



CHPIUG

Swiss Patent Information User Group

QPIP Certification

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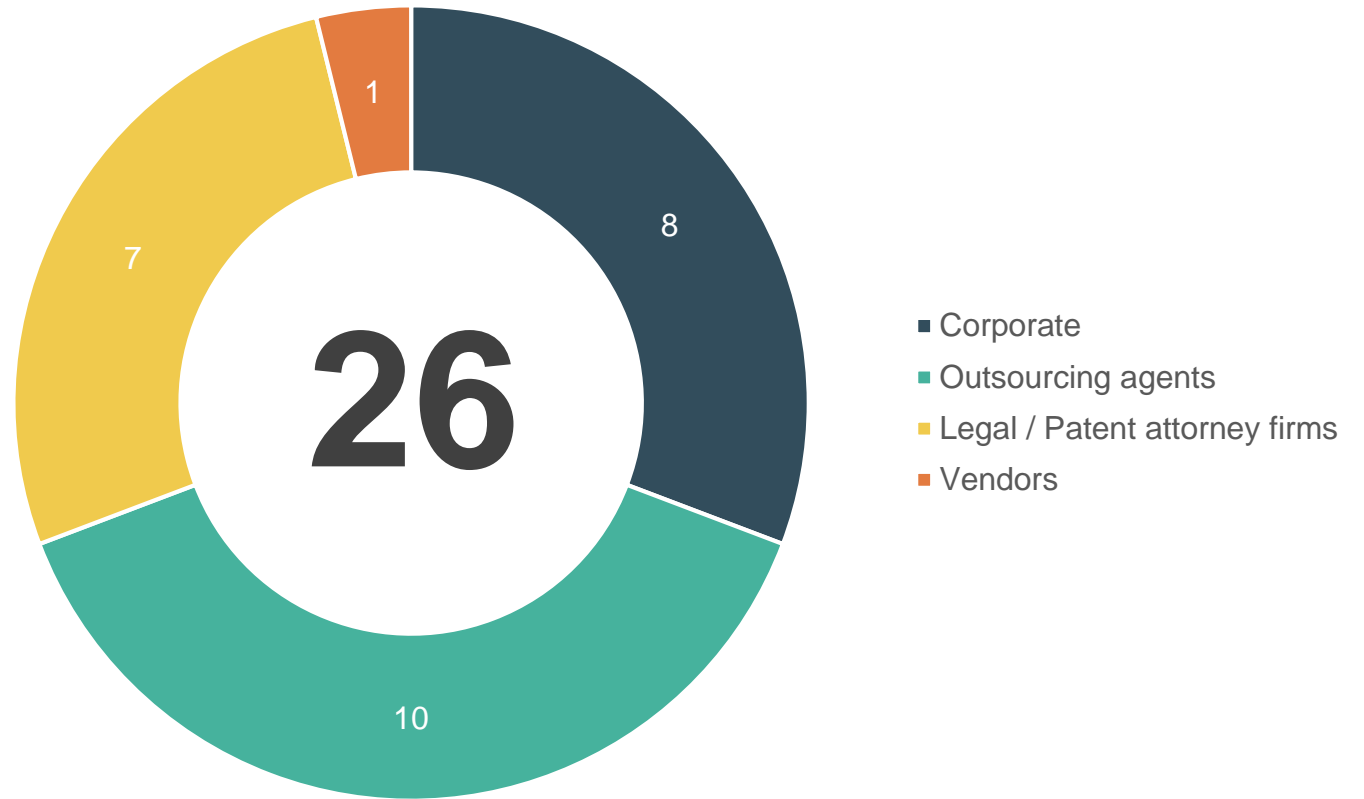


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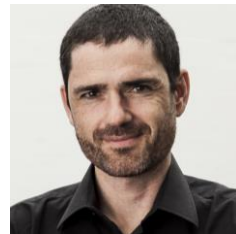
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CHPIUG in a nutshell



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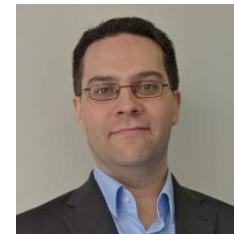
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CHPIUG in a nutshell

“ A place for open discussion, neutral and independent from national patent offices ”



Promoting patent information usage

Towards the public
by the members



Developing patent information practice

For the members
by the members

CHPIUG in a nutshell



CHPIUG official member of the confederacy
2017 CEPIUG annual meeting

CHPIUG in a nutshell



AGM, Germany

AIDB, Italy

BEPIUG, Belgium

BPIP, Great Britain

CFIB, France

CHPIUG, Switzerland

PATMG, Great Britain

PIF, Denmark

SIPIG, Sweden: Under construction

WON, The Netherlands and Dutch speaking part of Belgium

PING Deutschsprachige Patentinformationsnutzerguppe

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QPIP Background & History

Why a certification ?

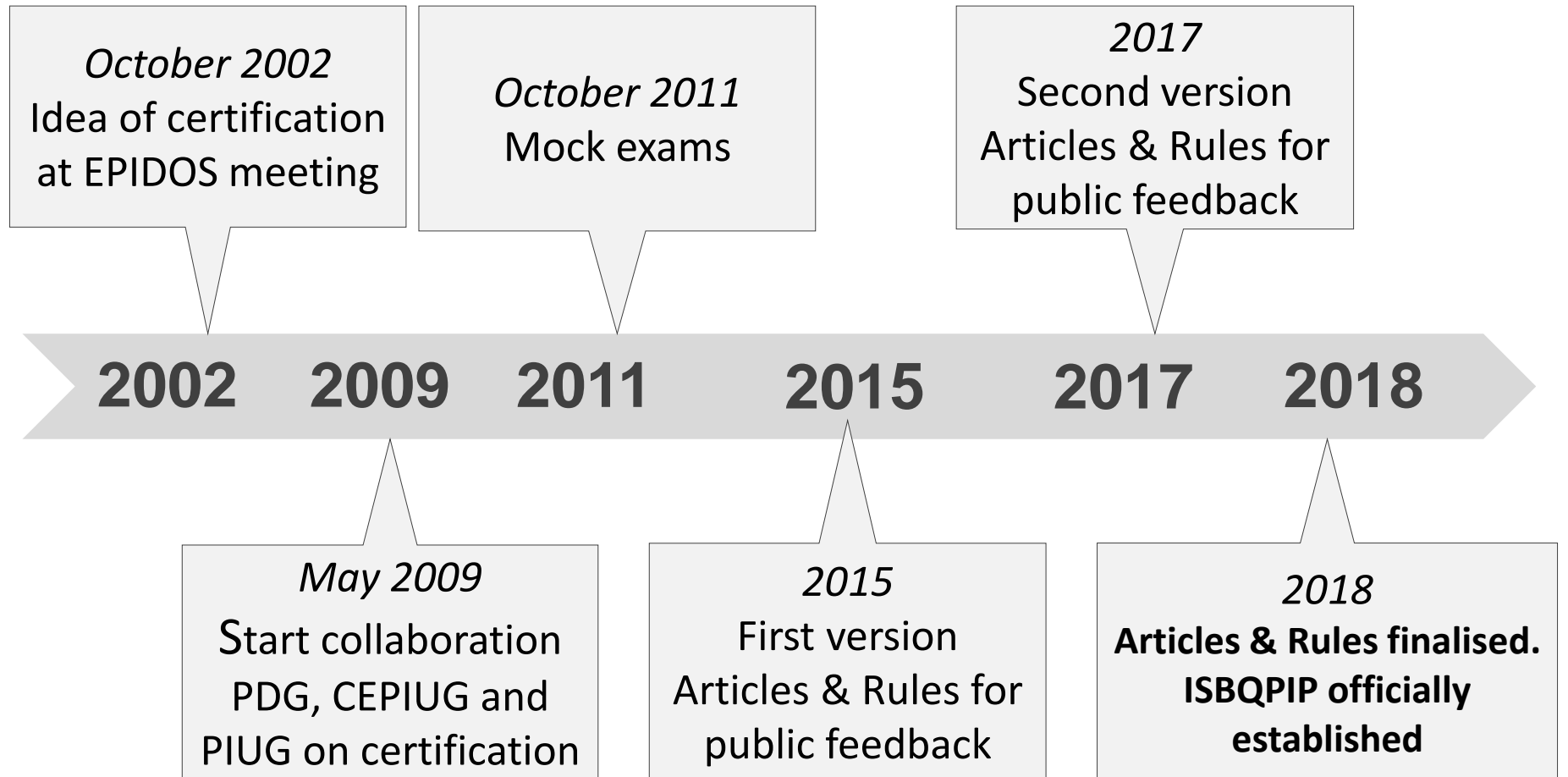
- To ensure professional standards are met (IPR knowledge, search & analysis skills and code of conduct)
- Recognition and protection of the patent information profession
- To build career opportunities and attract newcomers to the profession

QPIP Background & History

Aims of a certification ?

- To identify **the requirements for being certified** as a professional patent searcher
- To create a **certifying body**
- To develop **examination papers** reflecting the skills needed
- To review possibilities & need for **training**

QPIP Background & History



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ISBQPIP

International Standards Board for Qualified Patent Information Professionals



Prior Experience Recognition

Why ?

- To recognize people's experience and commitment
- To give credibility to the organization
- To follow the example of other professions
- To form a pool of volunteers

Prior Experience Recognition

How ?

- Apply for PER status according to Rule 18
- Continued Professional Development
- Willingness to contribute to activities of ISBQPIP
- Commitment to the Code of Conduct
- Application fee of € 175,-

Prior Experience Recognition

Rule 18 18.5a Willingness to contribute

All applicants registered as QPIP via PER shall serve at the request of the ISBQPIP on a committee of the ISBQPIP for a period of time in accordance with ARTICLE 10, or shall be required to participate in developing accredited training or courses related to the core competencies of the certification examination as defined in RULE 18.5b, or in attending and evaluating public training courses.

Prior Experience Recognition

Rule 18 18.5a Willingness to contribute

A roster that includes the names of all those who have obtained PER status shall be used by the ISBQPIP to **randomly select individuals** to participate as needed.

If an individual registered as QPIP via PER is selected to participate in accordance with RULE 18.5a, but is unable to do so for whatever reason, **the individual will be excused from participating for a maximum of two (2) times** without losing their QPIP registration. If they refuse a third consecutive time their QPIP registration will be revoked, any registration renewal fee that has been paid will be forfeited and they will no longer be registered as a QPIP.

Prior Experience Recognition

Rule 18 18.5b Professional commitment to certification standard

All applicants granted PER status **must ensure they teach or otherwise exchange knowledge by teaching or developing a course or attending one or more courses directed to each of the three core competencies of the certification examination at some point during the three years from the date the PER applicant is registered as a QPIP:**

1. Knowledge of patent law and patent systems
2. Searching
3. Analysis

Prior Experience Recognition

Rule 18 18.5c Minimum work experience requirements

(...) at least **ten (10) years** of work experience with at least 60% of that time spent on searching patent information or a combination of searching and mentoring or a combination of searching and outsourcing or a combination of searching and overseeing search work of others (...)

Prior Experience Recognition

Rule 18 18.5d Search projects to be completed

The applicant must indicate in the application for PER status **which types of search** projects according to the definitions in RULE 4.3 (s)he has been performing, outsourcing or overseeing in the ten (10) years preceding the date of application, and give an **indication of amounts and time spent**. The search projects specified need not be conducted on behalf of any particular entity, but the search projects must be conducted in the course of business (not for personal interest).

Prior Experience Recognition

Rule 18 18.5e Minimum technical qualification requirement

At least **a scientific, engineering or technical Bachelor Degree** of three (3) year or four (4) year program duration in a technical field as defined in any publicly available edition of the patent classification system (...)

At least **ten (10) years of experience** working in a technical field as defined by any edition of any patent classification system (...)

Prior Experience Recognition

Rule 18 18.5f Continued Professional Development Activity Prior to PER

(...) the candidate must have completed **a minimum of five (5) Continued Professional Development (CPD) points** as defined in RULE 23.7 which must be accumulated **in the twelve (12) months prior to applying** for PER status.

Prior Experience Recognition

Rule 18 18.6 Required Evidence in support of Application for PER Status

All candidates must provide a **written letter from their current and/or past employer(s)** on company letterhead, stating the **number of years** of employment, the **percentage of time** spent during those years of employment on the activities specified in RULE 18.5c over the course of the required ten (10) years of work experience, and the **number of search projects (...)**

A **full curriculum vitae** that includes at least a record of technical qualifications, all employment positions held, any publications or conference presentations authored or co-authored, any current or previous memberships of professional user groups, societies or other related organisations and any positions held within those organisations.

Prior Experience Recognition

Opens 10th of December 2018 and closes the 11th of March 2019.

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Continuous Professional Development

How ?

- Complete any of the activities outlined in Rule 23.7
- Keep a record of the activities
- Be prepared to be randomly audited

PER : **5 CPD pts** in last 12 months

Maintain QPIP: **10 CDP** pts every year

Continuous Professional Development

3 pts

Reading 3 books, journal articles, conference papers, conference proceedings or online forums such as law blogs relating to patent law, patent information retrieval or patent information analysis.

Participating (or remotely reviewing) in a national patent user group meeting one day seminar focusing on FTO search considerations.

Continuous Professional Development

2 pts

Attending remotely or in person an internal training course or meeting relating to patent information or scientific, engineering or technical training lasting ½ day or longer.

Attending remotely or in person an internal presentation on patent information developments lasting up to ½ day.

Evaluation and preparing a report or presentation of new patent information tools for retrieval or analysis.

Attending a half-day web workshop on new release version and best use of a search tool provider.

Following and reviewing the EPO “East Meets West” seminar via the e-learning web program on how to access and search Asian patent information.

Continuous Professional Development

1 pts

Attending remotely or in person a patent information vendor webinar or internal meeting.

Reading an article on search strategies in a journal.

Reading a blog post on patent information analysis

Internal peer review of patent related search reports.

Attending a vendor webinar on a visualization tool.

Reading and reviewing presentations from EPOPIC on outsourcing routines within companies.

QPIP Examination

Examination Objective

To test whether a candidate understands the information need of a client, because over the entire span of a QPIP's career the QPIP will likely encounter clients who have little or no specific patent knowledge and therefor will rely on the information provided by the QPIP.

QPIP Examination

General Comments

- Examination will be conducted in English.
- Held over two days (8 hours each day) in a controlled testing environment.
- Day 1=search paper (with Internet access)
- Password access to different patent databases is planned.
- Day 2=analysis paper (no Internet access)

QPIP Examination

Day 1 of Exam (Search)

- Part 1 (4 hours)
Conduct a patentability, validity or opposition search
- Part 2 (4 hours)
Conduct a patent infringement risk search

For both parts, candidates choose between two different fact scenarios provided and the majority of marks will be for the search strategy rationale rather than the actual results obtained by the search

QPIP Examination

Day 2 of Exam (Analysis)

- Part 1 (1 hour) – focus on applied patent knowledge

Review mini-fact scenarios and answer questions on patent legal status (e.g. national phase entry, validation, reissue, expiration)

- Part 2 (3 hours) – focus on either infringement or novelty/validity

Categorise a set of patent and/or non-patent documents in a technology neutral field to inform the client about which documents are of interest, may be of interest or not of interest from either a novelty/validity OR patent infringement risk perspective and explain the reasons why

QPIP Examination

2020 - Organization of the first QPIP certification exams

Announcement will follow in due time

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