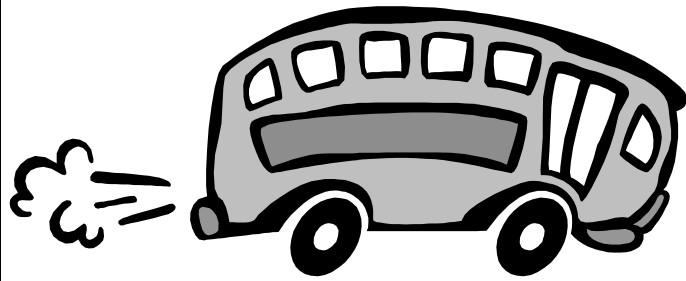




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SLA-Pgh “Back to School” Program — A Focus on Professional Development

**Classification Based Patent Searching
for Mortals**

Guest Speaker: Alan Engel, Paterra, Inc.

March 15, 2006

Training session will begin at 4:30 pm—6:00

Dinner* will be served immediately following.

Mellon Institute in Oakland—Social Room—3rd Floor

(use Bellefield Street Entrance—this is the 3rd Floor)

*Dinner will be delivered from a local restaurant. After registration, menu choices will be sent out directly to attendees.

Patent classification systems are indispensable tools for searching patents and are the primary tools used by patent examiners to find prior art. The classification is the first intellectual input into a patent document independent of the inventor. Every patent searcher needs to know how to use classification systems. However, these systems are extensive, complex and require years of training to master. Current database platforms also confront users with a variety of input code formats and retrieval practices. Paterra is developing an approach in which abstracts are supplemented with the titles of the classifications that have been applied to them and the results supplied to a full text search engine. This allows classification-based searching using common full text techniques. At the same time, it imparts a defacto controlled vocabulary that offsets the variable terminology problem inherent in conventional keyword searching. Paterra is implementing this approach in an ad-based (i.e., free-to-the-user) environment.

Since this is a secured facility, NO WALK-INS will be allowed.

Session Costs:

Members: \$25

Students: \$15

Guests: \$30

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