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On 6-8 May 2019, the European Patent Office (EPO) will hold its annual "Search Matters" conference in Munich, Germany. The event, which is directed at patent search professionals from business, academia and IP firms, showcases the EPO's patent search strategies and techniques while offering an unrivaled look behind the scenes at the Office. The 2019 edition will include a series of workshops with EPO examiners providing useful information on topics such as search strategies, the impact of AI and blockchain on search, Asian prior art, free search tools such as Espacenet and Patstat or the complexity of searching in automotive, ICT and chemistry fields. One of the highlights of the programme is the chance for participants to spend half a day with individual examiners "at-the-desk" and discuss with them about how they search in specific technical areas. The programme is rounded off by plenary lectures and a round table on the hopes and fears of the searcher and the future of search in an AI and Blockchain landscape.

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