

Webinar: WIPO Support Services for TISCs

Questions and answers

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TISC Training

I would like TISC staff in my institution to receive training on a specific subject. To whom should I address the request for training?

Please contact your national TISC focal point if you have any suggestions for training on a specific subject that you would like your TISC staff to receive. Your national focal point will collect and transmit this information to WIPO. You can contact tisc@wipo.int if you do not have the contact information for your national TISC focal point.

Does WIPO offer any free training?

WIPO offers a wide range of training opportunities for TISC staff, including on-site training seminars, webinars, distance learning courses (through the WIPO Academy), and self-study resources. Many of these opportunities are available at no cost to the public, while distance learning courses are also available at no cost to TISC staff, provided that they have not previously registered for the course. Many of these resources can be found or accessed at: <http://www.wipo.int/tisc>

Is training available for TISC staff on IP commercialization and technology transfer?

WIPO has numerous training resources available for TISCs in the areas of IP commercialization and technology transfer. These resources include the WIPO Academy

distance learning course DL-450 (IP Management) and the Guides on Identifying and Using Inventions in the Public Domain (released in late June 2020). Links to resources related to technology transfer can be accessed at:

<https://www.wipo.int/patents/en/technology/index.html>

Do you offer training to build the capacity of TISC staff?

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Does WIPO provide IP Valuation Analyst certification?

WIPO does not currently provide an IP Valuation Analyst certification. Other organizations offers certification in this area, however they have not been evaluated nor are they endorsed by WIPO.

Can TISCs register IP after attending necessary trainings?

The aim of training provided to TISCs is to enable them to provide specific services, including access to and assistance in using patent and scientific and technical database, technology search and analytics, and advice in IP management, according to client needs and institutional priorities identified by the national TISC focal point. These services can support IP filing by helping identify prior art that might limit the scope of patent claims.

What is WIPO's plan concerning in-country training?

WIPO plans training activities in close coordination with national TISC focal points in order to ensure that these activities take into account the training needs of national TISC networks, including services to be established and developed within these networks.

Where can I find a schedule of upcoming WIPO webinars?

A full list of WIPO webinars (including those specifically intended for TISCs) can be accessed at: <https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/webinars.jsp>

Can I share the presentations from WIPO webinars with my colleagues or students?

Yes, absolutely! A full list of WIPO webinars (including those specifically intended for TISCs) can be accessed at: <https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/webinars.jsp>

Are any webinars expected to be provided in Hindi?

Webinars are expected to be held in several official WIPO languages including English, French, and Spanish.

WIPO Academy Distance Learning Courses

How can I access WIPO Academy distance learning course DL-177 (e-Tutorial on Using Patent Information)?

The WIPO Academy distance learning course DL-177 (e-Tutorial on Using Patent Information) can be accessed at:

https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf?page=courseCatalog.xhtml&lang=en&cc=DL177E#plus_DL177E

Is WIPO Academy distance learning course DL-177 (e-Tutorial on Using Patent Information) free for TISCs?

Yes, the WIPO Academy distance learning course DL-177 (e-Tutorial on Using Patent Information) is open and free to everyone.

Is WIPO Academy distance learning course DL-177 (e-Tutorial on Using Patent Information) open for registration anytime during the year?

New sessions of WIPO Academy distance learning course DL-177 (e-Tutorial on Using Patent Information) are opened throughout the year.

Is WIPO Academy distance learning course DL-177 (e-Tutorial on Using Patent Information) available in Arabic?

The WIPO Academy Distance learning course DL-177 (e-Tutorial on Using Patent Information) is available in several languages and is expected to be available in Arabic by the end of 2020.

What are the main differences between WIPO Academy distance learning course DL-177 (e-Tutorial on Using Patent Information) and WIPO Academy distance learning course DL-318 (Patent Information Search)?

WIPO Academy distance learning course DL-177 is a self-paced e-tutorial, including tutorials, scenarios, and practical exercises. WIPO Academy distance learning course DL-318 is a tutored course, including reading materials, homework assignments, and forum discussions. They are highly complementary and can be followed according to your specific situation and learning approach.

I took WIPO Academy distance learning course DL-318 (Patent Information Search). Should I also take WIPO Academy distance learning course DL-177 (e-Tutorial on Using Patent Information)?

WIPO distance learning courses DL-318 and DL-177 are highly complementary and can thus both be taken to reinforce your knowledge in the area of patent information search and analysis.

Where can I find the schedule of WIPO Academy distance learning courses?

A full list of all WIPO Academy distance learning courses can be accessed at:
<https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf?page=courseCatalog.xhtml&lang=en>

Who can enroll to participate in WIPO Academy distance learning courses?

Anyone can register for WIPO Academy distance learning courses. More information about WIPO Academy distance learning courses can be accessed at:
https://www.wipo.int/academy/en/courses/distance_learning/

Are there any minimum requirements for participating in a WIPO Academy distance learning course?

It is advisable for certain WIPO Academy distance learning courses to have prior knowledge of intellectual property, in particular for the advanced courses (indicated as such on the WIPO Academy distance learning course catalog). This knowledge can be obtained through WIPO Academy distance learning course DL-101 (General Course on Intellectual Property).

I was unable to finish a WIPO Academy distance learning course due to unforeseen circumstances. Can I retake the course?

Please contact your WIPO Academy course administrator if you have any issues in following or completing a WIPO Academy distance learning course.

I have received a scholarship for a WIPO Academy distance learning course. Can I use this letter to register for other WIPO Academy distance learning courses?

TISC staff can participate in WIPO Academy distance learning courses at no cost as long as they have not previously registered for the given course. In order to benefit from this fee reduction (scholarship), TISC staff should sign up for the course indicating their status as TISC staff and contact their national TISC focal point who will coordinate with WIPO to ensure that the fee reduction is applied.

I took a WIPO Academy distance learning course several years ago and understand that these courses have been updated in the meantime. Should I take the course again?

WIPO Academy distance learning courses cover key issues in their respective fields and are updated periodically to take into account new developments in the field of intellectual property. You can retake the course if you feel that you want to refresh your knowledge and skills, however you can also keep up to date on latest developments in the field of intellectual property by following what's happening at WIPO and in the IP world through WIPO's Newsroom at: <https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>

WIPO eTISC

Who can be a member of WIPO eTISC?

WIPO eTISC is intended for TISC staff and anyone with an interest in patent information, technology transfer, IP management, and related fields and services.

I have a WIPO Account. Do I need a new WIPO Account to register with eTISC?

It is not necessary to create a new WIPO Account to register for WIPO eTISC. A single WIPO Account can be used for all WIPO digital services, including WIPO eTISC, WIPO INSPIRE, global IP services, and many others.

How long does it take for WIPO to approve my request to join WIPO eTISC?

Registration requests for WIPO eTISC are usually processed within 2-3 business days. We appreciate your patience in the meantime.

How does membership in the eTISC platform benefit engineering students?

WIPO eTISC provides engineering students and others with the opportunity to interact with TISC staff and other experts in patent information, technology transfer, IP management, and related subjects.

How does the interaction between eTISC members and experts in Ask the Expert sessions work?

Ask the Expert sessions on eTISC allow eTISC members to post questions to leading experts in fields such as patent information, technology transfer, IP management, and WIPO services during a defined period of time, usually two weeks. Questions posted by eTISC members and answers provided by the experts are available at: <https://etisc.wipo.int/ask-the-expert>

What is the difference between WIPO INSPIRE and WIPO eTISC?

WIPO INSPIRE provides information about the features and coverage of different patent databases to enable you to make informed decisions about which patent database meets your needs. WIPO eTISC allows you to interact with TISC staff and other experts in patent information, technology transfer, IP management, and related subjects. For example, you can obtain information about a specific patent database in WIPO INSPIRE and discuss its advantages and disadvantages and how to use it effectively with experts on WIPO eTISC.

WIPO INSPIRE

Does WIPO INSPIRE allow a patent search across the different databases featured on the platform?

WIPO INSPIRE provides information about the features and coverage of different patent databases to enable you to make informed decisions about which patent database meets your needs. It does not permit a “meta-search”, a search of the content of all the patent databases included in WIPO INSPIRE.

Does WIPO INSPIRE cover all existing patent databases?

WIPO INSPIRE covers an increasing number of different patent databases, providing information about their features and coverage. WIPO works with patent database providers and patent information professionals to continuously expand the number of database covered by WIPO INSPIRE.

How frequently is WIPO INSPIRE updated?

WIPO works with patent database providers and patent information professionals to continuously expand the number of database covered by WIPO INSPIRE. New and updated reports as constantly being added to WIPO INSPIRE.

Does WIPO INSPIRE cover non-English language patent databases?

WIPO INSPIRE is expected to cover a range of different patent databases, including those offered with non-English language interfaces and content.

I have been using PATENTSCOPE. Is using WIPO INSPIRE better than using PATENTSCOPE?

PATENTSCOPE is a patent database, offering access to millions of patent documents from a range of national and regional patent collections. WIPO INSPIRE provide information about patent databases (including PATENTSCOPE), helping to determine which patent databases are best suited for your needs.

How can WIPO INSPIRE help in the transfer of technology from one country to another?

WIPO INSPIRE provides information about the coverage and features of different patent databases. It can thus help determine which patent databases are best suited for a particular purpose, including identifying business partners or licensing opportunities from different countries, thereby supporting the transfer of technology from one country to another.

WIPO Accounts

How can I create a WIPO Account?

You can create a WIPO Account at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/en/generic/public/register.xhtml>

What are the requirements for creating a WIPO Account?

Anyone can create a WIPO Account at:

<https://www3.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/en/generic/public/register.xhtml>

Is there a limit to the number of WIPO Accounts per institution?

No, any number of WIPO Accounts may be registered per institution. It is advised to create personal accounts for every individual who will be using WIPO digital services (rather than shared institutional accounts) for reasons of data security.

Should I create an individual WIPO Account or institutional WIPO Account?

It is advisable to create personal accounts for every individual who will be using WIPO digital services (rather than shared institutional accounts) for reasons of data security.

Do I need to create separate accounts for WIPO eTISC and WIPO INSPIRE?

A single WIPO Account can be used for all WIPO digital services, including WIPO eTISC, WIPO INSPIRE, global IP services, and many others.

WIPO Patent Register Portal

Some countries in the Patent Register Portal are marked as having “No Data”. Will these countries be available soon?

WIPO's Patent Register Portal is continuously updated as new information is received concerning the patent registers and gazettes made available for different countries. Users can submit information about patent registers and gazettes by using the Contact Us form provided on the Patent Register Portal page, which can be accessed at: https://www.wipo.int/patent_register_portal/en/index.html

Which countries do not have patent registers?

WIPO's Patent Register Portal highlights countries that currently have (and do not have) online patent registers on the Online Registers tab. The Patent Register Portal can be accessed at: https://www.wipo.int/patent_register_portal/en/index.html

Other WIPO Resources

How can an organization sign up to benefit from the Access to Specialized Patent Information (ASPI) program for free or low-cost access to commercial patent databases?

Eligible organizations (patent offices, academic institutions, and research institutions in many developing countries) can sign up for ASPI and get more information about the program at: <http://www.wipo.int/aspi>

How can I access IP publications and online patent references?

You can access all current WIPO publications at: <https://www.wipo.int/publications>

Can I get free access to commercial patent databases if my institution becomes a TISC host institution?

WIPO facilitates access to commercial patent databases for certain institutions (patent offices, academic institutions, and research institutions) in developing countries through the Access to Specialized Patent Information (ASPI) program. It is not necessary for your institution to be a TISC host institution to benefit from this program. More information about ASPI and its eligibility criteria can be accessed at: <http://www.wipo.int/aspi>

Patent Databases

Which patent database would you recommend for a beginner patent examiner?

Some patent database features that are particularly important for effective patentability search, as one of the key tasks of patent examiners, include: (i) broad coverage, since prior art generally includes information made available through published patent documents regardless of their origin; (ii) results grouping by patent family, since it avoids the necessity of reviewing multiple documents representing the same invention; and (iii) well-structured results view, since such views facilitate a review of search results. PATENTSCOPE includes these features (and many more), providing coverage of many national and regional patent collections (many in searchable full-text), results grouping by PCT patent family, and a customizable side-by-side results view. It also includes a cross-lingual semantic search interface, facilitating keyword-based searches, and the possibility of including International Patent Classification (IPC) and Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC) in search queries. And it's free! PATENTSCOPE can be accessed at: <http://patentscope.wipo.int>

Is Derwent Innovation or PATENTSCOPE a more complete database?

Each patent databases has different coverage and features, which may be useful for specific purposes. More information about the coverage and features of different patent databases can be obtained through WIPO INSPIRE, which can be accessed at: <http://inspire.wipo.int>

Patent Filing

My institution would like to file a patent application for an invention. Should we file the application only in our country or in other countries as well?

Patents are territorial rights, so it is necessary to file a patent application in all the jurisdictions in which you want to obtain patent protection. The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) provides an efficient means for filing patent applications in numerous countries and allows you to extend the period of time you have in order to decide in which countries you want to obtain patent protection. More information about the PCT can be accessed at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct>

My institution would like to file a patent application for an invention. How can we determine whether a patent application has already been filed by someone else in another country?

A patent search can help determine in which countries patent applications have been filed for inventions identical or related to the invention for which you are considering to file a patent application. Keep in mind that the patentability of your invention will generally depend (among other things) on the novelty and inventive step of your invention. This means that, in order to be granted a patent for your invention, the invention must generally be new and “inventive” when compared to everything that was made known to the public in any form and anywhere in the world prior to the date on which you file the patent application for your invention. Patent applications filed in another country are only one source of published

knowledge, so you may also need to check other sources in order to determine whether your invention meets these patentability criteria.

COVID-19

How can I use the PATENTSCOPE COVID-19 Index?

A webinar was held on May 7, 2020 to demonstrate how to use the PATENTSCOPE COVID-19 Index. This webinar can be accessed at:
https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=56631

Can we form a team to develop innovative solutions to COVID-19?

WIPO eTISC provides an opportunity for experts to network and coordinate on a range of issues related to patent information, technology transfer, and IP management, in particular through thematic groups. WIPO eTISC can be accessed at: <http://etisc.wipo.int>

WIPO and Its Activities

Are all countries in the world WIPO Member States?

A full list of WIPO Member States can be accessed at: <https://www.wipo.int/members>

There are many types of IP rights or ways to protect intangible assets such as copyright, design rights, trademarks, geographical indications, and trade secrets. Does WIPO provide support for these other forms of IP rights and their strategic use to support innovation?

A main focus of WIPO's activities to support TISCs relates to the development of services built around the effective use of patent information for technological innovation. However, WIPO also provides wide-ranging support for all forms of IP rights, including global services (e.g. patent filing through the Patent Cooperation Treaty [PCT] system and trademark registration through the Madrid system), capacity development, and technical assistance