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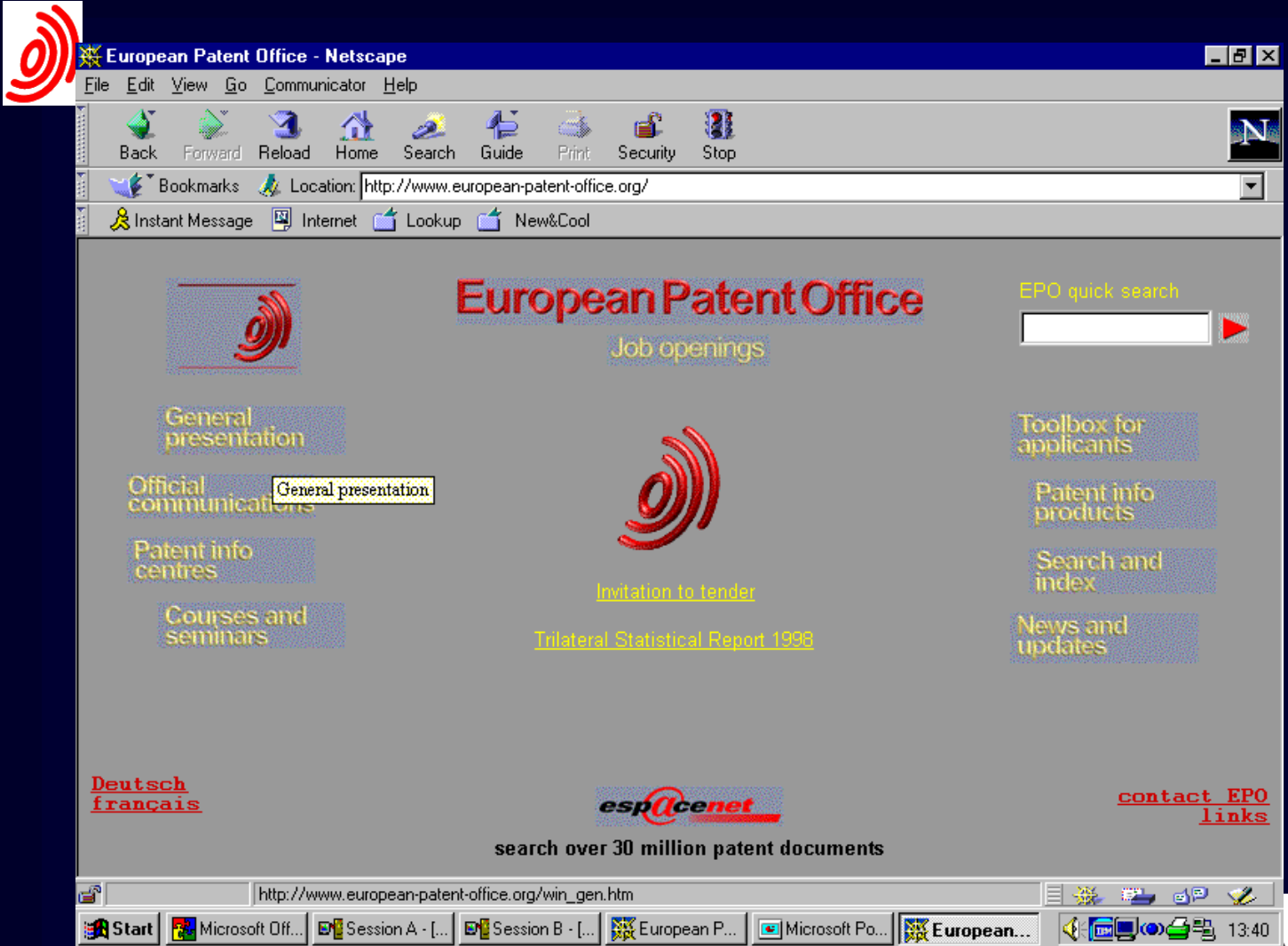
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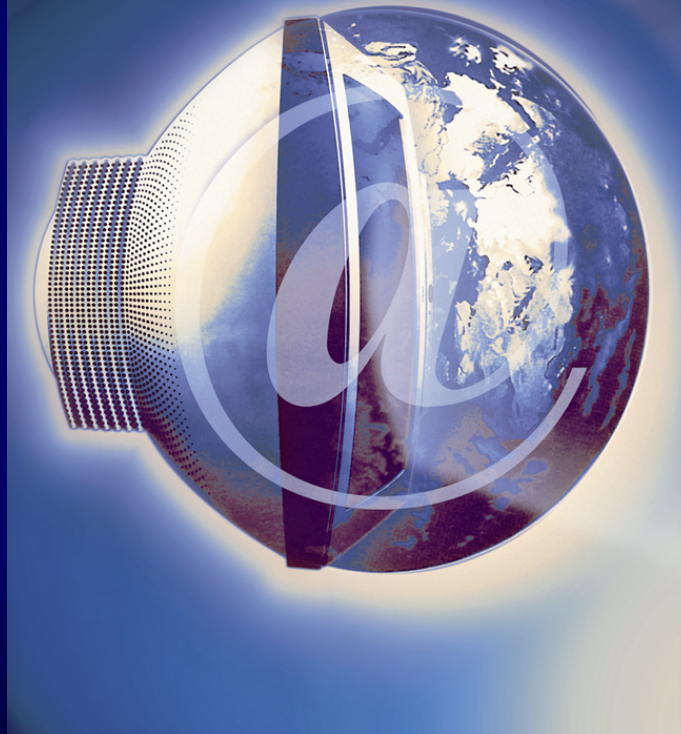
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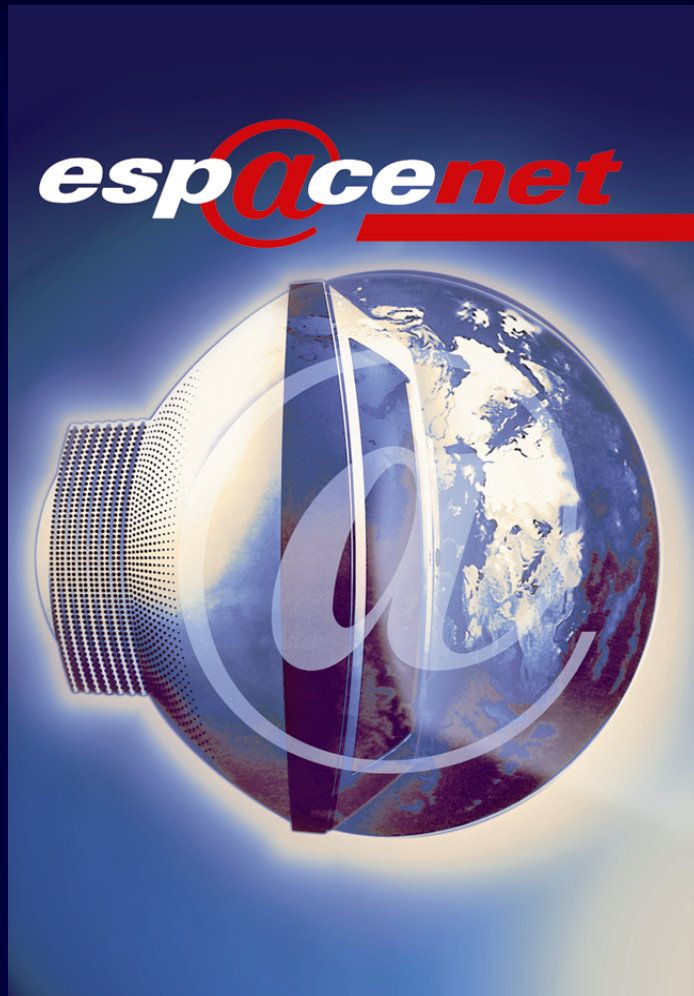
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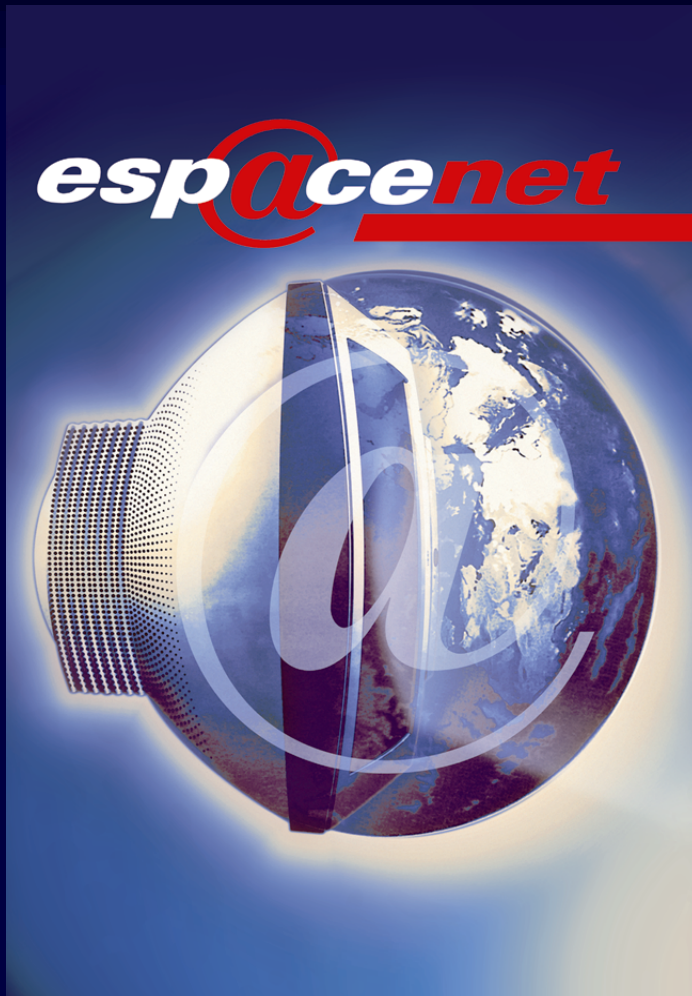
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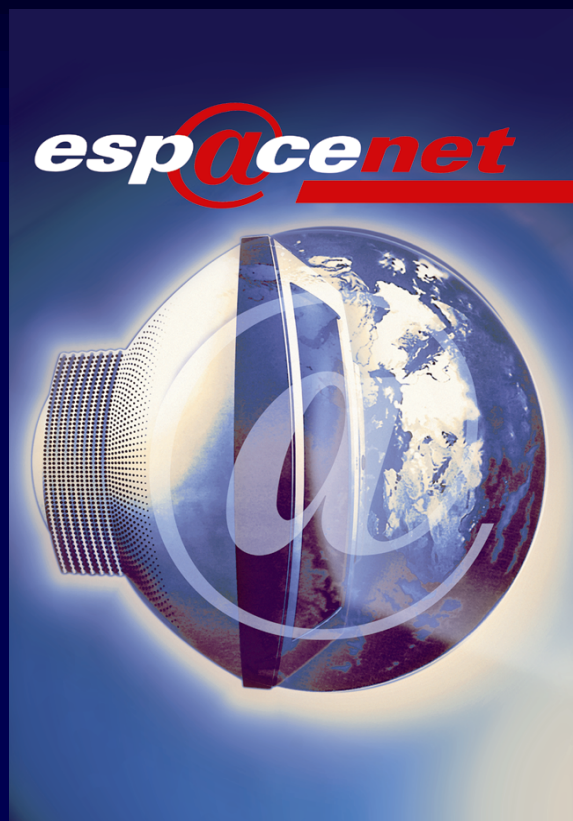
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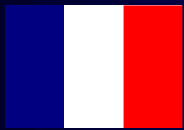
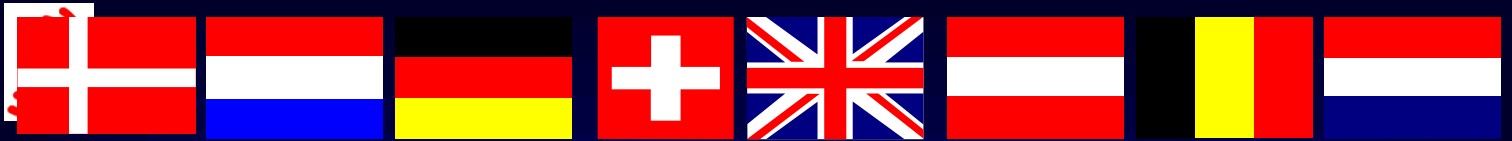
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- 67 countries and organisations
- 22 000 documents weekly
- All technical fields covered
- Standardisation of applicants' names
- Checking of IPC
 - total of 30 million documents
 - (as of September 1998)

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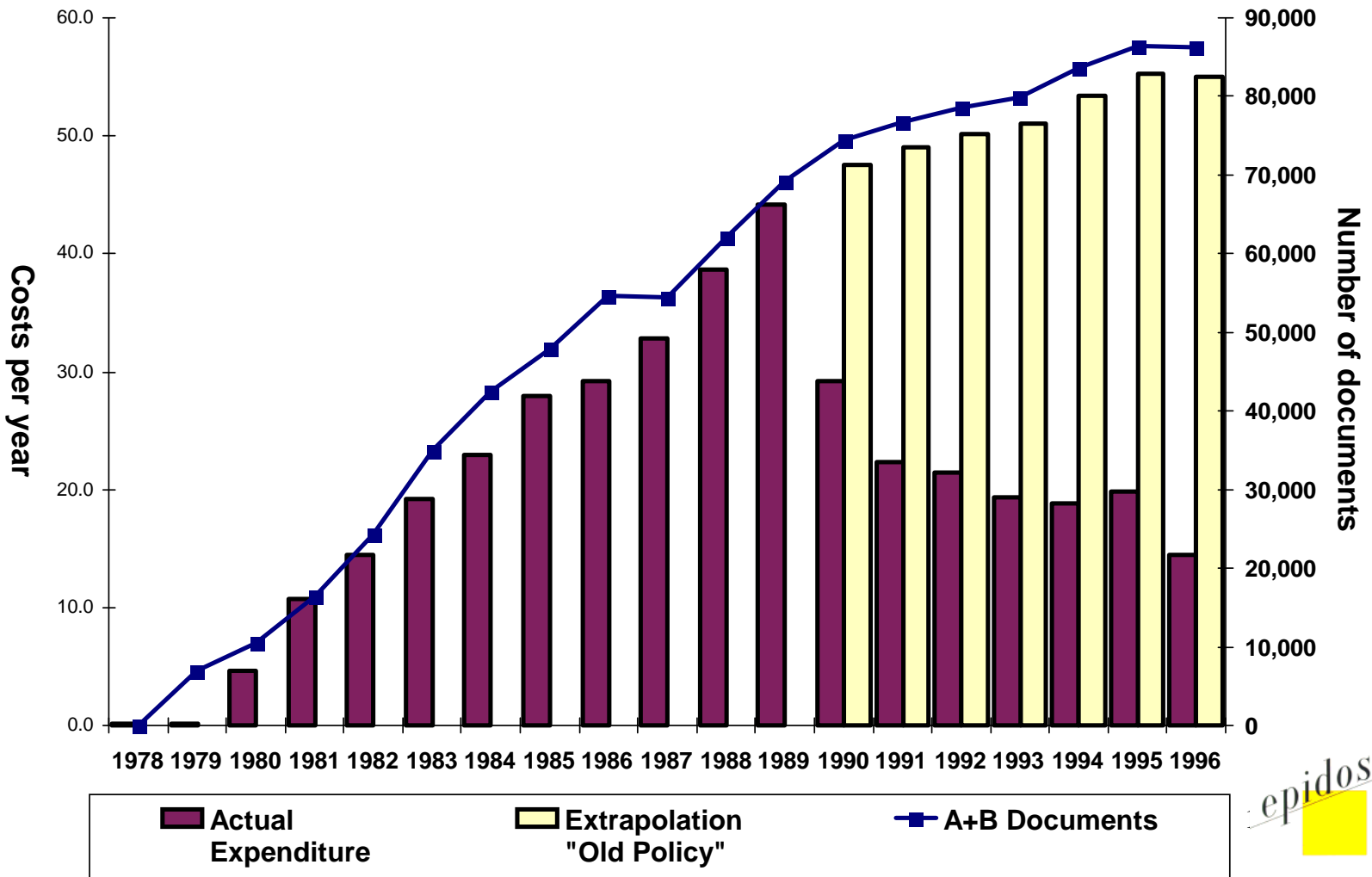
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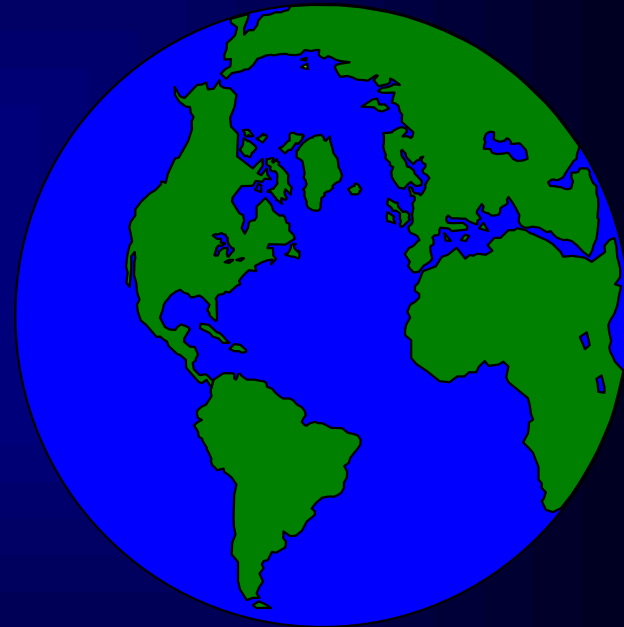
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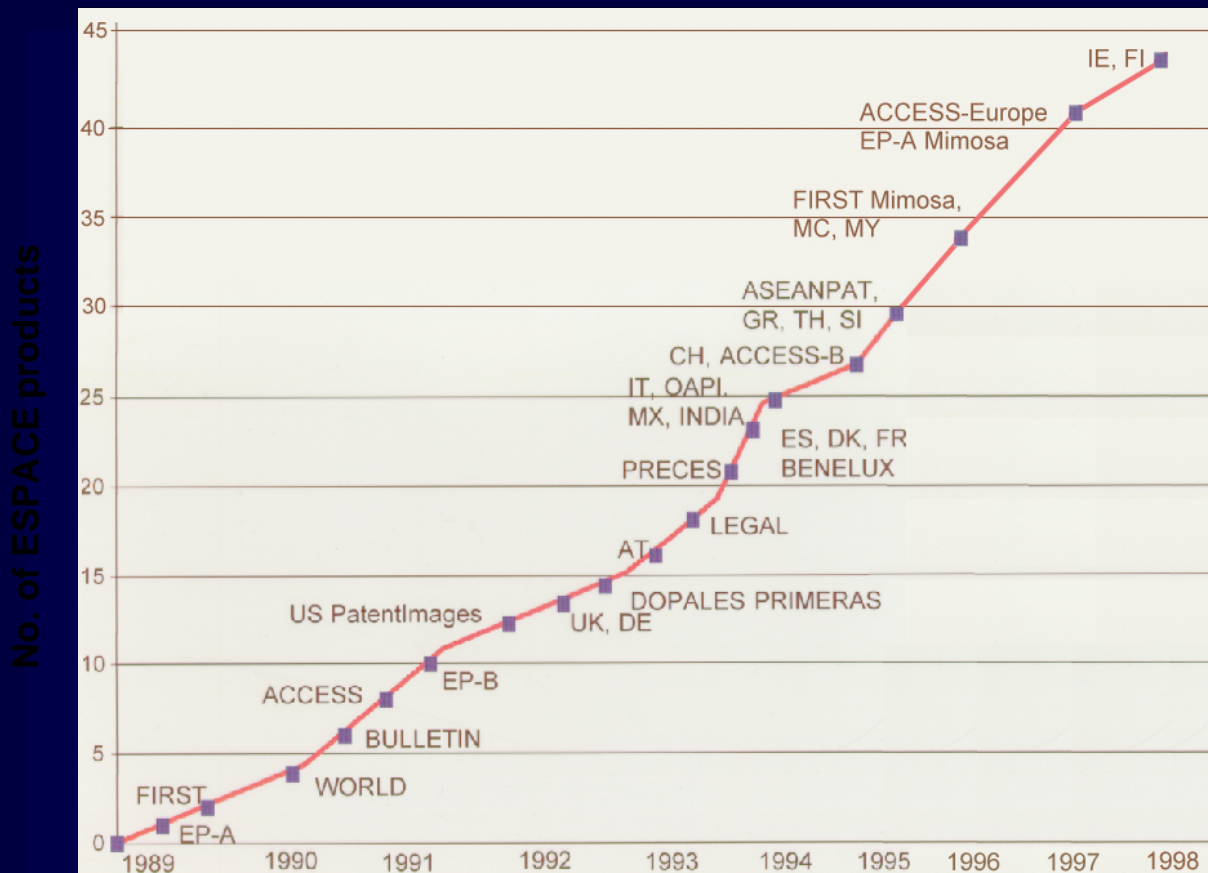
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