Requirements for becoming professional searcher Martin's forum topic corresponds to the message to the PIUG Discussion List (PIUGL) on 05 Aug 2008 (http://www.questel.com/piug/piuql2008/0570.html). I copied it in the PIUG Discussion Forum to highlight the value of this new medium. This topic would have been an ...	Martin Wallace Sep 14, 2008 22:25	1	Admin - Tom Wolff Oct 08, 2008 21:04

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Dear PIUG Colleagues,

I'm curious what the requirements are for becoming a professional patent searcher, particularly in the mechanical and/or electrical arts, either as freelance/contract or working for a company. Is certification or licensing required? What type of legal liability is assumed? Any thoughts you may have are welcomed, please reply off list and I will post a summary for the list later.

Thank You,

Martin Wallace, Librarian
Science & Engineering Center
Raymond H. Fogler Library
University of Maine
Orono, ME 04469
207-581-1678
fax: 207-581-1653
martin.wallace @ umit.maine.edu
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Admin - Tom Wolff says:

Oct 08

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Patent Resources Page

How to Become a Patent Information Professional

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The following is a summary of responses to [an inquiry that I made to the PIUG discussion email list](#) in August 2008. This page is intended to provide information to newer information professionals with an interest in patent information and who are considering making patent information a major part of their career. In addition to this summary, I have also provided links directly to some of the more in-depth responses that I received, so that you can see how some current practitioners responded. Please feel free to make additions or corrections, or contact me and I will make the additions/corrections for you.

- Currently there are no concrete requirements or certifications for becoming a professional patent searcher. This may change over the next few years.
- It helps to have a degree in Library/Information Science and a bachelors or advanced degree in the technical area appropriate to the type of patent searching you're interested in (usually mechanical, electrical, biological, or chemical engineering).
- For chemical and biological searching, it helps to have a masters or PhD in the subject area, but this is not usually the case for mechanical and electrical.
- Basic knowledge of patent law is useful. Some patent agents later become professional searchers (and vice-versa). Their knowledge of patent law is highly beneficial for helping clients evaluate patent information. However it is not a requirement for searchers to have been agents or to know patent law.
- Should have an understanding of the various patent search types and how to determine the appropriate search type based on a client's needs (don't expect the client to know). Search types include Novelty, Validity, Infringement, Freedom to Operate, and State-of-the-Art.
- Should have experience with several patent and non-patent technical literature databases, as well as understanding of a variety of patent documents (issued patents, patent applications, file wrappers, other procedural filings) and how to search for them.
- Should enjoy reading patents, not merely tolerate working with them.
- Fluency in one or more of the following languages, besides English is useful: German, Japanese, and Chinese; other languages may also be useful.
- Should have professional indemnity insurance for their safety, but this is not required. Patent searchers being held legally liable for 'malpractice' is practically unheard of (one respondent pointed out one case where a searcher was sued for overlooking a very obvious piece of prior art -- see Practitioner Response A, below)
- [Practitioner Response A](#)
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Several responses to my inquiry were to inform me of specialized training programs available for those interested in becoming professional patent searchers. These seem to range from programs for the beginner with little or no knowledge of patent information to advanced seminars for continuing education. This has given me the idea to create another page here on the wiki listing such programs. That will be available in the near future.

Additional Articles and References

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Date	Location	Upcoming Meeting/Conference/Seminar
8-11 October 2008	Florence, Italy	11th FICPI Open Forum (The International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys)
19-22 October 2008	Nice, France	ICIC 2008 (Infonortics) Topics: Tools for Competitive Intelligence (e.g., mining tools, visualisation tools, analysis tools, etc); Challenges for the information community over the next five years; Changes in the information environment for patents, innovation and intellectual property; Trends in Search Engines and Information Retrieval
23-25 October 2008	Washington, DC	2008 AIPLA Annual Meeting
24-29 October 2008	Columbus, OH	2008 ASIS&T Annual Meeting "People Transforming Information - Information Transforming People"
28-30 October 2008	Stockholm, Sweden	EPO Patent Information Conference 2008
5-7 November 2008	Tokyo, Japan	2008 Patent Information Fair and Conference (Japanese; English Translation)



Training – Next Steps

- “PIUG Wiki: Tutorial and Open Discussion on Usage and Issues” – Wednesday, October 15th, 11:00am – 12:30 pm
- Webcast tutorials – watch PIUG-L for announcements
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- Video by Atlassian: [Confluence overview](#) (00:06:05)
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- Participate in forums and team spaces
- Add watches to PIUG space and/or specific forums and pages
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