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All participants (applicant, applicant’s representative, PTO personnel):

1. **SHIOW-JY FAN**
2. **ANTHONY L. PISANO (Reg. No. 65,098)**

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Issues Discussed

1. Other

Claim(s) discussed: **n/a**

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Substance of Interview

(For each issue discussed, provide a detailed description and indicate if agreement was reached. Some topics may include: identification or clarification of a reference or a portion thereof, claim interpretation, proposed amendments, arguments of any applied references etc...)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

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1. ☑ This communication is responsive to 1/19/2016.
   - A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under 37 CFR 1.130(b) was/were filed on _______.

2. ❌ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _______; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

3. ☑ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1.5-6, 9-13 and 33-40. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the Patent Prosecution Highway program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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   - ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner’s Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _______.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner’s comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)
1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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3. ☐ Examiner’s Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
4. ☑ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 4/12/2016.
5. ☑ Examiner’s Amendment/Comment
6. ☐ Examiner’s Statement of Reasons for Allowance
7. ☑ Other See Continuation Sheet.

/SHIOW-JY FAN/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2168
Continuation of Attachment(s) 7. Other: Interview Email and Proposed Examiner Amendment.
The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

a. This action is responsive to remarks and amendment filed on 1/19/2016.

b. Claims 1, 5-6, 9-13 and 33-40 are allowed.

EXAMINER’S AMENDMENT

An examiner’s amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner’s amendment was given in email with Anthony L. Pisano (Reg. No. 65,098) on 4/12/2016.

The application has been amended as follows:

This amendment will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. The amendment is based on claims filed 1/19/2016. Please see the attached Proposed Examiner Amendment pdf file.
Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHIOW-JY FAN whose telephone number is (571) 270-7846. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday, 7:30am till 5:00pm, alternate Fridays off, EST..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Fred Ehichioya can be reached on (571) 272-4034. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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2. ANTHONY L. PISANO (Reg. No. 65,096).

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An online journal recommendation system, comprising:
   
one or more editorial computers connected to a multi-node network, said editorial computers comprising one or more program controlled data processors configured to:
   
   receive an author-submitted article for publication via said multi-node network;
   
   access journal database records, wherein said database records include information associated with previously submitted articles and corresponding author user profiles;
   
   create a first fingerprint of a plurality of published articles in a particular journal from the journal database records;
   
   create a second fingerprint of the author-submitted article;
   
   compare the first fingerprint with the second fingerprint to determine whether the particular journal has articles with a high similarity to the author-submitted article;
   
   recommend the particular journal to the author as a potential journal for submission of the author-submitted article [if] when the particular journal has published articles which have a high similarity; and
   
   [if] when the author-submitted article is rejected from the particular journal:
   
   receive a first input, from the author of the submitted article for publication, comprising a request to initiate a waterfall process for the rejected author-submitted article,
   
   provide a first notification of the first input to a receiving journal device,
receive a confirmation to proceed from the receiving journal device,
transform the rejected author-submitted article into a waterfalled article,
transmit data comprising a submission to the receiving journal device,
wherein the submission comprises the waterfalled article and metadata, [[and]]
receive a transmission from the receiving journal device, wherein the
transmission comprises an acceptance or a rejection of the submission and an
option to continue the waterfall process with a second receiving journal, and
when an affirmation of the option to continue the waterfall process with the
second receiving journal is received:

transmit one or more journal recommendations to the author of the
submitted article for publication, wherein the one or more journal
recommendations comprise one or more potential receiving journals that contain
articles having a high similarity with the waterfalled article, and

receive a second input from the author of the submitted article for
publication comprising a selection of the second receiving journal and forward
the waterfalled article to the second selected journal.

2.-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) The journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or
more of said editorial computers select one or more submitted articles and process the selected
articles as a group with shared properties.

6. (Previously presented) The online journal recommendation system of claim 5, wherein
one or more of said editorial computers create a group template for the selected articles.
7.-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) The online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein said one or more program controlled data processors are further configured to convert one or more submitted articles to a Common Readable Format.

10. (Previously presented) The online journal recommendation system of claim 9, wherein said Common Readable Format is Hypertext Markup Language or Extensible Markup Language.

11. (Previously presented) The online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers automatically assigns editors according to rules and settings of the journal recommendation system.

12. (Previously presented) The online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers search for reviewers by taking into account the author's preferred reviewers.

13. (Previously presented) The online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein annotations to the author-submitted article are made in the author-submitted article.

14.-32. (Canceled)

33. (New) A method of recommending an online journal, the method comprising:

   receiving, by one or more editorial computers connected to a multi-node network, an author-submitted article for publication via said multi-node network;
accessing, by the one or more editorial computers, journal database records, wherein said
database records include information associated with previously submitted articles and
corresponding author user profiles;

creating, by the one or more editorial computers, a first fingerprint of a plurality of published articles in a particular journal from the journal database records;

creating, by the one or more editorial computers, a second fingerprint of the author-submitted article;

comparing, by the one or more editorial computers, the first fingerprint with the second fingerprint to determine whether the particular journal has articles with a high similarity to the author-submitted article;

recommending, by the one or more editorial computers, the particular journal to the author as a potential journal for submission of the author-submitted article when the particular journal has published articles which have a high similarity; and

when the author-submitted article is rejected from the particular journal:

receiving, by the one or more editorial computers, a first input, from the author of the submitted article for publication, comprising a request to initiate a waterfall process for the rejected author-submitted article,

providing, by the one or more editorial computers, a first notification of the first input to a receiving journal device,

receiving, by the one or more editorial computers, a confirmation to proceed from the receiving journal device,

transforming, by the one or more editorial computers, the rejected author-submitted article into a waterfalled article,
transmitting, by the one or more editorial computers, data comprising a submission to the receiving journal device, wherein the submission comprises the waterfalled article and metadata,

receiving, by the one or more editorial computers, a transmission from the receiving journal device, wherein the transmission comprises a rejection of the submission and an option to continue the waterfall process with a second receiving journal, and

when an affirmation of the option to continue the waterfall process with the second receiving journal is received:

transmitting, by the one or more editorial computers, one or more journal recommendations to the author of the submitted article for publication, wherein the one or more journal recommendations comprise one or more potential receiving journals that contain articles having a high similarity with the waterfalled article, and

receiving, by the one or more editorial computers, a second input from the author of the submitted article for publication comprising a selection of the second receiving journal and forward the waterfalled article to the second selected journal.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, further comprising selecting, by the one or more editorial computers, one or more submitted articles and processing, by the one or more editorial computers, the selected articles as a group with shared properties.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising creating, by the one or more editorial computers, a group template for the selected articles.
36. (New) The method of claim 33, converting, by the one or more editorial computers, one or more submitted articles to a Common Readable Format.

37. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein said Common Readable Format is Hypertext Markup Language or Extensible Markup Language.

38. (New) The method of claim 33, further comprising automatically assigning, by the one or more editorial computers, editors according to rules and settings.

39. (New) The method of claim 33, further comprising searching, by the one or more editorial computers, for reviewers by taking into account the author's preferred reviewers.

40. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein annotations to the author-submitted article are made in the author-submitted article.
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Examiner Fan:

I authorize you to enter the examiners amendment.

Anthony

On Apr 12, 2016, at 6:41 AM, Fan, Shiow-Jy <shiow-jy.fan@USPTO.GOV> wrote:

> Mr. Pisano,
>
The proposed amendment looks good. Please authorize me to enter the amendment as Examiner’s Amendment. Further search/consideration will be performed and will let you know if there are any issues.
>
> Best Regards,
> Examiner Fan

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Thank you for your edits. I made a few minor changes in blue (added “of the” in a few places and changed “waterfall” to “waterfalled”). I also canceled the withdrawn claims and added method claims that conform to the system claims. Please let me know if you have any additional comments or questions.

Regards,

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Sent: Friday, April 08, 2016 11:49 AM
To: Pisano, Anthony  
Subject: RE: 13/536,700 Proposed claims for Examiner’s Amendment (Our ref. 77434-40)

Mr. Pisano,

Sorry for the late response. Attached is the edited amendment (in red). Please amend as needed and cancel the withdrawn claims. You may add other groups of claims as long as they are conformed to the current group of the claims.

Please forward the complete set of claims to me and let me know if you have questions.

Best Regards,
Examiner Fan

From: Pisano, Anthony [mailto:Anthony.Pisano@DINSMORE.COM]  
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Examiner Fan:

I apologize – my email software automatically converts to PDF and I forgot about this feature. Attached is a Word version.

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Mr. Pisano,

The proposed amendment is received. It is greatly appreciated that you send a Word version so I can edit the document.

Best Regards,
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Examiner Fan:

Per our discussion a few moments ago, attached are the proposed claims for the Examiner’s Amendment. I am going to be unavailable via telephone for most of the day today, so if you have any questions or concerns, please email me.

Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, I hereby authorize the USPTO to communicate with the undersigned and practitioners in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33 and 37 CFR 1.34 concerning any subject matter of this application by video conferencing, instant messaging, or electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file.

Regards,

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.
Applicant-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No. 13/536,700
Applicant(s) LOPULALAN, ROBIN JASON
Examiner SHIOW-JY FAN
Art Unit 2168

All participants (applicant, applicant’s representative, PTO personnel):

(1) SHIOW-JY FAN.

(2) ANTHONY L. PISANO (reg. No. 65,098).

Date of Interview: 12 January 2016.

Type: ☑ Telephonic ☐ Video Conference
☑ Personal [copy given to: ☑ applicant ☑ applicant’s representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☑ Yes ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: ________.

Issues Discussed ☐ 101 ☐ 112 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☐ Others
(For each of the checked box(es) above, please describe below the issue and detailed description of the discussion)

Claim(s) discussed: ______.

Identification of prior art discussed: Rollins and Guo.

Substance of Interview
(For each issue discussed, provide a detailed description and indicate if agreement was reached. Some topics may include: identification or clarification of a reference or a portion thereof, claim interpretation, proposed amendments, arguments of any applied references etc...)

The applicant's representative and the examiner discussed the invention and the claimed limitations. The examiner suggested the applicant to further define limitations for advancing prosecution. However, there was no agreement reached.

The examiner will perform further search upon received amendment.

Applicant recordation instructions: The formal written reply to the last Office action must include the substance of the interview. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, applicant is given a non-extendable period of the longer of one month or thirty days from this interview date, or the mailing date of this interview summary form, whichever is later, to file a statement of the substance of the interview.

Examiner recordation instructions: Examiners must summarize the substance of any interview of record. A complete and proper recordation of the substance of an interview should include the items listed in MPEP 713.04 for complete and proper recordation including the identification of the general thrust of each argument or issue discussed, a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed regarding patentability and the general results or outcome of the interview, to include an indication as to whether or not agreement was reached on the issues raised.

☐ Attachment

/SHIOW-JY FAN/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2168
Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt._____The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner’s responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No. placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant’s correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:
- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:
1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
2) an identification of the claims discussed,
3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
   (The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant’s record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner’s version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, “Interview Record OK” on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner’s initials.
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Applicant : Robin Jason Lopulalan
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Docket : 77434-40 / ELV0017PA
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action of October 22, 2015. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 8.
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An online journal recommendation system, comprising:
   one or more editorial computers connected to a multi-node network, said editorial
   computers comprising one or more program controlled data processors configured to:
   receive an author-submitted article for publication via said multi-node network;
   access journal database records, wherein said database records include
   information associated with previously submitted articles and corresponding author user profiles;
   create a first fingerprint of a published article in a particular journal from the
   journal database records;
   create a second fingerprint of the author-submitted article;
   compare the first fingerprint with the second fingerprint to determine whether the
   particular journal has articles with a high similarity to the author-submitted article;
   [[and]]
   recommend the particular journal to the author as a potential journal for
   submission of the author-submitted article if the particular journal has published articles
   which have a high similarity; and
   if the author-submitted article is rejected from the particular journal:
   receive a first input comprising a request to initiate a waterfall process for the
   rejected author-submitted article,
   provide a first notification of the input to a receiving journal device,
   receive a confirmation to proceed from the receiving journal device,
   transform the rejected author-submitted article into a waterfalled article,
   transmit data comprising a submission to the receiving journal device,
   wherein the submission comprises the waterfalled article and metadata, and
   receive a transmission from the receiving journal device, wherein the
   transmission comprises an acceptance or a rejection of the submission.

2.-4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously presented) The journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of said editorial computers select one or more submitted articles and process the selected articles as a group with shared properties.

6. (Previously presented) The online journal recommendation system of claim 5, wherein one or more of said editorial computers create a group template for the selected articles.

7.-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) The online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein said one or more program controlled data processors are further configured to convert one or more submitted articles to a Common Readable Format.

10. (Currently amended) The online journal recommendation system of claim 9, wherein said Common Readable Format is Hypertext Markup Language or Extensible Markup Language.

11. (Currently amended) The online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers automatically assigns editors according to rules and settings of the journal recommendation system.

12. (Currently amended) The online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers search for reviewers by taking into account the author's preferred reviewers.

13. (Currently amended) The online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein annotations to the author-submitted article are made in the author-submitted article.

14.-20. (Canceled)

21. (Withdrawn) A system for managing documents, the system comprising:
   a processing device; and
   a non-transitory, processor-readable storage medium in communication with the processing device, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable storage medium comprises one or more programming instructions that, when executed, cause the processing device to:
receive a first input comprising a request to initiate a waterfall process for a rejected article,
provide a first notification of the input to a receiving journal device,
receive a confirmation to proceed from the receiving journal device,
transform the rejected article into a waterfalled article,
transmit data comprising a submission to the receiving journal device,
wherein the submission comprises the waterfalled article and metadata, and
receive a transmission from the receiving journal device, wherein the transmission comprises an acceptance or a rejection of the submission.

22. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 21, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable storage medium further comprises one or more programming instructions that, when executed, cause the processing device to:

receive a second input from an author of the rejected article, wherein the second input comprises a confirmation of the request to initiate the waterfall process for the rejected article, and

transmit a second notification to the author, wherein the second notification comprises an indication that the rejected article will be waterfalled.

23. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 21, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable storage medium further comprises one or more programming instructions that, when executed, cause the processing device to, if the transmission comprises a rejection of the submission:

transmit a second notification to the author, wherein the second notification comprises the rejection and an option to continue the waterfall process with a second receiving journal, and

if the author transmits an affirmation of the option to continue the waterfall process with a second receiving journal:

transmit one or more journal recommendations to the author, and
receive a transmission comprising a selection of the second receiving journal from the author.
24. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 22, wherein the one or more journal recommendations comprise one or more potential receiving journals that contain articles with a high similarity with the waterfalled article.

25. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 21, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable storage medium further comprises one or more programming instructions that, if executed, cause the processing device to, if the transmission comprises an acceptance of the submission:
   - assign a submission ID to the waterfalled article,
   - determine whether the receiving journal device requires additional information, and
   - if the receiving journal device requires additional information, query the author to obtain the additional information.

26. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 21, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable storage medium further comprises one or more programming instructions that, if executed, cause the processing device to, if a request is received for additional information from the receiving journal device:
   - query the author for the additional information, and
   - if the author responds to the query with the additional information, assign a system ID and a file ID to the additional information, generate a common readable format (CRF) file, and transmit the system ID.

27. (Withdrawn) A method for managing documents, the method comprising:
   receiving, by a processing device, a first input comprising a request to initiate a waterfall process for a rejected article,
   providing, by the processing device, a first notification of the input to a receiving journal device,
   receiving, by the processing device, a confirmation to proceed from the receiving journal device,
   transforming, by the processing device, the rejected article into a waterfalled article,
   transmitting, by the processing device, data comprising a submission to the receiving journal device, wherein the submission comprises the waterfalled article and metadata, and
receiving, by the processing device, a transmission from the receiving journal device, wherein the transmission comprises an acceptance or a rejection of the submission.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
receiving, by the processing device, a second input from an author of the rejected article, wherein the second input comprises a confirmation of the request to initiate the waterfall process for the rejected article, and
transmitting, by the processing device, a second notification to the author, wherein the second notification comprises an indication that the rejected article will be waterfalled.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, further comprising, if the transmission comprises a rejection of the submission:
transmitting, by the processing device, a second notification to the author, wherein the second notification comprises the rejection and an option to continue the waterfall process with a second receiving journal, and
if the author transmits an affirmation of the option to continue the waterfall process with a second receiving journal:
transmitting, by the processing device, one or more journal recommendations to the author, and
receiving, by the processing device, a transmission comprising a selection of the second receiving journal from the author.

30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 29, wherein the one or more journal recommendations comprise one or more potential receiving journals that contain articles with a high similarity with the waterfalled article.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, further comprising, if the transmission comprises an acceptance of the submission:
assigning, by the processing device, a submission ID to the waterfalled article,
determining, by the processing device, whether the receiving journal device requires additional information, and
if the receiving journal device requires additional information, querying, by the processing device, the author to obtain the additional information.
32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, further comprising, if a request is received for additional information from the receiving journal device:

   querying, by the processing device, the author for the additional information, and
   if the author responds to the query with the additional information, assigning, by the processing device, a system ID and a file ID to the additional information, generate a common readable format (CRF) file, and transmit the system ID.
REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-6, and 9-13 are pending in the current application. Claims 2-4, 7-8, and 14-20 have previously been cancelled. Claims 21-32 are withdrawn. Claim 1 is rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rollins et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2008/0320579 “Rollins”) in view of Guo (U.S. Publication No. 2010/0106669 “Guo”). Claims 5-6 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rollins in view of Guo as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Ciaramitaro et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2005/0004951 “Ciaramitaro”). Claims 9-10 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rollins in view of Guo as applied to claim 1, and further in view of De Angelis et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2011/0072013 “De Angelis”). Claims 11 and 13 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rollins in view of Guo as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Diamond et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2006/0282762 “Diamond”). Claim 12 is rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rollins in view of Guo as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Vaithilingam et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0047357 “Vaithilingam”). These rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the reasons presented below. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks and amendments submitted herewith.

Amendments to the claims

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate subject matter of withdrawn claim 21. Additional support for these amendments may be found in the specification, figures, and claims as originally filed, particularly at paragraphs [0053]-[0054]. It is believed that no new matter has been entered through these amendments and entry is respectfully requested.

Summary of Examiner Interview

Applicant’s representative, Anthony Pisano, thanks Examiner Fan for the courteous telephonic interview conducted on January 12, 2016. The claims of the instant application were discussed in view of the cited references. Examiner Fan noted that incorporation of claim 21 into claim 1 might potentially result in allowable subject matter. However, agreement was not reached.


**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

As noted hereinabove, claim 1 is rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rollins in view of Guo. Claims 5-6 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rollins in view of Guo as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Ciaramitaro. Claims 9-10 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rollins in view of Guo as applied to claim 1, and further in view of De Angelis. Claims 11 and 13 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rollins in view of Guo as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Diamond. Claim 12 is rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rollins in view of Guo as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Vaithilingam.

**Claim 1**

Independent claim 1 is patentable over Rollins in view of Guo because Rollins and Guo, whether considered alone or in any combination, fail to teach or fairly suggest each and every recitation of claim 1. More particularly, Rollins and Guo fail to teach or suggest at least the following “if the author submitted article is rejected from the particular journal”:

- receive a first input comprising a request to initiate a waterfall process for the rejected author-submitted article,
- provide a first notification of the input to a receiving journal device,
- receive a confirmation to proceed from the receiving journal device,
- transform the rejected author-submitted article into a waterfalled article,
- transmit data comprising a submission to the receiving journal device, wherein the submission comprises the waterfalled article and metadata, and
- receive a transmission from the receiving journal device, wherein the transmission comprises an acceptance or a rejection of the submission

Rollins discloses “workflow solutions for authors ... in validating references cited or included in papers and other submissions for publication or for review.” Rollins at [0012]. Rollins further discloses that a reference is automatically validated by checking the citation format and validating that the cited reference actually exists and was published as cited. See id. at [0015]. A method of validating the reference includes “receiving an electronic document previously prepared by an author using a formatting structure, ... executing on the electronic document a reference validation process ... to determine the validity of the set of cited references
... [and] generating an output comprising data representing the validity determination.” Id. at [0017]).

Guo discloses a manuscript submission decision support system “to help scholars to choose suitable journals in order to submit their manuscripts.” Guo at [0005]. Guo discloses filtering potential journals based on a questionnaire that is completed by an author. See id. at [0015].

Rollins does not relate to an article that has been rejected from a particular journal. Indeed, Rollins merely relates to checking citations of articles, and thus an issue of whether an article has been rejected is wholly irrelevant. See Rollins at [0015]. As such, because Rollins does not disclose rejecting an article from a particular journal, Rollins cannot disclose receiving an input comprising a request to initiate a waterfall process, providing a first notification, receiving a confirmation, transforming, transmitting data, and receiving a transmission as recited in claim 1 because such processes only occur if an article has been rejected from a particular journal. Moreover, Rollins is entirely silent with respect to a waterfall process, as recited in claim 1.

Guo fails to remedy the deficiencies of Rollins. Particularly, Guo also does not relate to an article that has been rejected from a particular journal. To the contrary, Guo relates to reducing a rejection rate of articles by attempting to avoid such rejection. See Guo at [0003]. As such, because Guo does not disclose rejecting an article from a particular journal, Guo cannot disclose receiving an input comprising a request to initiate a waterfall process, providing a first notification, receiving a confirmation, transforming, transmitting data, and receiving a transmission, as recited in claim 1. Moreover, Guo is entirely silent with respect to a waterfall process, as recited in claim 1.

In addition, the Office states “Guo discloses to create one journal manuscript submission decision support system…which can be utilized by Rollins to recommend the similar documents to the author who submitted similar article and to increase user satisfaction rate.” Applicant respectfully disagrees for at least the reasons presented below.

A person having ordinary skill in the art would never be motivated to combine the teachings of Rollins with the teachings of Guo because Rollins relates solely to checking and verifying citations in a submitted article. There is no teaching or suggestion anywhere in Rollins that a particular journal is recommended to an author. Indeed, upon reading Rollins, a person
having ordinary skill in the art would understand that an author already has a journal selected, hence the need for checking citations before submitting the article. Thus, it is clear that the Examiner has used hindsight in formulating a reason for combining the cite checking abilities of Rollins with the manuscript submission system of Guo to arrive at the system recited in claim 1. Use of such hindsight is impermissible under 35 U.S.C. §103. (See MPEP §2142: “impermissible hindsight must be avoided and the legal conclusion must be reached on the basis of the facts gleaned from the prior art” (emphasis added). “Any judgment on obviousness is in a sense necessarily a reconstruction based on hindsight reasoning, but so long as it takes into account only knowledge which was within the level of ordinary skill in the art at the time the claimed invention was made and does not include knowledge gleaned only from applicant’s disclosure, such a reconstruction is proper” (MPEP § 2145(X)(A), quoting In re McLaughlin, 443 F.2d 1392, 1395 (CCPA 1971), (emphasis added)).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Rollins and Guo, whether considered alone or in any combination, fail to teach or fairly suggest all of the recitations of claim 1. Thus, claim 1 is allowable over Rollins and Guo. Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-6

Claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 1 and thus incorporate all of the recitations of claim 1. Therefore, for at least the reasons presented above with respect to claim 1, claims 5 and 6 are likewise allowable over Rollins and Guo. Moreover, Ciaramitaro fails to remedy the deficiencies of Rollins and Guo. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Rollins, Guo, and Ciaramitaro, whether considered alone or in any combination, fail to teach or fairly suggest all of the recitations of claims 5 and 6. Thus, claims 5 and 6 are allowable over Rollins, Guo, and Ciaramitaro. Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-10

Claims 9 and 10 depend from claim 1 and thus incorporate all of the recitations of claim 1. Therefore, for at least the reasons presented above with respect to claim 1, claims 9 and 10 are likewise allowable over Rollins and Guo. Moreover, De Angelis fails to remedy the deficiencies of Rollins and Guo. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Rollins, Guo, and De Angelis, whether considered alone or in any combination, fail to teach or fairly suggest all of the
recitations of claims 9 and 10. Thus, claims 9 and 10 are allowable over Rollins, Guo, and De Angelis. Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 11 and 13

Claims 11 and 13 depend from claim 1 and thus incorporate all of the recitations of claim 1. Therefore, for at least the reasons presented above with respect to claim 1, claims 11 and 13 are likewise allowable over Rollins and Guo. Moreover, Diamond fails to remedy the deficiencies of Rollins and Guo. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Rollins, Guo, and Diamond, whether considered alone or in any combination, fail to teach or fairly suggest all of the recitations of claims 11 and 13. Thus, claims 11 and 13 are allowable over Rollins, Guo, and Diamond. Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 12

Claim 12 depends from claim 1 and thus incorporates all of the recitations of claim 1. Therefore, for at least the reasons presented above with respect to claim 1, claim 12 is likewise allowable over Rollins and Guo. Moreover, Vaithilingam fails to remedy the deficiencies of Rollins and Guo. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Rollins, Guo, and Vaithilingam, whether considered alone or in any combination, fail to teach or fairly suggest all of the recitations of claim 12. Thus, claim 12 is allowable over Rollins, Guo, and Vaithilingam. Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Withdrawn Claims 21-32

Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 1 contains subject matter that is similar to that of withdrawn independent claims 21 and 27. As such, restriction is not necessary and claims 21 and 27 (as well as claims 22-26 and 28-32 dependent thereon) are in condition for rejoinder. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of claims 21-32.
**Conclusion**

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully requested.

No additional fees are believed to be due. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge all required fees (including any extension of time fees) and to credit any overpayment of fees in this and any concurrent or future correspondence to Deposit Account No. 041133.

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Disposition of Claims*

5) ☑ Claim(s) 1,5,6 and 9-13 is/are pending in the application.
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The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/22/2015 has been entered.

a. This action is responsive to remarks and amendment filed on 6/22/2015.

b. Rejections and/or objections not reiterated from previous office actions are hereby withdrawn.

c. Claims 1, 5-6 and 9-13 are pending in this Office Action Claims 1, 5-6 and 9-13 have been amended. Claims 2-4, 7-8 and 14-20 have been cancelled. Claims 21-32 are withdrawn. Claim 1 is independent claim.

Remarks

The claims and only the claims form the metes and bounds of the invention will be addressed. “Office personnel are to give claims their broadest reasonable interpretation in light of the supporting disclosure. In re Morris, 127 F.3d 1048, 1054-55, 44 USPQ2d 1023, 1027-28 (Fed. Cir. 1997). Limitations appearing in the specification but not recited in the claim are not
read into the claim. In re Prater, 415 F.2d 1393, 1404-05, 162 USPQ 541, 550-551 (CCPA 1969)” (MPEP p 2100-8, c 2, I 45-48; p 2100-9, c 1, I 11-4). The Examiner has full latitude to interpret each claim in the broadest reasonable interpretation in light of the specification. See MPEP 2111 [R-1]. The Examiner will reference prior art using terminology familiar to one of ordinary skill in the art. Such an approach is broad in concept and can be either explicit or implicit in meaning.

Response to Arguments

Applicant’s arguments with respect to claims 1, 5-6 and 9-13 have been considered but are moot because the arguments do not apply to any of the references being used in the current rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in Graham v. John Deere Co., 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:
1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.

2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.

3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.

4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.


Regarding claim 1, Rollins teaches an online journal recommendation system, comprising: one or more editorial computers connected to a multi-node network, said editorial computers comprising:

one or more program controlled data processors (See [0046], processor) configured to:

receive an author-submitted article for publication via said multi-node network (See [0034] and Figure 5, At article submission block 210, the document, structured or not, may be handled in either of two ways. The document may be passed directly on for peer review and decision at block 218 and then submitted to a publisher at Production block 220 without pre-submission author validation);

access journal database records, wherein said database records include information associated with previously submitted articles (See [0038], reference databases used for validation are local or available via the Internet or other
communications network to allow the Author Validation) and does not explicitly disclose said database records include information corresponding author user profiles.

However, Guo teaches access journal database records, wherein said database records include information associated with previously submitted articles and corresponding author user profiles (See [0015]-[0019], Decision Factor Filtering System is at the early stage. In this stage, author profile and preferences would be collected … Lots of academic journals are collected in the Internal Journal Database in order to provide rich information and intelligence for the author).

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Rollins and Guo because Guo discloses to create one journal manuscript submission decision support system. It includes three major subsystems which are Decision Factor Filtering System, Manuscript Submission Decision Support System and Decision Model Verification System. Using on-line questionnaire module can collect and filter the critical decision factors. Through the statistics analysis, the weighted decision factors can be stored on the factor weight model database. After combining with periodical database, the manuscript submission decision support system can generate the ranking journal list which assists author(s) to submit their research papers to the suitable academic journal. The decision model verification system will apply Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) to verify the usefulness and easy-to-use of this Journal Manuscript Submission Decision Support System. The decision model can be fine-tuned by verification system in order to become reliable and trusted model. The critical decision factors can be filtered out. Finally, it can reduce authors' time to look for
suitable journal when they must choose from a large number of periodicals to submit
their manuscript (Guo, See ABSTRACT) which can be utilized by Rollins to recommend
the similar documents to the author who submitted similar article and to increase user
satisfaction rate.

Rollins in view of Guo further teaches:

create a first fingerprint of a published article in a particular journal from
the journal database records (Guo, See [0021]. In order to get the article amount of
specific subject in journal (323) and Journal Classification (324), the text mining
algorithm such as TF-IDF was used. Through TF-IDF analysis, we would learn the hot
topic for different journal);

create a second fingerprint of the author-submitted article (Rollins, See
[0042]. Guo, See [0015]-[0019] and [0021]. NOTE: Since Guo creates hot topic
“fingerprint” for journals in the DB, the article submitted by Rollins can be created its
own fingerprint by Guo too);

compare the first fingerprint with the second fingerprint to determine
whether the particular journal has articles with a high similarity to the author-
submitted article (Rollins, See [0045], validation results are presented to authors and/or
editors and may include references which have high similarity matches. Guo, See
[0032], Compare Journals and Provide Feasible Solutions); and

recommend the particular journal to the author as a potential journal for
submission of the author-submitted article if the particular journal has published
articles which have a high similarity (Rollins, See [0049]), Researchers may keep a personal reference collection 528 of works of their own, of works relied on and referenced in their works, and of works of interest in their particular fields of study).

Claims 5-6 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rollins in view of Guo as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Ciaramitaro et al. (US Pub. No. 2005/0004951 A1), hereinafter “Ciaramitaro”.

Regarding claim 5, Rollins in view of Guo does not explicitly disclose the online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of said editorial computers select one or more submitted articles and process the selected articles as a group with shared properties.

However, Ciaramitaro teaches the online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of said editorial computers select one or more submitted articles and process the selected articles as a group with shared properties (Ciaramitaro, See [0023], a several related documents may be grouped together as a composite document such that the composite document may be treated as a single grouped document or each as individual documents in the LSA that can be separately or individually reviewed for document decisions).

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Rollins and Guo and Ciaramitaro because Ciaramitaro discloses A system and method for electronically managing privileged and non-privileged documents in two independent schemas. One schema is a privileged schema for storing privileged documents and the other schema is a non-privileged schema for storing non-privileged
documents. The two schemas are separate and distinct so that privileged and non-privileged documents are not commingled. Access to the privileged schema is restricted to privileged users while non-privileged users have access only to the non-privileged schema. As a result, privileged documents are protected against the inadvertent waiver of privilege (Ciaramitaro, See ABSTRACT) can be utilized by Rollins and Guo to process the selected articles as a group with shared properties.

Regarding claim 6, Rollins in view of Guo and Ciaramitaro further teaches the online journal recommendation system of claim 5, wherein one or more of said editorial computers create a group template for the selected articles (Ciaramitaro, See [0026]. A privileged document 202 is a document where the entire contents of the document are privileged. A non-privileged document 204 is a document containing no privileged information, or content. A partially privileged document 206 is a document where portions of the document content are non-privileged and other portions of the document are privileged).

Claims 9-10 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rollins in view of Guo as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of De Angelis et al. (US Pub. No. 2011/0072013 A1), hereinafter “De Angelis”.

Regarding claim 9, Rollins in view of Guo does not explicitly the online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein said one or more program controlled data
processors are further configured to convert one or more submitted articles to a Common Readable Format.

However, De Angelis teaches the online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein said one or more program controlled data processors are further configured to convert one or more submitted articles to a Common Readable Format (De Angelis, [0016]-[0017] and [0022], HTML file and XML file).

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Rollins and Guo and De Angelis because De Angelis discloses an authoring tool in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention performs a process that converts a document to a trackable content file. The document can be generated by various kinds of applications, e.g., commercially available WordPerfect, Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Acrobat, etc. According to one embodiment, the trackable content file is stored on a content repository on an online learning network. The trackable content file communicates with a management system, and exchanges data therewith (De Angelis, See [0006]) can be utilized by Rollins and Guo to create a training environment.

Regarding claim 10, Rollins in view of Guo and De Angelis further teaches the online journal recommendation system of claim 9, wherein said Common Readable Format is Hypertext Markup Language or Extensible Markup Language (De Angelis, [0016]-[0017] and [0022], HTML file and XML file).
Claims 11 and 13 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable Rollins in view of Guo as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Diamond et al. (US Pub. No. 2006/0282762 A1), hereinafter “Diamond”.

Regarding claim 11, Rollins in view of Guo does not explicitly disclose the online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers automatically assigns editors according to rules and settings of the journal recommendation system.

However, Diamond teaches the online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers automatically assigns editors according to rules and settings of the journal recommendation system (See [0049], an annotation could include an option enabling a comment to be assigned to a particular individual or individuals for action or response).

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Rollins and Guo and Diamond because Diamond discloses a rule and setting that can pre-define in the document management system to automatically assign individual and when utilized by Rollins and Guo can increase efficient of the system.

Regarding claim 13, Rollins in view of Guo and Diamond further teaches the online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein annotations to the author-submitted article are made in the author-submitted article (Diamond, See [0022], As a reviewer makes comments on a particular section or portion of the document, the comments, also referred to
herein as "annotations" are added or inserted directly into the context of the document under review. The annotations can be immediately visible, in context, to all participants of the review).

Claims 12 is rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rollins in view of Guo as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Vaithilingam et al. (US Pub. No2001/0047357 A1), hereinafter “Vaithilingam”.

Regarding claim 12, Rollins in view of Guo does not explicitly disclose teaches the online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers search for reviewers by taking into account the author's preferred reviewers

However, Vaithilingam teaches the online journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers search for reviewers by taking into account the author's preferred reviewers (See [0030], providing users with a selection of subjective information to choose from in their user-preference based content selection/filtering process. For example, reviewers A and B may review a movie. Based on prior experience, a user may prefer reviewer A over reviewer B for television programs and movie ratings).

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Rollins and Guo and Vaithilingam because Vaithilingam discloses users at a website provide details of their preferences in a certain domain, for example, buying books or music CDs. The users are then recommended certain products based on their preferences and the products purchased by other users with similar preferences (Vaithilingam, See [0004]) and when utilized by Rollins and Guo can increase user's satisfaction.
**Conclusion**

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment, together with the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination, constitutes a complete and timely response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 20, 2015 and the Advisory Action mailed on May 22, 2015 in the above-identified application. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.
Remarks begin on page 7.
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An online document management journal recommendation system, comprising:
   one or more editorial computers connected to a multi-node network, said editorial computers comprising one or more program controlled data processors configured to:
   receive document submissions an author-submitted article for publication via said multi-node network;
   access journal database records, wherein said database records include information associated with previously submitted articles and corresponding author user profiles;
   migrate one or more documents between non-sister journal databases;
   create a first fingerprint of a published article in a particular journal from the journal database records;
   create a second fingerprint of [[an]] the author-submitted article submitted by an author;
   comparing compare the first fingerprint with the second fingerprint to determine whether the particular journal has articles with a high similarity to the author-submitted article; and
   recommend the particular journal to the author as a potential journal for submission of the author-submitted article if the particular journal has published articles which have a high similarity.

2.-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The document management journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of said editorial computers select one or more submitted documents articles and process the selected documents articles as a group with shared properties.

6. (Currently amended) The online document management journal recommendation system of claim 5, wherein one or more of said editorial computers create a group template for the selected documents articles.
7.-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) The online document management journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein said one or more program controlled processors are further configured to convert one or more submitted documents articles to a Common Readable Format.

10. (Currently amended) The online document management journal recommendation system of claim 9, wherein said Common Readable Format is Hypertext Markup Language or Extensible Markup Language.

11. (Currently amended) The online document management journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers automatically assigns editors according to rules and settings of the management journal recommendation system.

12. (Currently amended) The online document management journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers search for reviewers by taking into account the author's preferred reviewers.

13. (Currently amended) The online document management journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein annotations to one or more submitted documents the author-submitted article are made in the documents being displayed author-submitted article.

14.-20. (Canceled)

21. (Withdrawn) A system for managing documents, the system comprising:
   a processing device; and
   a non-transitory, processor-readable storage medium in communication with the processing device, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable storage medium comprises one or more programming instructions that, when executed, cause the processing device to:
   receive a first input comprising a request to initiate a waterfall process for a rejected article,
   provide a first notification of the input to a receiving journal device,
   receive a confirmation to proceed from the receiving journal device,
   transform the rejected article into a waterfalled article,
transmit data comprising a submission to the receiving journal device,
wherein the submission comprises the waterfalled article and metadata, and
receive a transmission from the receiving journal device, wherein the
transmission comprises an acceptance or a rejection of the submission.

22. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 21, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable
storage medium further comprises one or more programming instructions that, when executed,
cause the processing device to:

receive a second input from an author of the rejected article, wherein the second input
comprises a confirmation of the request to initiate the waterfall process for the rejected article,
and

transmit a second notification to the author, wherein the second notification comprises an
indication that the rejected article will be waterfalled.

23. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 21, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable
storage medium further comprises one or more programming instructions that, when executed,
cause the processing device to, if the transmission comprises a rejection of the submission:

transmit a second notification to the author, wherein the second notification comprises
the rejection and an option to continue the waterfall process with a second receiving journal, and
if the author transmits an affirmation of the option to continue the waterfall process with
a second receiving journal:

transmit one or more journal recommendations to the author, and
receive a transmission comprising a selection of the second receiving journal from
the author.

24. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 22, wherein the one or more journal recommendations
comprise one or more potential receiving journals that contain articles with a high similarity with
the waterfalled article.

25. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 21, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable
storage medium further comprises one or more programming instructions that, if executed, cause
the processing device to, if the transmission comprises an acceptance of the submission:

assign a submission ID to the waterfalled article,
determine whether the receiving journal device requires additional information, and
if the receiving journal device requires additional information, query the author to obtain
the additional information.

26. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 21, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable
storage medium further comprises one or more programming instructions that, if executed, cause
the processing device to, if a request is received for additional information from the receiving
journal device:
query the author for the additional information, and
if the author responds to the query with the additional information, assign a system ID
and a file ID to the additional information, generate a common readable format (CRF) file, and
transmit the system ID.

27. (Withdrawn) A method for managing documents, the method comprising:
receiving, by a processing device, a first input comprising a request to initiate a waterfall
process for a rejected article,
providing, by the processing device, a first notification of the input to a receiving journal
device,
receiving, by the processing device, a confirmation to proceed from the receiving journal
device,
transforming, by the processing device, the rejected article into a waterfalled article,
transmitting, by the processing device, data comprising a submission to the receiving
journal device, wherein the submission comprises the waterfalled article and metadata, and
receiving, by the processing device, a transmission from the receiving journal device,
wherein the transmission comprises an acceptance or a rejection of the submission.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
receiving, by the processing device, a second input from an author of the rejected article,
wherein the second input comprises a confirmation of the request to initiate the waterfall process
for the rejected article, and
transmitting, by the processing device, a second notification to the author, wherein the
second notification comprises an indication that the rejected article will be waterfalled.
29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, further comprising, if the transmission comprises a rejection of the submission:

   transmitting, by the processing device, a second notification to the author, wherein the second notification comprises the rejection and an option to continue the waterfall process with a second receiving journal, and

   if the author transmits an affirmation of the option to continue the waterfall process with a second receiving journal:

   transmitting, by the processing device, one or more journal recommendations to the author, and

   receiving, by the processing device, a transmission comprising a selection of the second receiving journal from the author.

30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 29, wherein the one or more journal recommendations comprise one or more potential receiving journals that contain articles with a high similarity with the waterfalled article.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, further comprising, if the transmission comprises an acceptance of the submission:

   assigning, by the processing device, a submission ID to the waterfalled article, determining, by the processing device, whether the receiving journal device requires additional information, and

   if the receiving journal device requires additional information, querying, by the processing device, the author to obtain the additional information.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, further comprising, if a request is received for additional information from the receiving journal device:

   querying, by the processing device, the author for the additional information, and

   if the author responds to the query with the additional information, assigning, by the processing device, a system ID and a file ID to the additional information, generate a common readable format (CRF) file, and transmit the system ID.
REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the substantive review provided in this application. In the Final Office Action, the Office withdrew claims 21-32 and rejected the remaining pending claims. More particularly:

- Claims 21-32 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.
- Claims 9-10 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2011/0072013 to De Angelis et al. ("De Angelis").
- Claims 11 and 13 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0282762 to Diamond et al. ("Diamond").
- Claim 12 is rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0047357 to Vaithilingam et al. ("Vaithilingam").

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the system is a journal recommendation system, that a user-submitted article for publication is received, that the first fingerprint is compared with the second fingerprint to determine whether a particular journal has articles with high similarity to the author-submitted article, and that the recommending step is for submission of the author-submitted article to a potential journal. Claims 5-6 and 9-13 have been amended to correspond to claim 1. Support for these amendments may be found in the specification, figures, and claims as originally filed, particularly at paragraphs [0039] and [0053]-[0055]. Claims 21-32 remain withdrawn. It is believed that no new matter has been entered through these amendments and entry is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 1 is nonobvious over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi because Ciaramitaro and Mosoi, whether considered alone or in any combination, fail to teach or reasonably suggest each and every recitation of claim 1. More particularly, Ciaramitaro and Mosoi fail to teach or reasonably suggest the following:

- receive an author-submitted article for publication via said multi-node network;
• compare the first fingerprint with the second fingerprint to determine whether the particular journal has articles with a high similarity to the author-submitted article; and
• recommend the particular journal to the author as a potential journal for submission of the author-submitted article if the particular journal has published articles which have a high similarity.

Ciaramitaro discloses a system and method for electronically managing privileged and non-privileged documents in two independent schema for litigation support. See Ciaramitaro at Abstract and [0002]. The system includes a litigation support application that supports the collection, storage, retrieval, and review of discovery information for litigation, regulatory, or other matters where discovery information needs to be assembled. See id. at [0018].

Mosoi discloses a system and method for recommending content to a user. See Mosoi at Abstract. Mosoi further discloses determining, for a particular user, a user profile that is based on one or more fingerprints of documents viewed by the user. See id. at [0016]. Relevant documents are determined based on the user profile (i.e., the user’s viewing history) and the documents are then provided to the user. See id. That is, the system monitors a user’s document viewing habits and determines unviewed documents that would be of particular interest to the user based on the user’s viewing history.

The Office admits that Ciaramitaro does not disclose comparing a first fingerprint with a second fingerprint to determine whether a particular journal has articles with a high similarity, as recited in claim 1. See Final Office Action at 8. Moreover, the Office admits that Ciaramitaro does not disclose recommending the particular journal to the author if the particular journal has published articles which have a high similarity. See id. Applicant agrees and does not contest the Office’s admission.

However, Mosoi fails to remedy the deficiencies of Ciaramitaro. First and foremost, Mosoi is directed to providing recommended documents to a user that might be of particular interest to the user. See Mosoi at [0003]. That is, Mosoi is not directed to a journal recommendation system, particularly one that recommends a journal to an author as a potential journal for submission of the author’s article, as recited in claim 1. Even more, Mosoi is directed towards a user that views documents, whereas claim 1 is directed to a user that is providing an article for submission to a journal. Thus, the users disclosed in Mosoi are different from the author recited in claim 1.
In addition, Mosoi fails to teach or reasonably suggest comparing a first fingerprint corresponding to an article published in a particular journal with a second fingerprint of the user-submitted article to determine whether the particular journal has articles with a high similarity to the author-submitted article, as recited in claim 1. While Mosoi uses the word “fingerprints,” such fingerprints are not the same as the fingerprints disclosed in claim 1. Rather, the fingerprints disclosed by Mosoi relate solely to a user’s document viewing history. See id. at [0016] and [0069]. That is, the fingerprints in Mosoi are based on documents a user has viewed, not documents a user has created and submitted for publication.

Furthermore, Mosoi fails to teach or reasonably suggest recommending the particular journal to the author as a potential journal for submission of the author-submitted article, as recited in claim 1. Rather, Mosoi merely discloses compiling a list of documents that were determined to be similar based on the user’s browsing history and providing that list to a browser for the user to view. See id. at [0070]. Such a list would only allow a user to view documents that were determined to potentially be of interest, but would not recommend a journal to which a user could submit his/her article, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, for at least the reasons set forth herein, claim 1 is nonobvious over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi. Because claims 5-6 and 9-13 depend from and incorporate all of the recitations of claim 1, claims 5-6 and 9-13 are likewise nonobvious over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi. See MPEP §2143.03 (stating that if an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. §103, then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections associated with claims 1, 5-6, and 9-13 be withdrawn.
Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully requested.

No additional fees are believed to be due. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge all required fees (including any extension of time fees) and to credit any overpayment of fees in this and any concurrent or future correspondence to Deposit Account No. 041133.

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All participants (applicant, applicant’s representative, PTO personnel):

1. **SHIOW-JY FAN**.
2. **ANTHONY L. PISANO** (reg. No. 65,098).
3. ___.
4. ___.

**Date of Interview:** 04 June 2015.

**Type:**
- [x] Telephonic
- [ ] Video Conference
- [ ] Personal [copy given to: [ ] applicant [ ] applicant’s representative]

**Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted:**
- [ ] Yes
- [x] No.

**Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted:**
- [ ] Yes
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**Issues Discussed:**
- [ ] 101
- [ ] 112
- [ ] 102
- [x] 103
- [ ] Others

**Issues Discussed** (For each of the checked box(es) above, please describe below the issue and detailed description of the discussion)

**Claim(s) discussed:**
- 1.

**Identification of prior art discussed:**
- Ciararitari and Mosoi.

**Substance of Interview**

(For each issue discussed, provide a detailed description and indicate if agreement was reached. Some topics may include: identification or clarification of a reference or a portion thereof, claim interpretation, proposed amendments, arguments of any applied references etc...)

The applicant’s representative and the examiner discussed the invention and the claimed limitations. However, there was no agreement reached.

The examiner will perform further search upon received amendment.

**Applicant recordation instructions:** The formal written reply to the last Office action must include the substance of the interview. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, applicant is given a non-extendable period of the longer of one month or thirty days from this interview date, or the mailing date of this interview summary form, whichever is later, to file a statement of the substance of the interview.

**Examiner recordation instructions:** Examiners must summarize the substance of any interview of record. A complete and proper recordation of the substance of an interview should include the items listed in MPEP 713.04 for complete and proper recordation including the identification of the general thrust of each argument or issue discussed, a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed regarding patentability and the general results or outcome of the interview, to include an indication as to whether or not agreement was reached on the issues raised.

[ ] Attachment

/SHIOW-JY FAN/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2168
Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record
A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews
Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.
All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner’s responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No. placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant’s correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:
- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:
1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
2) an identification of the claims discussed,
3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner.
   (The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant’s record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner’s version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, “Interview Record OK” on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner’s initials.
Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.
THE REPLY FILED 19 May 2015 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

---The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address---

NO NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection. No Notice of Appeal has been filed. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114 if this is a utility or plant application. Note that RCEs are not permitted in design applications. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:
   a) ☐ The period for reply expires ____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
   b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action; or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
   c) ☐ A prior Advisory Action was mailed more than 3 months after the mailing date of the final rejection in response to a first-after-final reply filed within 2 months of the mailing date of the final rejection. The current period for reply expires ____ months from the mailing date of the prior Advisory Action or SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection, whichever is earlier.

   Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a), (b) or (c). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THIS ADVISORY ACTION IS THE FIRST RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S FIRST AFTER-FINAL REPLY WHICH WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. ONLY CHECK BOX (c) IN THE LIMITED SITUATION SET FORTH UNDER BOX (c). See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) or (c) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☒ The Notice of Appeal was filed on ___. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☒ The proposed amendments filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
   a) ☒ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
   b) ☒ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
   c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
   d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

   NOTE: See Continuation Sheet. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).

5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): ____.

6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) ____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): (a) ☐ will not be entered, or (b) ☐ will be entered, and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under 37 CFR 1.130(b) was/were filed on ____.

9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).

10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing the Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).

11. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

12. ☐ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: ____.

13. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). ____

14. ☐ Other: PTOL-2333.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

15. The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
   Claim(s) allowed: _____
   Claim(s) objected to: _____
   Claim(s) rejected: 1, 5, 6 and 9-13.
   Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: ____

/SHIOW-JY FAN/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2168

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
PTOL-303 (Rev. 08-2013)  Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief Part of Paper No. 20150521
Continuation of 3. NOTE: Amended claim 1 requires further search and consideration.
This is in response to the After Final Consideration Pilot request filed 19 May 2015.

1. Improper Request – The AFCP 2.0 request is improper for the following reason(s) and the after final amendment submitted with the request will be treated under pre-pilot procedure.

☐ An AFCP 2.0 request form PTO/SB/434 (or equivalent document) was not submitted.
☐ A non-broadening amendment to at least one independent claim was not submitted.
☐ A proper AFCP 2.0 request was submitted in response to the most recent final rejection.
☐ Other:

2. Proper Request

A. After final amendment submitted with the request will not be treated under AFCP 2.0.
   The after final amendment cannot be reviewed and a search conducted within the guidelines of the pilot program.
   ☒ The after final amendment will be treated under pre-pilot procedure.

B. Updated search and/or completed additional consideration.
   The examiner performed an updated search and/or completed additional consideration of the after final amendment within the time authorized for the pilot program. The result(s) of the updated search and/or completed additional consideration are:

   ☐ 1. All of the rejections in the most recent final Office action are overcome and a Notice of Allowance is issued herewith.
   ☐ 2. The after final amendment would not overcome all of the rejections in the most recent final Office action. See attached interview summary for further details.
   ☐ 3. The after final amendment was reviewed, and it raises a new issue(s). See attached interview summary for further details.
   ☐ 4. The after final amendment raises new issues, but would overcome all of the rejections in the most recent final Office action. A decision on determining allowability could not be made within the guidelines of the pilot. See attached interview summary for further details, including any newly discovered prior art.
   ☐ 5. Other:

Examiner Note: Please attach an interview summary when necessary as described above.
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An online document management journal recommendation system, comprising:
   one or more editorial computers connected to a multi-node network, said editorial computers comprising one or more program controlled data processors configured to:
   receive document submissions via said multi-node network;
   access journal database records, wherein said database records include information associated with submitted documents and user profiles;
   migrate one or more documents between non-sister journal databases;
   create a first fingerprint of a published article in a particular journal from the journal database records;
   create a second fingerprint of an author-submitted article that is created and submitted by an author;
   comparing compare the first fingerprint with the second fingerprint to determine whether the particular journal has articles with a high similarity to the author-submitted article; and
   recommend the particular journal to the author for submission of the author-submitted article if the particular journal has published articles which have a high similarity.

2.-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The document management journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of said editorial computers select one or more submitted documents and process the selected documents as a group with shared properties.

6. (Currently amended) The online document management journal recommendation system of claim 5, wherein one or more of said editorial computers create a group template for the selected documents.
7.-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) The online document management journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein said data processor is further configured to convert one or more submitted documents to a Common Readable Format.

10. (Currently amended) The online document management journal recommendation system of claim 9, wherein said Common Readable Format is Hypertext Markup Language or Extensible Markup Language.

11. (Currently amended) The online document management journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers automatically assigns editors according to rules and settings of the management system.

12. (Currently amended) The online document management journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers search for reviewers by taking into account the author's preferred reviewers.

13. (Currently amended) The online document management journal recommendation system of claim 1, wherein annotations to one or more submitted documents are made in the documents being displayed.

14.-32. (Canceled)
REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the substantive review provided in this application. In the Office Action, the Office withdrew claims 21-32 and rejected the remaining pending claims. More particularly:

- Claims 21-32 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.
- Claims 9-10 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2011/0072013 to De Angelis et al. (“De Angelis”).

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the system is a journal recommendation system, that the first fingerprint is compared with the second fingerprint to determine whether a particular journal has articles with high similarity to an author-submitted article, and that the recommending step is for submission of the author-submitted article. Claims 5-6 and 9-13 have been amended to correspond to claim 1. Support for these amendments may be found in the specification, figures and claims as originally filed, particularly at paragraphs [0054] and [0055]. As claims 21-32 have been withdrawn by the examiner, such claims are hereby canceled without prejudice. It is believed that no new matter has been entered through these amendments and entry is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 1 is nonobvious over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi because Ciaramitaro and Mosoi, whether considered alone or in any combination, fail to teach or reasonably suggest each and every recitation of claim 1. More particularly, Ciaramitaro and Mosoi fail to teach or reasonably suggest the following:
• compare the first fingerprint with the second fingerprint to determine whether the particular journal has articles with a high similarity to the author-submitted article; and
• recommend the particular journal to the author for submission of the author-submitted article if the particular journal has published articles which have a high similarity.

Ciaramitaro discloses a system and method for electronically managing privileged and non-privileged documents in two independent schema for litigation support. See Ciaramitaro at Abstract and [0002]. The system includes a litigation support application that supports the collection, storage, retrieval, and review of discovery information for litigation, regulatory, or other matters where discovery information needs to be assembled. See id. at [0018].

Mosoi discloses a system and method for fast computation of content recommendation. See Mosoi at Abstract. Mosoi further discloses that a user profile is determined for a user, where the profile is based on one or more fingerprints of documents viewed by the user. See id. at [0016]. The system and method can determine relevant documents based on the determined user profile. See id. The fingerprints of the documents are hash functions that are applied on a vector that outputs a number of bits. See id. at [0022]. The method performs an estimation using a user’s profile to determine documents that are most relevant to the user and provides a list of the documents to the user. See id. at [0065] and [0070].

The Office admits that Ciaramitaro does not disclose comparing a first fingerprint with a second fingerprint to determine whether a particular journal has articles with a high similarity, as recited in claim 1. See Office Action at 8. Moreover, the Office admits that Ciaramitaro does not disclose recommending the particular journal to the author if the particular journal has published articles which have a high similarity. See id. Applicant agrees and does not contest the Office’s admission.

However, Mosoi fails to remedy the deficiencies of Ciaramitaro. Particularly, Mosoi fails to teach or reasonably suggest determining whether the particular journal has articles with a high similarity to the author-submitted article, as recited in claim 1. At best, Mosoi discloses determining whether the fingerprints of all available documents are similar to documents that were previously viewed by a user. See Mosoi at [0069]. That is, the determining disclosed in Mosoi is based on documents that a user views, and is wholly unrelated to documents that a user creates and submits, as recited in claim 1.
In addition, Mosoi fails to teach or reasonably suggest recommending the particular journal to the author for submission of the author-submitted article, as recited in claim 1. Rather, Mosoi merely discloses compiling a list of documents that were determined to be similar based on the user's browsing history and providing that list to a browser for the user to view. See id. at [0070]. Such a list would allow a user to view documents that were determined to potentially be of interest to the user, but would not provide a recommendation of a journal for a user to submit the article, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, for at least the reasons set forth herein, claim 1 is nonobvious over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi. Because claims 5-6 and 9-13 depend from and incorporate all of the recitations of claim 1, claims 5-6 and 9-13 are likewise nonobvious over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi. See MPEP §2143.03 (stating that if an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. §103, then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections associated with claims 1, 5-6, and 9-13 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully requested.

No additional fees are believed to be due. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge all required fees (including any extension of time fees) and to credit any overpayment of fees in this and any concurrent or future correspondence to Deposit Account No. 041133.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE AFTER FINAL CONSIDERATION PILOT PROGRAM 2.0

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First Named Inventor: Robin Jason Lopulalan  
Title: Online Peer Review System and Method

APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THE FOLLOWING AND REQUESTS CONSIDERATION UNDER THE AFTER FINAL CONSIDERATION PILOT PROGRAM 2.0 (AFCP 2.0) OF THE ACCOMPANYING RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116.

1. The above-identified application is (i) an original utility, plant, or design nonprovisional application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) [a continuing application (e.g., a continuation or divisional application) is filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and is eligible under (i)], or (ii) an international application that has entered the national stage in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371(c).

2. The above-identified application contains an outstanding final rejection.

3. Submitted herewith is a response under 37 CFR 1.116 to the outstanding final rejection. The response includes an amendment to at least one independent claim, and the amendment does not broaden the scope of the independent claim in any aspect.

4. This certification and request for consideration under AFCP 2.0 is the only AFCP 2.0 certification and request filed in response to the outstanding final rejection.

5. Applicant is willing and available to participate in any interview requested by the examiner concerning the present response.

6. This certification and request is being filed electronically using the Office’s electronic filing system (EFS-Web).

7. Any fees that would be necessary consistent with current practice concerning responses after final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116, e.g., extension of time fees, are being concurrently filed herewith. [There is no additional fee required to request consideration under AFCP 2.0.]

8. By filing this certification and request, applicant acknowledges the following:
   - Reissue applications and reexamination proceedings are not eligible to participate in AFCP 2.0.
   - The examiner will verify that the AFCP 2.0 submission is compliant, i.e., that the requirements of the program have been met (see items 1 to 7 above). For compliant submissions:
     - The examiner will review the response under 37 CFR 1.116 to determine if additional search and/or consideration (i) is necessitated by the amendment and (ii) could be completed within the time allotted under AFCP 2.0. If additional search and/or consideration is required but cannot be completed within the allotted time, the examiner will process the submission consistent with current practice concerning responses after final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116, e.g., by mailing an advisory action.
     - If the examiner determines that the amendment does not necessitate additional search and/or consideration, or if the examiner determines that additional search and/or consideration is required and could be completed within the allotted time, then the examiner will consider whether the amendment places the application in condition for allowance (after completing the additional search and/or consideration, if required). If the examiner determines that the amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance, then the examiner will contact the applicant and request an interview.
       - The interview will be conducted by the examiner, and if the examiner does not have negotiation authority, a primary examiner and/or supervisory patent examiner will also participate.
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### Status

1) ☑ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/24/2015.
   - A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under 37 CFR 1.130(b) was/were filed on ____.

2a) ☑ This action is FINAL.
   2b) ☐ This action is non-final.

3) ☑ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4) ☑ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims*

5) ☑ Claim(s) 1-5,6,9-13 and 21-32 is/are pending in the application.
   5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7) ☑ Claim(s) 1-5,6 and 9-13 is/are rejected.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

9) ☐ Claim(s) 21-32 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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### Application Papers

10) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
   
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### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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**Attachment(s)**

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b)

3) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)

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4) ☐ Other: ____.
The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

DETAILED ACTION

a. This action is responsive to remarks and amendment filed on 2/24/2015.
b. Rejections and/or objections not reiterated from previous office actions are hereby withdrawn.
c. Claims 1, 5-6, 9-13 and 21-32 are pending in this Office Action. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2-4, 7-8 and 14-20 have been cancelled. Claims 21-32 are newly added. Claims 1, 21 and 27 are independent claims.

Remarks

The claims and only the claims form the metes and bounds of the invention will be addressed. “Office personnel are to give claims their broadest reasonable interpretation in light of the supporting disclosure. In re Morris, 127 F.3d 1048, 1054-55, 44 USPQ2d 1023, 1027-28 (Fed. Cir. 1997). Limitations appearing in the specification but not recited in the claim are not read into the claim. In re Prater, 415 F.2d 1393, 1404-05, 162 USPQ 541, 550-551 (CCPA 1969)” (MPEP p 2100-8, c 2, I 45-48; p 2100-9, c 1, I 1-4). The Examiner has full latitude to interpret each claim in the broadest reasonable interpretation in light of the specification. See MPEP 2111 [R-1]. The Examiner will reference prior art using terminology familiar to one of ordinary skill in the art. Such an approach is broad in concept and can be either explicit or implicit in meaning.
Newly submitted claims 21-32 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The original claims were directed to compare fingerprints of a published article in a journal with the article submitted by an author, and recommend the journal to the author if the two articles have a high similarity. The newly added claims are directed to “receive a first input comprising a request to initiate a waterfall process for a rejected article, provide a first notification of the input to a receiving journal device, receive a confirmation to proceed from the receiving journal device, transform the rejected article into a waterfalled article, transmit data comprising a submission to the receiving journal device, wherein the submission comprises the waterfalled article and metadata, and receive a transmission from the receiving journal device, wherein the transmission comprises an acceptance or a rejection of the submission”.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 21-32 withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on 2/24/2015 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
The amended claim 1 recites “create a first fingerprint of a published article in a particular journal from the journal database records; create a second fingerprint of an article submitted by an author; comparing the first fingerprint with the second fingerprint to determine whether the particular journal has articles with a high similarity; and recommend the particular journal to the author if the particular journal has published articles which have a high similarity”. The applicant argued that since the addition of the disclosure of Mosoi would allow users to see documents in both privileged and non-privileged groups (as keywords would show up for both groups), such a combination would frustrate the purpose of Ciaramitaro because the privileged and non-privileged documents would become commingled and could not be access controlled. See Ciaramitaro at [0006]. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have a reason to combine these features. In addition, the combination thereof would frustrate the principle of operation of Ciaramitaro.

In response to the amendment and the argument, the examiner respectfully submits that:

Paragraph [0006] of Ciaramitaro discussed a system and method are provided for electronically managing privileged and non-privileged documents in two independent schemas, a privileged schema for storing privileged documents and a non-privileged schema for storing non-privileged documents. The two schemas are separate and distinct so that privileged and non-privileged documents are not commingled. Access to the privileged schema is restricted to privileged users while non-privileged users have access only to the non-privileged schema. As a result, privileged documents are protected against the inadvertent waiver of privilege.
However, there is nowhere Ciaramitaro is against to recommend the similar journals to the other authors. Recommending published articles have a high similarity to the author has nothing to do with whether the documents are in a privileged or non-privileged schema or not. After the recommendation, the recommended documents are still maintained in privileged and non-privileged schemas. When the author wants to access the privileged and recommended documents, the author still needs to request the access right to the privileged and recommended documents.

Hence, Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi teaches the limitations as claimed and argued.

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

The following is a quotation of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.

2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.

3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.


Regarding claim 1, Ciaramitaro teaches an online document management system, comprising: one or more editorial computers connected to a multi-node network, said editorial computers comprising

**one or more program controlled data processors** (See Figure 1 element 104 Host system) **configured to:**

*receive document submissions via said multi-node network* (See [0024] and Figure 1, The host system 104 depicted in FIG. 1 may be implemented using one or more servers operating in response to a computer program stored in a storage medium accessible by the server. The host system 104 may operate as a network server (e.g., a web server) to communicate with the user system 102. The host system 104 handles sending and receiving information to and from the user system 102 and can perform associated tasks);

*access journal database records, wherein said database records include information associated with submitted documents and user profiles* (See [0023], [0027], [0030]-[0031] and [0033], each schema contains its own database entities (e.g., tables, views, and triggers), entity relationships, data, access and security restrictions.
[0054], in this manner, a user may log into the privileged schema 208 and access the partially privileged document through the same folder structure as that in the non-privileged schema 210);

migrate one or more documents between non-sister journal databases (See [0051], When the modification is applied in the non-privileged schema, these functions include migrating relevant data from document and document-related entities in the non-privileged schema 210 to the privileged schema 208).

However, Mosoi teaches:

create a first fingerprint of a published article in a particular journal from the journal database records (Mosoi, See [0022], the preprocess engine 202 determines a fingerprint for each content or document available in one or more databases (e.g., databases 124). A fingerprint is a hash function that is applied on a vector that outputs a number of bits);

create a second fingerprint of an article submitted by an author (Mosoi, See [0023], After accessing a document, the user profile is updated to reflect the access document and the user is presented with the list of recommended documents by the interface module 204. If the user selects one of the recommended documents, the interface module 204 may further log the selection and redirects the user to a corresponding redirect service URL. In one embodiment, the interface module 204 may also store a user fingerprint of the user profile in a user cookie having a predetermined lifespan (e.g., 15 minutes) in order to track the user's behavior and preferences);
comparing the first fingerprint with the second fingerprint to determine whether the particular journal has articles with a high similarity (See [0069], the similarity calculation module 404 will estimate a cosine distance between a user fingerprint of the current user profile determined in operation 508 or 510 and fingerprints of all available documents); and

recommend the particular journal to the author if the particular journal has published articles which have a high similarity (See [0070], A list of a top N numbers of content with the highest similarity or relevance value is generated at operation 514. In example embodiments, the list determination module 406 will select the top N more relevant documents and provide a list to a browser (e.g., via the interface module 204) associated with the requesting user).

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Ciaramitaro and Mosoi because Mosoi discloses a dynamic user profile for a user is determined. The dynamic user profile is based on one or more fingerprints of viewed documents by the user. One or more relevant documents are determined based on the dynamic user profile and the fingerprints of documents in the system. A list of the one or more relevant documents is then provided to the user (Mosoi, See ABSTRACT) which can be utilized by Ciaramitaro to recommend the similar documents to the author who submitted similar article and to increase user satisfaction rate.
Regarding claim 5, Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi further teaches the online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of said editorial computers select one or more submitted documents and process the selected documents as a group with shared properties (Ciaramitaro, See [0023], a several related documents may be grouped together as a composite document such that the composite document may be treated as a single grouped document or each as individual documents in the LSA that can be separately or individually reviewed for document decisions).

Regarding claim 6, Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi further teaches the online document management system of claim 5, wherein one or more of said editorial computers create a group template for the selected documents (Ciaramitaro, See [0026], A privileged document 202 is a document where the entire contents of the document are privileged. A non-privileged document 204 is a document containing no privileged information, or content. A partially privileged document 206 is a document where portions of the document content are non-privileged and other portions of the document are privileged).

Claims 9-10 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of De Angelis et al. (US Pub. No. 2011/0072013 A1), hereinafter “De Angelis”.

Regarding claim 9, Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi does not explicitly the online document management system of claim 1, wherein said data processor is further configured to convert one or more submitted documents to a Common Readable Format.
However, De Angelis teaches the online document management system of claim 1, wherein said data processor is further configured to convert one or more submitted documents to a Common Readable Format (De Angelis, [0016]-[0017] and [0022], HTML file and XML file).

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Ciaramitaro and Mosoi and De Angelis because De Angelis discloses an authoring tool in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention performs a process that converts a document to a trackable content file. The document can be generated by various kinds of applications, e.g., commercially available WordPerfect, Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Acrobat, etc. According to one embodiment, the trackable content file is stored on a content repository on an online learning network. The trackable content file communicates with a management system, and exchanges data therewith (De Angelis, See [0006]) can be utilized by Ciaramitaro and Mosoi to create a training environment.

Regarding claim 10, Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi and De Angelis further teaches the online document management system of claim 9, wherein said Common Readable Format is Hypertext Markup Language or Extensible Markup Language (De Angelis, [0016]-[0017] and [0022], HTML file and XML file).

Claims 11 and 13 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Diamond et al. (US Pub. No. 2006/0282762 A1), hereinafter “Diamond”.
Regarding claim 11, Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi does not explicitly disclose the online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers automatically assigns editors according to rules and settings of the management system.

However, Diamond teaches the online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers automatically assigns editors according to rules and settings of the management system (See [0049], an annotation could include an option enabling a comment to be assigned to a particular individual or individuals for action or response).

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Ciaramitaro and Mosoi and Diamond because Diamond discloses a rule and setting that can pre-define in the document management system to automatically assign individual and when utilized by Ciaramitaro and Mosoi can increase efficient of the system.

Regarding claim 13, Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi and Diamond further teaches the online document management system of claim 1, wherein annotations to one or more submitted documents are made in the documents being displayed (Diamond, See [0022]. The annotations can be immediately visible, in context, to all participants of the review).

Claims 12 is rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Vaithilingam et al. (US Pub. No2001/0047357 A1), hereinafter “Vaithilingam”.
Regarding claim 12, Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi does not explicitly disclose teaches the online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers search for reviewers by taking into account the author's preferred reviewers

However, Vaithilingam teaches the online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers search for reviewers by taking into account the author's preferred reviewers (See [0030], providing users with a selection of subjective information to choose from in their user-preference based content selection/filtering process. For example, reviewers A and B may review a movie. Based on prior experience, a user may prefer reviewer A over reviewer B for television programs and movie ratings).

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Ciaramitaro and Mosoi and Vaithilingam because Vaithilingam discloses users at a website provide details of their preferences in a certain domain, for example, buying books or music CDs. The users are then recommended certain products based on their preferences and the products purchased by other users with similar preferences (Vaithilingam, See [0004]) and when utilized by Ciaramitaro and Mosoi can increase user's satisfaction.

Conclusion

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO
MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Examiner’s Note: Examiner has cited particular columns/paragraph and line numbers in the references applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

In the case of amending the Claimed invention, Applicant is respectfully requested to indicate the portion(s) of the specification which dictate(s) the structure relied on for proper interpretation and also to verify and ascertain the metes and bounds of the claimed invention. This will assist in expediting compact prosecution. MPEP 714.02 recites: “Applicant should also specifically point out the support for any amendments made to the disclosure. See MPEP § 2163.06. An amendment which does not comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(b), (c), (d), and (h) may be held not fully responsive. See MPEP § 714.” Amendments not pointing to specific support in the disclosure may be deemed as not complying with provisions of 37
C.F.R. 1.131(b), (c), (d), and (h) and therefore held not fully responsive. Generic statements such as “Applicants believe no new matter has been introduced” may be deemed insufficient.

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment constitutes a complete and timely response to the Non-final Office Action mailed on November 24, 2014 in the above-identified application. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2;
Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8; and
Remarks begin on page 9.
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An online document management system, comprising:
   one or more editorial computers connected to a multi-node network, said editorial
   computers comprising one or more program controlled data processors configured to:
   receive document submissions via said multi-node network;
   access journal database records, wherein said database records include
   information associated with submitted documents and user profiles; [[and]]
   migrate one or more documents between non-sister journal databases;
   create a first fingerprint of a published article in a particular journal from the
   journal database records;
   create a second fingerprint of an article submitted by an author;
   comparing the first fingerprint with the second fingerprint to determine whether
   the particular journal has articles with a high similarity; and
   recommend the particular journal to the author if the particular journal has
   published articles which have a high similarity.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of
   said editorial computers select one or more submitted documents and process the selected
   documents as a group with shared properties.

6. (Original) The online document management system of claim 5, wherein one or more of
   said editorial computers create a group template for the selected documents.
7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The online document management system of claim 1, wherein said data processor is further configured to convert one or more submitted documents to a Common Readable Format.

10. (Original) The online document management system of claim 9, wherein said Common Readable Format is Hypertext Markup Language or Extensible Markup Language.

11. (Original) The online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers automatically assigns editors according to rules and settings of the management system.

12. (Original) The online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers search for reviewers by taking into account the author's preferred reviewers.

13. (Original) The online document management system of claim 1, wherein annotations to one or more submitted documents are made in the documents being displayed.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)
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21. (New) A system for managing documents, the system comprising:
   a processing device; and
   a non-transitory, processor-readable storage medium in communication with the
   processing device, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable storage medium comprises one
   or more programming instructions that, when executed, cause the processing device to:
   receive a first input comprising a request to initiate a waterfall process for a
   rejected article,
   provide a first notification of the input to a receiving journal device,
   receive a confirmation to proceed from the receiving journal device,
   transform the rejected article into a waterfalled article,
   transmit data comprising a submission to the receiving journal device,
   wherein the submission comprises the waterfalled article and metadata, and
   receive a transmission from the receiving journal device, wherein the
   transmission comprises an acceptance or a rejection of the submission.

22. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable storage
   medium further comprises one or more programming instructions that, when executed, cause the
   processing device to:
   receive a second input from an author of the rejected article, wherein the second input
   comprises a confirmation of the request to initiate the waterfall process for the rejected article,
   and
   transmit a second notification to the author, wherein the second notification comprises an
   indication that the rejected article will be waterfalled.

23. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable storage
   medium further comprises one or more programming instructions that, when executed, cause the
   processing device to, if the transmission comprises a rejection of the submission:
transmit a second notification to the author, wherein the second notification comprises the rejection and an option to continue the waterfall process with a second receiving journal, and if the author transmits an affirmation of the option to continue the waterfall process with a second receiving journal:

transmit one or more journal recommendations to the author, and
receive a transmission comprising a selection of the second receiving journal from the author.

24. (New) The system of claim 22, wherein the one or more journal recommendations comprise one or more potential receiving journals that contain articles with a high similarity with the waterfalled article.

25. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable storage medium further comprises one or more programming instructions that, if executed, cause the processing device to, if the transmission comprises an acceptance of the submission:

assign a submission ID to the waterfalled article,
determine whether the receiving journal device requires additional information, and if the receiving journal device requires additional information, query the author to obtain the additional information.

26. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the non-transitory, processor-readable storage medium further comprises one or more programming instructions that, if executed, cause the processing device to, if a request is received for additional information from the receiving journal device:

query the author for the additional information, and
if the author responds to the query with the additional information, assign a system ID and a file ID to the additional information, generate a common readable format (CRF) file, and transmit the system ID.

27. (New) A method for managing documents, the method comprising:

receiving, by a processing device, a first input comprising a request to initiate a waterfall process for a rejected article,
providing, by the processing device, a first notification of the input to a receiving journal device,

receiving, by the processing device, a confirmation to proceed from the receiving journal device,

transforming, by the processing device, the rejected article into a waterfalled article,

transmitting, by the processing device, data comprising a submission to the receiving journal device, wherein the submission comprises the waterfalled article and metadata, and

receiving, by the processing device, a transmission from the receiving journal device, wherein the transmission comprises an acceptance or a rejection of the submission.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

receiving, by the processing device, a second input from an author of the rejected article, wherein the second input comprises a confirmation of the request to initiate the waterfall process for the rejected article, and

transmitting, by the processing device, a second notification to the author, wherein the second notification comprises an indication that the rejected article will be waterfalled.

29. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising, if the transmission comprises a rejection of the submission:

transmitting, by the processing device, a second notification to the author, wherein the second notification comprises the rejection and an option to continue the waterfall process with a second receiving journal, and

if the author transmits an affirmation of the option to continue the waterfall process with a second receiving journal:

transmitting, by the processing device, one or more journal recommendations to the author, and

receiving, by the processing device, a transmission comprising a selection of the second receiving journal from the author.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the one or more journal recommendations comprise one or more potential receiving journals that contain articles with a high similarity with the waterfalled article.
31. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising, if the transmission comprises an acceptance of the submission:
   assigning, by the processing device, a submission ID to the waterfalled article, determining, by the processing device, whether the receiving journal device requires additional information, and
   if the receiving journal device requires additional information, querying, by the processing device, the author to obtain the additional information.

32. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising, if a request is received for additional information from the receiving journal device:
   querying, by the processing device, the author for the additional information, and
   if the author responds to the query with the additional information, assigning, by the processing device, a system ID and a file ID to the additional information, generate a common readable format (CRF) file, and transmit the system ID.
AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace all of the drawing sheets with the replacement drawing sheets submitted herewith. Support for the amendments to the drawing sheets may be found in the Specification, Claims and Drawings as originally filed.
REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the substantive review provided in this application. In the Office Action, the Office objected to the drawings and rejected all pending claims. More particularly:

- The drawings are rejected under 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- Claims 1, 5-6, 14 and 18 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0004951 to Ciaramitaro et al. (“Ciaramitaro”).
- Claims 2-3 and 15-16 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciaramitaro as applied to claims 1 and 14, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2011/0072013 to Mosoi et al. (“Mosoi”).
- Claims 4, 7-10, 17 and 19 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciaramitaro as applied to claims 1 and 14, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2011/0072013 to De Angelis et al. (“De Angelis”).
- Claims 11, 13 and 20 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciaramitaro as applied to claims 1 and 14, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0282762 to Diamond et al. (“Diamond”).
- Claim 12 is rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciaramitaro as applied to claims 1 and 14, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0047357 to Vaithilingam et al. (“Vaithilingam”).

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2 and 3. Accordingly, claims 2 and 3 have been canceled, along with claims 4, 7-8, and 14-20. In addition, claims 21-32 are new. Support for the new claims can be found in the specification, figures, and claims as originally filed, at least at paragraphs [0053]-[0056]. It is believed that no new matter has been entered through these amendments and entry is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings have been objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.121(d). Replacement drawing sheets placing the drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) and correcting the informalities identified by the Examiner are submitted herewith. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn.
Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Because the subject matter of claims 2 and 3 have been incorporated into claim 1, the rejections of claims 2 and 3 will be discussed herein with respect to claim 1.

In the present application, the Office has failed to present any type of rationale that would be sufficient to supporting a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103. MPEP § 2143 states that “[t]he key to supporting any rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 is the clear articulation of the reason(s) why the claimed invention would have been obvious. The Supreme Court in KSR noted that the analysis supporting a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 should be made explicit” Thus, the MPEP requires that a rationale be provided in order to support a conclusion of obviousness.

The Office merely states that “it would have been obvious… to combine Ciaramitaro and Mosoi because Mosoi discloses a dynamic user profile for a user is determined. The dynamic user profile is based on one or more fingerprints of viewed documents by the user. One or more relevant documents are determined based on the dynamic user profile and the fingerprints of documents in the system. A list of the one or more relevant documents is then provided to the user…which can be utilized by Ciaramitaro to recommend the similar documents to the author who submitted similar article and to increase user satisfaction rate.” Such a rationale is wholly unrelated to the purpose disclosed in Ciaramitaro, which discloses sorting documents into privileged and non-privileged groups. See Ciaramitaro at Abstract.

Accordingly, the rejection lacks a clear articulation of the reasons why the features recited in claim 1 would allegedly have been obvious. Therefore, the rejection cannot be supported per the requirements set forth by the United States Supreme Court in the KSR decision. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is improper and must be withdrawn.

Even if it is assumed, arguendo, that an appropriate rejection under §103 has been made, independent claim 1 is nonobvious over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi because the cited references, whether considered alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest each and every recitation of claim 1. See MPEP §2143. More particularly, the combination of Ciaramitaro and Mosoi fails to teach or suggest at least the following recitations of claim 1:

- create a first fingerprint of a published article in a particular journal from the journal database records;
- create a second fingerprint of an article submitted by an author;
- comparing the first fingerprint with the second fingerprint to determine whether the particular journal has articles with a high similarity; and
- recommend the particular journal to the author if the particular journal has published articles which have a high similarity.
Ciaramitaro discloses a system and method for electronically managing privileged and non-privileged documents in two independent schema for litigation support. See Ciaramitaro at Abstract and [0002]. One schema is a privileged schema for storing privileged documents and another schema is a non-privileged schema for storing non-privileged documents such that the privileged and non-privileged documents are not commingled and can be access controlled. See id. at [0006].

Mosoi discloses a system and method for fast computation of content recommendation. See Mosoi at Abstract. Mosoi further discloses that a user profile is determined for a user, where the profile is based on one or more fingerprints of documents viewed by the user. See id. at [0016]. The system and method can determine relevant documents based on the determined user profile. See id.

The Office admits that Ciaramitaro does not disclose program operable to recommend a journal to an author if the journal has published articles which have a high similarity with an article submitted by the author. See Office Action at 7. Applicant agrees and does not contest the Office’s admission.

However, Mosoi fails to remedy the deficiencies of Ciaramitaro. Particularly, a person having ordinary skill in the art would never be motivated to combine the teachings of Mosoi with the teachings of Ciaramitaro. Ciaramitaro discloses sorting documents into privileged and non-privileged groups, whereas Mosoi discloses determining relevant documents based on documents that have been viewed by a user. Such a determination as disclosed by Mosoi would not further the purpose of sorting documents into privileged and non-privileged groups, as disclosed in Ciaramitaro. Indeed, Mosoi discloses that the determination is based on keywords (See Mosoi at [0053] and [0059]-[0060]), and such keywords might appear in both privileged and non-privileged documents.

As previously described herein, Ciaramitaro discloses that the documents are not commingled and can be access controlled. See Ciaramitaro at [0006]. Such a combination of Mosoi and Ciaramitaro would frustrate the purpose of the system and method disclosed in Ciaramitaro. MPEP §2143.01(V) states “[i]f proposed modification would render the prior art invention being modified unsatisfactory for its intended purpose, then there is no suggestion or motivation to make the proposed modification. In re Gordon, 733 F.2d 900, 221 USPQ 1125 (Fed. Cir. 1984).” MPEP §2143.01(V) also states “[i]f the proposed modification or combination of the prior art would change the principle of operation of the prior art invention
being modified, then the teachings of the references are not sufficient to render the claims prima facie obvious. In re Ratti, 270 F.2d 810, 123 USPQ 349 (CCPA 1959).”

Since the addition of the disclosure of Mosoi would allow users to see documents in both privileged and non-privileged groups (as keywords would show up for both groups), such a combination would frustrate the purpose of Ciaramitaro because the privileged and non-privileged documents would become commingled and could not be access controlled. See Ciaramitaro at [0006]. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have a reason to combine these features. In addition, the combination thereof would frustrate the principle of operation of Ciaramitaro.

Therefore, for at least the reasons set forth herein, claim 1 is nonobvious over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi. Because claims 5-6 and 9-13 depend from and incorporate all of the recitations of claim 1, claims 5-6 and 9-13 are likewise nonobvious over Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi. See MPEP §2143.03 (stating that if an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. §103, then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections associated with claims 1, 5-6, and 9-13 be withdrawn.

**New Claims**

New independent claims 21 and 27 are directed to a system and a method, respectively, of managing documents that includes the processes of receiving a request to initiate a waterfall process for a rejected article and transforming the rejected article into a waterfalled article, among other processes. None of the cited references teach or suggest systems and methods of managing documents that includes receiving a request to initiate a waterfall process for a rejected article and transforming the rejected article into a waterfalled article.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 21 and 27 are patentable over the cited references, either alone or in combination. Because new dependent claims 22-26 and 28-32 depend from and incorporate all of the recitations of claims 21 and 27, respectively, claims 22-26 and 28-32 are likewise nonobvious over the cited references. See MPEP §2143.03.
**Conclusion**

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully requested.

No additional fees are believed to be due. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge all required fees (including any extension of time fees) and to credit any overpayment of fees in this and any concurrent or future correspondence to Deposit Account No. 041133.

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EDITORIAL PREPARATION

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- INITIAL ASSIGNMENT
  - SERVICE MANAGER OR EDITOR BASED ON RULES OR SETTINGS

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    - NO: RETURN SUBMISSION TO AUTHOR FOR CORRECTION

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- VIEW RESULTS OF COMPLETENESS CHECK
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  - YES: EDIT CLASSIFICATION/KEYWORDS
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    - NO: RETURN SUBMISSION TO AUTHOR FOR CORRECTION

FIG. 4
Figure 7 shows a flowchart detailing the process of revision and submission. Starting from the top left, the process involves notification sending to the editor for revision (4010). Upon receipt, the decision process (4020) is initiated, which may involve completeness check (4210) and reference listing check (4220). If metadata errors check (4230) and LaTeX errors check (4240) are necessary, they are performed next. The artwork quality check (4250) and CRF conversion errors check (4260) are then carried out. If sync data with user profile data (4270) is required, it is sent to the editor (4280). The system id (4290) is updated, and the decision-making process concludes (4300).

The flowchart also includes processes for author input, such as logging in (4050), viewing reviewer comments (4060), and uploading new/updated supplementary files (4070). There are options for creating a revision (4080) and assigning file type (4090). The process involves marking files for copy from previous version (4100) and using the new version to correct the old one (4110). The classification keywords (4120) and co-author update (4130) are then performed. The funding body update/selection (4140) and optional processes (4150) are followed by update/fix errors (4160). The update/fix errors (4170) are then updated based on the results of designated checks (4180).

If the author wishes to modify the submission (4190), they can update/final submit the revision (4200). If not, the submission form update (4210) and manually group files (4220) are performed. The final submit revision (4230) concludes the process.
JOURNAL ADMINISTRATION PROCESS

SYSTEM

8730 REMOVE TAG FROM LIVE ENVIRONMENT
8740 PERSIST JOURNAL SETTING CHANGES
8750 NOTIFICATION EMAIL SENT TO CONFIGURED USERS ON JOURNAL GOING LIVE
8760 PUBLISH ACROSS JOURNAL

8755 END

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8630 SENDS NOTIFICATION EMAIL TO JOURNAL ADMINISTRATION/SERVICE MANAGER

8640 NOTIFICATION EMAIL SEND TO USERS CONFIGURED REGARDING JOURNAL DELETION

8650 TRAINING JOURNAL IS DELETED BASED ON CONFIGURATION SETTINGS

8660 AUTHORIZED USER EXTENDS DATE FOR JOURNAL DELETION

TRAINER

START

8510 RECEIVES REQUEST FOR TRAINING
8520 CREATE A NEW JOURNAL IN TRAINING MODE
8530 REPLICATE EXISTING JOURNAL SETTING TO CREATE NEW JOURNAL IN TRAINING MODE

8540 SENDS NOTIFICATION EMAIL TO JOURNAL ADMINISTRATION/SERVICE MANAGER

8550 PROVIDES TRAINING TO JOURNAL USERS

8555 END

8560 JOURNAL CONFIGURATION CAN BE MADE OPERATIONAL

8562 TRAINING JOURNAL SETTING TO LIVE ENVIRONMENT

8570 CLEAN UP JOURNAL?

8575 NO

8580 PERFORM JOURNAL CLEAN UP

8590 CHECK IF JOURNAL IS EXISTING?

8595 NO

8600 CREATE A NEW JOURNAL IN LIVE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSFER/REPLICATE THE JOURNAL SETTINGS

8610 YES

8620 TRAINER CAN DELETE THE JOURNAL (TRAINING MODE)

8630 REPLICATE JOURNAL SETTING TO LIVE ENVIRONMENT

8640 AUTHORIZED USER EXTENDS DATE FOR JOURNAL DELETION

SERVICE MANAGER

START

8650 RECEIVES REQUEST TO CHANGE JOURNAL SETTINGS

8660 PARALLEL PROCESSES

8662 WORKFLOW SETUP

8663 SETUP/AMEND RULES

8664 SETUP TEMPLATES

8660 CONFIGURATION

8660 USER ADMINISTRATION

8660 USER MANAGEMENT AND ACCESS

END

FIG. 10
Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.
**Office Action Summary**

--- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address ---

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

1) [x] Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/28/2012.
   - [ ] A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under 37 CFR 1.130(b) was/were filed on ______.

2a) [ ] This action is FINAL.  
    2b) [x] This action is non-final.

3) [ ] An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ______; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4) [ ] Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

5) [x] Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
   - 5a) Of the above claim(s) ______ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6) [ ] Claim(s) ______ is/are allowed.

7) [x] Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.

8) [ ] Claim(s) ______ is/are objected to.

9) [ ] Claim(s) ______ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

* If any claims have been determined allowable, you may be eligible to benefit from the Patent Prosecution Highway program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.

**Application Papers**

10) [ ] The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11) [x] The drawing(s) filed on 6/28/2012 is/are: a) [ ] accepted or b) [x] objected to by the Examiner.

   Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

   Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12) [ ] Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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3. [ ] Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

**See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.**

**Attachment(s)**

1) [x] Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
   3) [ ] Interview Summary (PTO-413)
      Paper No(s)/Mail Date ______.

2) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b)
   Paper No(s)/Mail Date ______.

4) [ ] Other: ______.
The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

**DETAILED ACTION**

a. This action is responsive to remarks and amendment filed on 6/28/2012.

b. Claims 1-20 are pending in this Office Action. Claims 1 and 14 are independent claims.

**Remarks**

The claims and only the claims form the metes and bounds of the invention will be addressed. “Office personnel are to give claims their broadest reasonable interpretation in light of the supporting disclosure. In re Morris, 127 F.3d 1048, 1054-55, 44 USPQ2d 1023, 1027-28 (Fed. Cir. 1997). Limitations appearing in the specification but not recited in the claim are not read into the claim. In re Prater, 415 F.2d 1393, 1404-05, 162 USPQ 541, 550-551 (CCPA 1969)” (MPEP p 2100-8, c 2, I 45-48; p 2100-9, c 1, 11-4). The Examiner has full latitude to interpret each claim in the broadest reasonable interpretation in light of the specification. See MPEP 2111 [R-1]. The Examiner will reference prior art using terminology familiar to one of ordinary skill in the art. Such an approach is broad in concept and can be either explicit or implicit in meaning.

**Drawings**

The informal drawings are not of sufficient quality to permit examination. Accordingly, replacement drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to this
Office action. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled “Replacement Sheet” in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action.

Applicant is given a THREE MONTH time period to submit new drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.81. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely submit replacement drawing sheets will result in ABANDONMENT of the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 5-6, 14 and 18 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ciaramitaro et al. (US Pub. No. 2005/0004951 A1), hereinafter “Ciaramitaro”.

Regarding claim 1, Ciaramitaro teaches an online document management system, comprising: one or more editorial computers connected to a multi-node network, said editorial computers comprising
one or more program controlled data processors (See Figure 1 element 104 Host system) configured to:

receive document submissions via said multi-node network (See [0024] and Figure 1, The host system 104 depicted in FIG. 1 may be implemented using one or more servers operating in response to a computer program stored in a storage medium accessible by the server. The host system 104 may operate as a network server (e.g., a web server) to communicate with the user system 102. The host system 104 handles sending and receiving information to and from the user system 102 and can perform associated tasks);

access journal database records, wherein said database records include information associated with submitted documents and user profiles (See [0023], [0027], [0030]-[0031] and [0033], each schema contains its own database entities (e.g., tables, views, and triggers), entity relationships, data, access and security restrictions. [0054], in this manner, a user may log into the privileged schema 208 and access the partially privileged document through the same folder structure as that in the non-privileged schema 210); and

migrate one or more documents between non-sister journal databases (See [0051], When the modification is applied in the non-privileged schema, these functions include migrating relevant data from document and document-related entities in the non-privileged schema 210 to the privileged schema 208).
Regarding claim 5, Ciaramitaro further teaches the online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of said editorial computers select one or more submitted documents and process the selected documents as a group with shared properties (See [0023], a several related documents may be grouped together as a composite document such that the composite document may be treated as a single grouped document or each as individual documents in the LSA that can be separately or individually reviewed for document decisions).

Regarding claim 6, further teaches the online document management system of claim 5, wherein one or more of said editorial computers create a group template for the selected documents (See [0026], A privileged document 202 is a document where the entire contents of the document are privileged. A non-privileged document 204 is a document containing no privileged information, or content. A partially privileged document 206 is a document where portions of the document content are non-privileged and other portions of the document are privileged).

Regarding claim 14, Ciaramitaro teaches a computer-implemented method of online document management, comprising:

receiving documents via said multi-node network from said one or more user computers (See [0024] and Figure 1, The host system 104 depicted in FIG. 1 may be implemented using one or more servers operating in response to a computer program stored in a storage medium accessible by the server. The host system 104 may operate as
a network server (e.g., a web server) to communicate with the user system 102. The host system 104 handles sending and receiving information to and from the user system 102 and can perform associated tasks;

storing said received documents in a non-transitory computer readable medium (See [0022], Within each schema are one or more databases and associated database tables for storing documents and other discovery related data);

accessing journal database records, wherein said database records include information associated with submitted documents and user profiles (See [0023], [0027], [0030]-[0031] and [0033], Each schema contains its own database entities (e.g., tables, views, and triggers), entity relationships, data, access and security restrictions. [0054], In this manner, a user may log into the privileged schema 208 and access the partially privileged document through the same folder structure as that in the non-privileged schema 210);

receiving via said multi-node network comments regarding said received documents from one or more computers operated by one or more reviewers (See [0037] and Figure 4, The user saves the proposed modification to the database through a save command); and

migrating via a data processor one or more submitted documents between non-sister journal databases (See [0051], When the modification is applied in the non-privileged schema, these functions include migrating relevant data from document and document-related entities in the non-privileged schema 210 to the privileged schema 208).

Regarding claim 18, the instant claim is method claim which corresponds to the system claim 5 above, therefore it is rejected for the same reason as set forth above.
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in Graham v. John Deere Co., 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 2-3 and 15-16 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciaramitaro as applied to claims 1 and 14 above, and further in view of Mosoi et al. (US Pub. No. 2011/0072013 A1), hereinafter “Mosoi”.

Regarding claim 2, Ciaramitaro does not explicitly disclose the online document management system of claim 1, further wherein said data processors comprise programming operable to recommend a journal to an author if said journal has published articles which have a high similarity with an article submitted by said author.
However, Mosoi teaches the online document management system of claim 1, further wherein said data processors comprise programming operable to recommend a journal to an author if said journal has published articles which have a high similarity with an article submitted by said author (See [0070], [0079] and Figure 7, A list of a top N numbers of content with the highest similarity or relevance value is generated at operation 514. ... FIG. 7 is an example graphical user interface for displaying requested content and providing content recommendations).

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Ciaramitaro and Mosoi because Mosoi discloses a dynamic user profile for a user is determined. The dynamic user profile is based on one or more fingerprints of viewed documents by the user. One or more relevant documents are determined based on the dynamic user profile and the fingerprints of documents in the system. A list of the one or more relevant documents is then provided to the user (Mosoi, See ABSTRACT) which can be utilized by Ciaramitaro to recommend the similar documents to the author who submitted similar article and to increase user satisfaction rate.

Regarding claim 3, Ciaramitaro in view of Mosoi further teaches the online document management system of claim 2, wherein said high similarity is determined by creating a fingerprint of said published articles of said journal, creating a fingerprint of said article submitted by said author, and comparing the fingerprint of said published articles of said journal to the fingerprint of said article submitted by said author (Mosoi, See [0056], the preprocess engine 202 determines a fingerprint for each content or document available in one or
more databases (e.g., databases 124). A fingerprint is a hash function that is applied on a vector that outputs a number of bits).

Regarding claims 15-16, the instant claims are method claims which correspond to the system claims 2-3 above, therefore they are rejected for the same reason as set forth above.

Claims 4, 7-10, 17 and 19 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciaramitaro as applied to claims 1 and 14 above, and further in view of De Angelis et al. (US Pub. No. 2011/0072013 A1), hereinafter “De Angelis”.

Regarding claim 4, Ciaramitaro does not explicitly disclose the online document management system of claim 1, further comprising one or more trainer computers, wherein one or more of said trainer computers coordinate with one or more of the editorial computers to provide training to journal users.

However, De Angelis teaches the online document management system of claim 1, further comprising one or more trainer computers, wherein one or more of said trainer computers coordinate with one or more of the editorial computers to provide training to journal users (See [0013], that provides users with learning or training opportunities).

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Ciaramitaro and De Angelis because De Angelis discloses an authoring tool in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention performs a process that converts a document to a trackable content file. The document can be generated by various kinds of applications, e.g., commercially available WordPerfect, Word, PowerPoint, Excel,
Acrobat, etc. According to one embodiment, the trackable content file is stored on a content repository on an online learning network. The trackable content file communicates with a management system, and exchanges data therewith (De Angelis, See [0006]) can be utilized by Ciaramitaro to create a training environment.

Regarding claim 7, Ciaramitaro in view of De Angelis further teaches the online document management system of claim 4, wherein one or more of said editorial computers create a new journal in training mode (Ciaramitaro, See [0035], Each document has only one master instance; however, each time a document is associated to a production folder via the production folders table 316, a new and unique production instance is created for that document).

Regarding claim 8, Ciaramitaro in view of De Angelis further teaches the online document management system of claim 4, wherein one or more of said editorial computers replicate an existing journal for training purposes (Ciaramitaro, See [0035], Each document has only one master instance; however, each time a document is associated to a production folder via the production folders table 316, a new and unique production instance is created for that document).

Regarding claim 9, Ciaramitaro in view of De Angelis further teaches the online document management system of claim 1, wherein said data processor is further configured to convert one or more submitted documents to a Common Readable Format (De Angelis, [0016]-[0017] and [0022], HTML file and XML file).
Regarding claim 10, Ciaramitaro in view of De Angelis further teaches the online document management system of claim 9, wherein said Common Readable Format is Hypertext Markup Language or Extensible Markup Language (De Angelis, [0016]-[0017] and [0022], HTML file and XML file).

Regarding claims 17 and 19, the instant claims are method claims which correspond to the system claims 4 and 9 above, therefore they are rejected for the same reason as set forth above.

Claims 11, 13 and 20 are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciaramitaro as applied to claims 1 and 14 above, and further in view of Diamond et al. (US Pub. No. 2006/0282762 A1), hereinafter “Diamond”.

Regarding claim 11, Ciaramitaro does not explicitly disclose the online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers automatically assigns editors according to rules and settings of the management system.

However, Diamond teaches the online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers automatically assigns editors according to rules and settings of the management system (See [0049], an annotation could include an option enabling a comment to be assigned to a particular individual or individuals for action or response).
Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Ciaramitaro and Diamond because **Diamond** discloses a rule and setting that can pre-define in the document management system to automatically assign individual and when utilized by Ciaramitaro can increase efficient of the system.

Regarding claim 13, **Ciaramitaro** in view of **Diamond** further teaches the online document management system of claim 1, wherein annotations to one or more submitted documents are made in the documents being displayed (Diamond, See [0022], The annotations can be immediately visible, in context, to all participants of the review).

Regarding claim 20, the instant claim is method claim which corresponds to the system claim 11 above, therefore it is rejected for the same reason as set forth above.

Claims 12 is rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Ciaramitaro** as applied to claims 1 and 14 above, and further in view of Vaithilingam et al. (US Pub. No2001/0047357 A1), hereinafter “**Vaithilingam**”.

Regarding claim 12, Ciaramitaro does not explicitly disclose teaches the online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers search for reviewers by taking into account the author's preferred reviewers.

However, **Vaithilingam** teaches the online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers search for reviewers by taking into account
the author's preferred reviewers (See [0030], providing users with a selection of subjective information to choose from in their user-preference based content selection/filtering process. For example, reviewers A and B may review a movie. Based on prior experience, a user may prefer reviewer A over reviewer B for television programs and movie ratings).

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Ciaramitaro and Vaithilingam because Vaithilingam discloses users at a website provide details of their preferences in a certain domain, for example, buying books or music CDs. The users are then recommended certain products based on their preferences and the products purchased by other users with similar preferences (Vaithilingam, See [0004]) and when utilized by Ciaramitaro can increase user's satisfaction.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure can be found in the PTO-892 Notice of Reference Cited.

Examiner’s Note: Examiner has cited particular columns/paragraph and line numbers in the references applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references
in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of
the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

In the case of amending the Claimed invention, Applicant is respectfully requested to
indicate the portion(s) of the specification which dictate(s) the structure relied on for proper
interpretation and also to verify and ascertain the metes and bounds of the claimed invention.
This will assist in expediting compact prosecution. MPEP 714.02 recites: “Applicant should also
specifically point out the support for any amendments made to the disclosure. See MPEP §
2163.06. An amendment which does not comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(b), (c),
(d), and (h) may be held not fully responsive. See MPEP § 714.” Amendments not pointing to
specific support in the disclosure may be deemed as not complying with provisions of 37
C.F.R. 1.131(b), (c), (d), and (h) and therefore held not fully responsive. Generic statements
such as “Applicants believe no new matter has been introduced” may be deemed insufficient.

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Monday thru Thursday, 7:30am till 5:00pm, alternate Fridays off, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s
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Application No./Patent No.: 13/536,700 Filed/Issue Date: June 28, 2012

Titled: Online Peer Review System and Method

Elsevier, Inc. ___________________, a corporation

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In response to the Informational Notice to Applicant mailed September 18, 2018 and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and/or 37 CFR 1.64, Applicant resubmits the Application Data Sheet which now complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.63 and 37 CFR 1.76. Applicant now believes that the deficiency has been corrected.

Applicant believes that no fee is due but the Commissioner is nonetheless authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment to PTO Deposit Account No. 20-1507.

Respectfully submitted,

TROUTMAN SANDERS LLP

November 14, 2012

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**Application Data Sheet 37 CFR 1.76**

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**Title of Invention**

Online Peer Review System and Method

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   - **Given Name:** Jason
   - **Middle Name:** Lapulalan

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#### Applicant 1

If the applicant is the inventor (or the remaining joint inventor or inventors under 37 CFR 1.45), this section should not be completed. The information to be provided in this section is the name and address of the legal representative who is the applicant under 37 CFR 1.43; or the name and address of the assignee, person to whom the inventor is under an obligation to assign the invention, or person who otherwise shows sufficient proprietary interest in the matter who is the applicant under 37 CFR 1.46. If the applicant is an applicant under 37 CFR 1.46 (assignee, person to whom the inventor is obligated to assign, or person who otherwise shows sufficient proprietary interest) together with one or more joint inventors, then the joint inventor or inventors who are also the applicant should be identified in this section.

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(C37 CFR 1.16(a))

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

Foreign Applications (You may be eligible to benefit from the Patent Prosecution Highway program at the USPTO. Please see http://www.uspto.gov for more information.)

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Respectfully submitted,

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As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

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- [ ] The attached application, or
- [x] United States application or PCT international application number 13/536,700

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Online Peer Review System and Method

Field of Invention

The present invention relates in general to online scientific peer review systems, and in particular to a novel online journal management and publishing solution which is designed to create a flexible, intuitive, intelligent and enterprise scale user-centered solution which is designed in a modular fashion to easily and quickly add new features and offer integration points.

Brief Description of Prior Art

There exist a number of online scientific peer review systems. All of these systems offer the same basic functions such as interfaces for authors to submit, upload or download articles related to a journal, as well as interfaces for reviewers to review the articles, and for editors to accept or reject articles. A summary of the major existing online scientific peer review systems is provided below.

The first system is an open source online journal publishing system called the “Open Journal System”. It is sponsored by the Simon Fraser University. An online user’s guide is available at: http://pkp.sfu.ca/ojs/docs/userguide/2.3.3/index.html. The Open Journal System provides interfaces for users to upload/download submissions and it supports multiple languages. It also provides an interface for reviewers to manage the submission under review.

The second system is a commercially-available online manuscript submission and peer review software system called “Editorial Manager” from Aries Systems. An online user’s guide is available at http://www.editorialmanager.com/homepage/home.htm. The Editorial Manager software manages submissions, editorial functions and peer review. It uses a customized interface to transfer accepted manuscripts to publishers such as Oxford University Press, Elsevier, etc. It also tracks referee activity, and automatically emails appropriate reminders.

Aries Systems also partners with a company called “iThenticate”. iThenticate has a commercially-available software called “iThenticate Plagiarism Checker” for plagiarism detection. Because iThenticate has a partnership with Aries Systems, it apparently allows Aries’ editorial and peer review system to detect plagiarism.

The third online journal publishing system is a commercially-available peer review journal management system called “ScholarOne Manuscripts” from Thomson Reuters. The
ScholarOne Manuscripts system also uses iThenticate Plagiarism Checker for plagiarism detection. It enables users to execute task assignments, e-mail reminders, and web-based research tools automatically. It also captures data and files in multiple languages and formats and converts them into PDF or HTML documents on the fly. It also allows the user to enter customized journal article metadata.

All of these existing systems are, to some degree, not convenient to use. For example, these existing systems only offer a shared database among sister journals, whereas a shared database is not available for non-sister journals, for example, journals that are not owned by related entities. Thus, it is impossible for these existing systems to accommodate the user’s request to switch from a sister journal to a non-sister journal. Moreover, none of these systems provide convenient interfaces to facilitate the communications between editors, users and reviewers. In addition, it is difficult to add new features to the current online journal publishing systems.

There is therefore a need to develop a more flexible and convenient online journal publishing system.

Summary of the Invention

One aspect of the invention is directed to an online document management system. The system comprises one or more editorial computers operated by one or more administrators or editors, the editorial computers send invitations and manage review, such as peer review, of document submissions; one or more system computers, the system computers maintain journals, records of submitted documents and user profiles, and issue notifications; and one or more user computers; the user computers submit documents or revisions to the document management system. In one embodiment, the one or more of said editorial computers coordinate with one or more of the system computers to migrate one or more documents between journals maintained by the online document management system.

Another aspect of the invention is directed to a method of managing documents submitted online. The method comprises: initiating invitations from one or more editorial computers operated by one or more journal editors to one or more user computers operated by one or more users on one or more journals; submitting documents from one or more of the user computers to one or more system computers; the system computers maintaining journals, records
of submitted documents and user profiles; providing comments on the submitted documents from one or more computers operated by one or more reviewers; and migrating one or more submitted documents between journals maintained by one or more of the system computers.

**Brief Description of the Drawings**

FIG. 1 schematically depicts a user registration/deactivation process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 2 schematically depicts a user login process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 3 schematically depicts a submission process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 4 schematically depicts an editorial preparation process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 5 schematically depicts a peer review process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 6 schematically depicts a decision preparation process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 7 schematically depicts a revision process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 8 schematically depicts a waterfall process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 9 schematically depicts a group submissions process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 10 schematically depicts a training/journal administration process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 11 schematically depicts a journals leaving process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention. The journals leaving process may be triggered when a journal leaves the publishing system.
Detailed Description of Preferred Embodiments

FIG. 1 schematically depicts a user registration/deactivation process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention. The user registration/deactivation process enables a user to register or deactivate with the journal publishing system. Once the process starts at step 1110, it may encounter one or more of the following four situations:

1) an Editor sends an invitation to a user or a Reviewer;
2) an invited (or unsolicited) user initiates the process to register with the system
3) an invited (or unsolicited) user signs-in to deactivate
4) a system administrator or an Editor decides to deactivate a user

The process steps that are involved in the 4 situations above are explained below.

First, if, in step 1130, an Editor sends an invitation to a user or Reviewer, the process moves to step 1140 to check the status of the invitation. If the invitation is rejected, then the process moves to step 1190, where a notification is sent to the system administrator or the Editor, and the process will stop its execution. If the invitation is accepted by a user/Reviewer, then the process moves to step 1170 to wait for a user action. If the user/Reviewer decides to register with the journal publishing system of the invention, then the process goes to step 1180 to prompt the user/Reviewer to enter his/her Email Id (such as an email address). In step 1200, the process verifies whether the Email Id already exists in the system’s record. If so, a notification is sent in step 1210 to the user/Reviewer and the process loops back to step 1180. Here, the user/Reviewer may choose to re-register using a different Email Id, or user the existing Email Id to sign-in. If the user/Review chose to sign-in, then in step 1280 a web-page is displayed to the user/Reviewer to provide an interface for the user/Review to perform other actions. In one embodiment, the web-page is the default journal homepage. The web-page may also be a user-specific homepage showing user-preferred information, such as information regarding user-preferred journals in the system. In another embodiment, the web-page may be a page indicated in the invitation or a user-preferred website.

If, in step 1200, the process determines the Email Id does not exist in the system’s record, then in step 1290 the user/Reviewer is prompted to enter a password. A CAPTCHA test is then generated by the system in step 1300 and the user/Review is prompted to enter the necessary information required by the CAPTCHA KEY. In step 1310, the process enters or updates the
system record for this newly entered user data. In step 1320, the process enters or updates data for specific journals in connection with the new record. Then, in step 1330, the user/Reviewer is prompted to enter his/her preferences. For example, the preferred language, the preferred way of communication (e.g. emails, phone call, etc.), preferred reviewers, preferred webpage (landing page) after signing-in, etc. Next, in step 1340, the user/Reviewer is prompted to review and confirm that he/she will comply with a set of Regulations. In one embodiment, the Regulations include the Statement on Ethics in Publishing. Then, step 1350 checks if the registration is complete. If so, the process moves to step 1370 to issue a successful registration notification that will be displayed on the user’s sign-in page in step 1380. If not, the user/Reviewer will be notified that the registration is incomplete in step 1360.

If, in step 1160, an uninvited user initiates the process, then the process moves to step 1170 to determine the user action and then moves to step 1180 or 1280 depending on whether the user action is registration or sign-in.

If, in step 1150, a user signs in to deactivate from the system, the process then executes a deactivate procedure in step 1220. Then in step 1230, it prompts the user to confirm deactivation. A CAPTCHA key is generated by the process in step 1240 and the user is prompted to enter it. Then, in step 1250, the current user status is captured by the process and the system administrator is notified in step 1260 that the user should be marked inactive. In one embodiment, the user is prompted to enter the reason for deactivation in step 1270, and the results of steps 1260 and 1270 are used in step 1370 for the process to issue a deactivation notification that will be displayed on the user’s sign-in page in step 1380.

If, in step 1120, a system administrator or an Editor decides to deactivate a user, the process will directly move to step 1230, which prompts the system administrator or Editor for confirmation. A CAPTCHA key is generated by the process in step 1240 and the system administrator or Editor is prompted to enter it. The process then goes to steps 1260, 1270, 1370, 1380 as described above.

FIG. 2 schematically depicts a user login process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention. The user login process enables a user to gain access to the journal publishing system.

According to FIG. 2, in step 1510, a user initiates the login process by entering the URL of the online journal publishing system, or by clicking on a link in an email that is directing the
login webpage, or by other ways enabled by the journal publishing system. Then, in step 1520, the journal publishing system determines if the user has already signed-in. If so, the process moves to step 1700 where a corresponding web page is displayed to the user. The web page may be a user preferred web page defined by the user, or a default journal web page set by the journal administrator, or a “task based” web page whose content depends on the tasks the user intends to work on, or a “general task page” showing a list of tasks for the system administrator or service manager to work on, or a journal home page with links to journal recommended tools. Next, in step 1710, the user can navigate to any other web page within the journal based on the user permission set by the system administrator.

If step 1530 determines that the user has not signed-in, then in step 1530 the process check if the user has been identified. If so, the process in step 1540 displays a sign-in page showing the user ID and a blank password field. If not, the process in step 1550 displays a sign-in page with blank user ID and password fields. The user can then sign in by entering the user ID and password in step 1650. After receiving the user ID and password, the process in step 1690 verifies if the information entered is correct. If yes, then the process moves to step 1700. If the verification fails, the process moves to step 1660, where a “sign-in failed” message is displayed and the user is directed to step 1650 and is prompted to retry the user ID and password. If the verification step 1690 finds that the password has expired, the user is then notified in step 1670 to reset the password. After the user resets the password, the user is directed to the login page of step 1650 to re-enter the user ID and password. If the verification step 1690 finds that the user has not been registered, the user is then directed to step 1680 to register.

In one embodiment, the sign-in page has a “forgot user ID/password” link, and step 1560 is invoked to see if the user clicks on such a link. If the user forgets his/her user ID/password, then the process moves to a sub-process to retrieve/reset user ID and password. If the user ID is forgotten (step 1570), then the process moves to step 1590 to prompt the user to contact customer support and a customer support procedure 1600 may be developed to resolve the issue. For example, customer support will retrieve the user ID if the user provides other information (such as social security number, etc) that verifies his/her identity. If the user forgot his/her password, the user may also be directed to customer support in step 1590 and then uses the customer support procedure to reset or retrieve the password. Alternatively, the user could be prompted to answer certain pre-set password question(s) in step 1610. Then step 1630
determines if the user’s answer(s) are correct. If so, the processor moves to step 1640, where a password reset link is sent to the user’s email ID that is provided at registration. After resetting the password, the user is directed to the login page of step 1650. If the user’s answer(s) are not correct, then in step 1620 a “password retrieval failed” message will be displayed and the user is directed to step 1590 to contact customer support.

FIG. 3 schematically depicts a submission process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention. The process starts in step 2100. In one embodiment, the submission process may be initiated by an author receiving an invitation from an Editor 2110, an author navigates to a journal home page 2120, or an author finds the journal home page from the journal publishing system’s home page 2130. In one embodiment, the steps 2110-2130 may be executed in parallel. After the author finds the journal’s homepage, the process in step 2140 checks if the author is registered. If yes, the author is prompted to login in step 2160. If no, then the author is prompted to register first in step 2150, and then is directed to the login page in step 2160. After login, the author is prompted to enter invitation information in step 2170, and then to select article type in step 2180. Based on the type selected, the author can view and use certain templates to format his/her article before submission in step 2190. If an author uses certain templates, certain metadata can be extracted before the author manually enters the data. Then, in steps 2200 and 2210, the user uploads the mandatory and supplemental files of the article to the journal publishing system.

After uploading the article, the author may be prompted to enter classification and key word information of the submitted article in step 2220. Then, in step 2230, the author is prompted to fill in a submission form. In step 2240, the author is prompted to fill in a non-submission form. In one embodiment, the non-submission form requests additional information not directly related to the content of the submitted article, e.g. the name of the entity that provides funding to the research that has resulted in the article. In step 2250, the author then enters funding body identification information. Then in step 2260, the author is prompted to specify co-authors, if any. In step 2270, the author may suggest or oppose reviewers, and in step 2280, the author may make suggestions of choice of Editors. The process then moves to step 2290 where the author may be asked to agree to a ‘Water Fall Agreement’ which governs copyright issues, and potential submission to other journals. Then, in step 2300, a Common Readable Format file (CRF) of the article is created for review. In one embodiment, the CRF is
HTML format. Rendering the article in HTML format makes the online journal publishing system faster and lighter, and more compatible with mobile applications.

The journal publishing system assigns a system Id 2310 and File Type 2320 to the article submitted in steps 2200 and 2210. The system also performs a series of checks in step 2330. In one embodiment, these checks include a plagiarism check (the result of plagiarism check may not be displayed only to the editor), a completeness check, an artwork quality check, a reference linking check, a duplication submission check, and a metadata errors check. These checks may also include a LaTex errors check, if the article is written in LaTex language. There may also be a CRF conversion error check to make sure the CRF conversion of the article is done properly.

After these checks, the author in step 2340 reviews the results of the checks, and reviews the CRF as converted in step 2350. The process then asks the author if he/she wishes to modify the article. If no, then the process moves to step 2440, where the author is asked to view and accept a publishing ethics document. Then, the author makes the final submission in step 2430. The publishing system will then sync the submission data with the author’s user profile data in step 2400, send a submission notification to the author in step 2410, and assign a submission Id to the article being submitted in step 2420. If the author wishes to modify the article, the author will have a chance to update the article and fix errors in step 2370, manually assign files to appropriate categories in step 2380 and edit metadata of the article in step 2390.

FIG. 4 schematically depicts an editorial preparation process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention. The process starts in step 2510, where the online publishing system makes an initial assignment of service manager or editor according to certain rules or system settings. In step 2520, the service manager/editor performs a technical check on the submitted article. In one embodiment, the technical check may be outsourced to an external entity. In step 2530, the service manager/editor decides whether to return the article to the author for correction. If yes, the article is returned in step 2540. If no, the service manager/editor decides in step 2550 if technical screening of the article is required, and if so, technical screening is performed in step 2560. Next, the service manager/editor decides in step 2570 if language editing is required, and if so, language editing is performed in step 2580. In one embodiment, the language editing may be outsourced to an external entity. In step 2590, the service manager/editor assigns the editor(s) to handle the current submission, and a notification is sent to the publishing system in step 2600.
Next, the service manager/editor reviews the results of technical checks. In one embodiment, these checks include artwork quality check 2610, metadata check 2620, LaTeX error checks 2630 and CRF conversion checks 2640.

After reviewing these results, the service manager/editor may, in step 2700, manually assign other specialized editor(s) to the submitted article. The publishing system may also, in step 2650, automatically assign other (often specialized) editor(s) to the submitted article, based on rules. Next, the service manager/editor reviews the results of technical screening (if any). In one embodiment, these results include the results of completeness check 2660, the results of reference linking check 2670, the results of plagiarism check 2680 and the results of duplicate check 2690. After reviewing these results, the service manager/editor may, in step 2710, manually assign other specialized editor(s) to the submitted article. The publishing system may also, in step 2650, automatically assign other (often specialized) editor(s) to the submitted article.

Next, in step 2720, the service manager/editor edits the classification/keywords of the submitted article. Then, in step 2730, the service manager/editor decides whether the submitted article should be peer-reviewed. If yes, the article is sent to the peer review process in step 2740. If it is decided that the article be returned to the author for correction, then the article is returned in step 2760. Or, if it is decided that the article is to be rejected, then in step 2750 the article is rejected. In step 2770, the publishing system sends notifications to the author regarding the service manager/editor’s decision in steps 2740-2760.

FIG. 5 schematically depicts a peer review process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention. The process involves the editor, the publishing system and the reviewer. The process starts when the editor invites the reviewer to review a submitted article. In step 3010, the editor may instruct the publishing system to send ad hoc invitation emails to many potential reviewers. The editor may also in step 3020, first search for reviewers by taking into account the author’s preferred reviewers. The publishing system then displays the search results based on the editor’s search criteria in step 3040. Then, the editor in step 3050 chooses the reviewer to invite based on the displayed search results. The publishing system, in step 3030, sends an invitation email to the reviewers selected by the editor. In one embodiment, the search for reviewers is carried out using the People Finder technology described in Netherlands patent no. 20001015151, titled “Apparatus, Method and Software for generating a Knowledge Profile and the Search for
Corresponding Knowledge Profiles”. The content of this patent is incorporated in its entirety herein. After receiving an invitation email, a reviewer may decide to accept or reject the invitation (as shown in steps 3200-3220 for multiple reviewers). If the reviewer accepts the invitation, then in step 3230 the publishing system determines if the reviewer is registered. If yes, the reviewer may proceed to login in step 3240. If no, the reviewer is directed to a registration process, such as the registration process shown in FIG. 1. After login, the reviewer may have the following options as shown in step 3260. For example, the reviewer may be given access to the submitted article. The reviewer may also be able to communicate with other reviewers or editors or invite other co-reviewers. The reviewer may also be given access to certain scientific journals, including through services such as Scopus and ScienceDirect. Then, in step 3270, the reviewer reviews and annotates the submitted article. In a preferred embodiment, the system allows for annotation of the online version of the article. The reviewer may also have the option to recommend language editing. If review is completed, the reviewer in step 3310 submits or uploads the review comments to the publishing system. The reviewer may also terminate the review voluntarily.

If a reviewer decides to reject an invitation, then the system in step 3060 notifies the editor about the rejection. The system in step 3080 checks if the editor has selected alternative reviewer(s). If yes, then in step 3070 the system sends an invitation email to the alternative reviewer. If no, the process will wait for the editor to send an ad hoc invitation or to search for reviewer(s).

After receiving the review comments, the publishing system in step 3090 sends a notification email to the editor, collates review comments in step 3100 if the comments are done in CRF, and sends the comments to the editor. After receiving the comments, the editor in step 3110 manages/validates the review comments, and in step 3120 rates the reviewers based on the comments submitted. Then, in step 3130, the editor decides if changes need to be made in the submitted article. If no, the article is passed to a decision process in step 3140. If yes, the editor in step 3150 requests the publishing system to notify the author that changes are requested. Then, the publishing system in step 3160 sends a notification email to the author and the article is passed to a revision process in step 3170.

FIG. 6 schematically depicts a decision preparation process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention. The
decision process may be initiated by the following situations: 1) an author submits an article (step 3510); 2) peer review of an article is completed (step 3520); 3) reassessment of a prior decision (step 3530) and 4) an author submits a revised article (step 3540). If the editor receives a submission from an author, then in step 3550 the editor decides if the article should be rejected without review. If no, the editor in step 3560 decides if peer review is required, and if so the process moves to the peer review process in step 3580, and then returns to step 3520. If the article should be rejected without review, then in step 3690 the publishing system sends a notification email to other editor(s), the author and reviewers regarding the rejection. Next, in step 3700 the system determines if the editor and author have initiated a “waterfall” process to transfer the article to another journal. If yes, then the waterfall process will process in step 3710. If no, the article is marked for deletion in step 3720, and then in step 3730 the system determines if the author has requested reassessment. If the author has requested reassessment, the process moves to step 3530. If the author has not requested reassessment, the article is deleted in step 3740 based on journal settings and retention policy.

If the decision process is triggered by situations 2-4 above, then the process moves to step 3560, where the editor decides if peer review is required. If review is triggered, then the process moves to the peer review process in step 3580. If review is not triggered, in step 3570 the editor decides if he/she will view the review comments (annotations) online or offline. If offline, then in step 3660 the publishing system’s download utility is triggered and in step 3670 the editor downloads comments and submitted articles either in native format or in PDF. If online, the editor will view the article with comment annotations in CRF in step 3590.

After reviewing the comments, the editor in step 3600 decides if changes are required. If changes are required, the editor in step 3650 makes a decision to request revision and sends the decision to the publishing system. The publishing system in step 3680 sends a notification email to the author for revision. The author, then, in step 3750 decides if he/she would agree or decline to revise the submission. If he/she agrees to revise, then the process moves to a revision process in step 3760, and then returns to step 3540. If the author declines to revise, then the process moves to a withdraw process in step 3770.

If the editor decides that no change is required in step 3600, then in step 3610, the editor decides whether to accept or reject the article based on the comments. If the editor decides to reject, then in step 3690, the publishing system sends a notification email to other editor(s), the
author and reviewers regarding the rejection, and the process moves to step 3700 as described above. If the editor decides to accept, then in step 3620, the files related to the article are marked for publication. Next, in step 3630 comments are updated to production and in step 3640, the output is marked to be split. The publishing system then, in step 3780, sends a notification email to other editor(s), the author and reviewers.

FIG. 7 schematically depicts a revision process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention. The process starts from step 4010, where the publishing system sends an email notification to the author regarding the editor’s request for revision. The author then proceeds to login in step 4050, and navigates to his/her submission in step 4040. The author then views the review comments, either offline or online, in step 4060 and decides in step 4070 if he/she will submit revision. If no, then the publishing system in step 4030 sends a notification to the editor and the process moves to a decision process in step 4020. If yes, then the author in step 4100 accepts or clarifies comments on CRF and creates a revised version in step 4110. Then, in step 4120 the files associated with the submitted article are marked for copying from the previous version, and the new or updated files are uploaded to the publishing system in step 4130. The publishing system may assign file type in step 4080 and assign system ID to the submitted files in step 4190. Optionally, the author may also upload new or updated supplemental files to the publishing system in step 4140, update classification/keywords in step 4150, update co-author in step 4160, update funding body in step 4170, perform submission form update in step 4180 and non-submission form update in step 4190, as well as suggest or oppose reviewers in step 4200. After the results of steps 4140-4200 above are uploaded to the publishing system, the system may optionally perform a number of checks on the updated submission in step 4210. These checks may include completeness check, reference linking check, metadata errors check, artwork quality check, CRF conversion errors check and LaTex errors check.

The author may review the results of the above checks in step 4240 and review the CRF in step 4250. Next, in step 4260, the author decides if he/she wishes to modify the submission based on the results of the checks. If no, the author makes a final submission of the revision in step 4300. The publishing system then sends a notification to the editor in step 4230, and syncs the revision data with the author’s user profile data in step 4220. The process then moves to the decision process in step 4020. If the author decides to modify the submission based on the
results of the checks, then the author in step 4270 updates and fixes the errors and may choose to re-check the files. Or, the author may manually group the files in step 4280 and submit for a re-check. Or, the author may edit the metadata of the files and submit for a re-check.

FIG. 8 schematically depicts a waterfall process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention. The waterfall process is the transfer of submitted articles from one journal to another journal. The waterfall process may be initiated by an editor of a sending journal who decides to waterfall a submission to a receiving journal, as shown in step 6030. After learning the editor’s decision, the publishing system then notifies the editor(s) of the receiving journal in step 6040. The editor(s) of the receiving journal in step 6050 decides whether to accept the submission. If no, then the editor of the sending journal is notified in step 6070 and the waterfall process will end. If yes, the publishing system in step 6060 checks if the author has agreed to waterfall his/her rejected submission. If no, then the publishing system in step 6020 asks the author’s permission to waterfall the submission. If the author declines to waterfall, then in step 6010 the editor is notified of the author’s decision not to waterfall. If the author accepts waterfall, then the publishing system in step 6080 notifies the author that the submission will be waterfalled to a particular journal. If the publishing system in step 6060 finds the author has agreed to waterfall his/her rejected submission, then the process also moves to step 6080 above. Following step 6080, the editor of the receiving journal in step 6160 views the submission and metadata (CRF or native format). Then, in step 6170, the editor decides if he/she will require reviewer comments from the sending journal. If no, then the editor will decide on the waterfalled submission in step 6230. If the editor will require the reviewer comments, then in step 6180, the publishing system checks if the reviewer has opted to block the transfer of review comments. If yes, the system notifies the editor of the reviewer’s decision to block comments in step 6220, and the editor decides in step 6210 whether to proceed without review comments. If no, the waterfall process will end. If yes, the process moves to step 6230 above. If the reviewer does not block the comments, then in step 6190, the editor reviews the editor/review comments and the process moves to step 6230 above.

After step 6230, the editor decides to reject or accept the submission for waterfall. If the submission is rejected, then in step 6100 the author is notified of the rejection, and in step 6110, the author decides whether to waterfall the submission to another journal. If no, then the
The waterfall process will end. If yes, then in step 6130 the publishing system may provide journal recommendations to the author via the journal recommendation tool, and the author may select a journal to waterfall in step 6140. The publishing system then notifies the editor of the receiving journal in step 6150. The process then moves to step 6160 above.

The journal recommendation tool is operable to recommend a journal to the author if the journal has published articles which have a high similarity with the newly submitted article. In one embodiment, the system determines whether a journal’s published articles have a high similarity to the newly submitted article by creating a fingerprint of all published articles of a journal, and then comparing them to the fingerprint of the submission. The similarity can be expressed as a match rate. The list of recommended journals can be initially sorted based on the match rate. Optionally, the user is able to view the following aspects of a journal: Impact factor, Speed of publication and Acceptance rate.

If the editor decides to accept a submission for waterfall in step 6230, then in step 6240, the editor decides whether to require additional information from the author. If no, then the publishing system in step 6320 assigns submission Id to the submission being waterfalled, notifies the author in step 6340, and moves the process to the editorial process in step 6330. If the system requires additional information from the author to submit to this specific journal, then in step 6250 the publishing system notifies the author for additional information. The author in step 6260 decides whether to submit requested information. If no, then the publishing system notifies the editor of the receiving journal in step 6350 and the waterfall process ends. If yes, then the author in step 6270 submits the additional information. The publishing system, then, in step 6280 performs various checks as described above, assigns system Id and file Id in step 6290 and generates a CRF in step 6300. The author in step 6310 views the CRF and submits the submission in step 6315. The process then moves to step 6320 above.

The waterfall process may also be triggered by an author when he/she withdraws a submission, as shown in step 6090. If so, the author is prompted to decide if he/she wants to waterfall the submission to another journal as shown in step 6110 above. Alternatively, when the publishing system sends an author a rejection notice (following an editor’s decision based on peer review), as shown in step 6120, then the process moves to step 6100 above. FIG. 9 schematically depicts a group submissions process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention. As show in
FIG. 9, the editor may select one or more submissions in step 8010. Then, in step 8020, the editor decides whether to designate the selected submissions as Relationship or Group. If the editor decides to create a relationship (not group) for the selected submissions, then the process moves to step 8190, where the editor decides whether to create a new relationship. If the editor wants to designate the submissions as a group, then the editor checks in step 8030 if the submissions already belong to a group. If yes, the editor is so informed and the process ends. If no, the editor in step 8050 decides whether to create a new group. If no, the editor in step 8130 selects the existing group. If yes, then the editor in step 8060 checks if a group template exists and in step 8070 creates a new group from the master group template. If no, then the editor in step 8150 creates a group template, inherits metadata in step 8160 and the process moves to step 8070 above. After the new group template is created, the editor in step 8080 specifies the group name, and specifies the group type in step 8090. Then in step 8100, the editor may add other submissions to the new or selected group. The publishing system then tags the submissions as a group in step 8110. Then, in step 8120, the system executes the workflow steps such as the various checks as described before.

If the editor selects an existing group, as shown in step 8130, then in step 8140 the editor chooses the actions on the selected group. If he/she chooses to add other submissions to the group, then the process moves to step 8100 above. If he/she chooses to remove certain submissions from the group, then the publishing system in step 8190 untags the submissions to be removed from the group and the group submissions process ends. If the editor chooses to view or edit group metadata, then the publishing system in step 8170 presents a view of the group and allows the editor to edit the metadata of the group. The editor can also deactivate a group from the view. Then, in step 8180 the system synchronizes system data if the group’s metadata is changed and deactivates the group if the editor chooses to do so. The process then ends.

If the editor decides in step 8190 to create a new relationship for the selected submissions, then in step 8200 the editor creates the new relationship and may also add submissions to the new relationship. Next, in step 8210, the editor specifies a name for the new relationship. The publishing system then tags the submissions as a relationship as specified by the editor in step 8270. If the editor decides in step 8190 not to create a new relationship for the selected submissions, then in step 8220 the editor selects an existing relationship and in step 8230
chooses actions on the selected relationship. If the editor chooses to add submissions, then the process moves to step 8270 above. If the editor chooses to view relationship or edit relationship metadata, then the publishing system in step 8240 presents a view of the group and allows the editor to edit the metadata of the group. The editor can also deactivate a group from the view. Then, in step 8250 the system synchronizes system data if the group’s metadata is changed and deactivates the group if the editor chooses to do so. The process then ends. The editor may also choose to remove certain submissions from the relationship. If that is the case, then the publishing system in step 8260 untags these submissions to be removed from the relationship, and the process ends.

FIG. 10 schematically depicts a training/journal administration process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention. As shown in FIG. 10, when a trainer receives a request for training in step 8510, the trainer may either create a new journal in training mode as shown in step 8520; or replicate an existing journal setting to create a new journal in training mode, as shown in step 8530. In one embodiment, the trainer may be a staff member of the company running the journal system. Training sessions may be provided in person, or through web applications such as WebEx. The trainer then in step 8535 invites journal administrator/service managers or other users for training, and then provides training to journal users in step 8540. When step 8535 is executed, the publishing system also sends a notification email to the journal administration/service manager in step 8550. Then, in step 8560, the trainer decides whether the journal configuration can be made operational. If no, then in step 8620 the trainer deletes the journal in training mode and the process ends. The publishing system also sends a notification email to users configured regarding journal deletion in step 8630, and the training journal is deleted based on configuration settings in step 8650. An authorized user can also choose to extend the date for journal deletion, in step 8640.

If the trainer does not think the journal configuration can be made live, then in step 8570 the trainer decides whether to clean up the journal. If yes, the trainer performs journal clean up in step 8580 and the process moves to step 8590. If no, then the process directly moves to step 8590, where the trainer checks if the training journal is an existing journal. If yes, the trainer in step 8600 replicates the journal setting to live environment. If no, the trainer creates a new
journal in live environment in step 8610 and transfers/replicates journal settings the settings of the training journal to the new journal.

After steps 8600 or 8610, the publishing system either removes the test tag from the live environment in step 8730 and sends a notification email to configured users regarding the test journal going live in step 8750, or persists journal setting changes in step 8740 and publishes the setting changes across journal in step 8760. The process then ends.

In one embodiment, the service manager may receive requests to change journal settings to training, as shown in step 8660. Or, he/she may receive notifications from the publishing system to participate in trainings. If that happens, the service manager may in step 8670 execute the following in parallel for the training journal: workflow setup for training, setup/amend rules, set up templates, configuration, user administration and user management and access. The process then moves to step 8540 for the trainer and to step 8730 or 8740 for the system.

FIG. 11 schematically depicts a journals leaving process that is implemented on one or more computers in one or more networks according to one embodiment of the invention. The journals leaving process may be triggered when a journal leaves the publishing system. As shown in FIG. 11, the system administrator/chief editor in step 9010 selects a journal to be removed. Then, in step 9020, the journal contract is checked, and the system retention policy is checked in step 9030 for conformity. Next, the system administrator/chief editor in step 9040 notifies editorial stakeholders about the journal migration. On confirmation of all of the above, the system administrator/chief editor in step 9050 sets an end date for submission into the journal. The system in step 9060 records the end date. When a user makes a submission/or submits a revision in step 9180, the publishing system in step 9190 checks if the submission date is passed. If no, the process moves to submission/peer review in step 9200. If yes, then the user is notified of journal migration/deletion and end of submission in step 9210.

In one embodiment, the system administrator/chief editor may initiate an initial export process when the time is close to the submission end date, as shown in step 9070. If that process is initiated, the publishing system in step 9100 executes an iterative process to create an export package of journal/user specific files, journal/user specific metadata and files uploaded as part of review/decision. Then, in step 9110, the system captures journal history/status.

In another embodiment, the system administrator/chief editor may initiate a final export process on final disposition of a submission, as shown in step 9080. If that process is initiated,
the publishing system in step 9120 executes an iterative process to create export package of journal/user specific files, journal/user specific metadata and files uploaded as part of review/decision. Then, in step 9130, the system captures journal history/status, and in step 9170, only limited access is allowed to the journal based on user permissions.

In yet another embodiment, the system administrator/chief editor may initiate soft/hard delete of the journal based on journal configuration, as shown in step 9090. If that process is initiated, the publishing system in step 9140 deletes journal information and retains user profiles in step 9150. The system also maintains workflow history as per configuration in step 9160.

The invention described above is operational with general purpose or special purpose computing system environments or configurations. Examples of well known computing systems, environments, and/or configurations that may be suitable for use with the invention include, but are not limited to: personal computers, server computers, hand-held or laptop devices, smart phones such as iPhones™, tablet devices such as iPads™, multiprocessor systems, microprocessor-based systems, set top boxes, programmable consumer electronics, network PCs, minicomputers, mainframe computers, distributed computing environments that include any of the above systems or devices, and the like. It should be understood that references to a ‘computer’ in this specification—for example, an editorial computer or a system computer—include references to both physical and logical computers, where a logical computer may reside in one or more physical computers, one or more logical computers may reside in one physical computer, and logical computers may be part of a cloud computing system. It should also be understood that references to a ‘database’ in this specification—for example a journal database and a non-sister journal database—include references to databases that may be physically distinct or logically distinct (for example, virtual databases).

Components of the inventive computer system may include, but are not limited to, a processing unit, a system memory, and a system bus that couples various system components including the system memory to the processing unit.

The computer system typically includes a variety of non-transitory computer-readable media. Computer-readable media can be any available media that can be accessed by the computer and includes both volatile and nonvolatile media, and removable and non-removable media. By way of example, and not limitation, computer-readable media may comprise computer storage media and communication media. Computer storage media may store
information such as computer-readable instructions, data structures, program modules or other data. Computer storage media includes, but is not limited to, RAM, ROM, EEPROM, flash memory or other memory technology, CD-ROM, digital versatile disks (DVD) or other optical disk storage, magnetic cassettes, magnetic tape, magnetic disk storage or other magnetic storage devices, or any other medium which can be used to store the desired information and which can accessed by the computer. Communication media typically embodies computer-readable instructions, data structures, program modules or other data in a modulated data signal such as a carrier wave or other transport mechanism and includes any information delivery media. The term "modulated data signal" means a signal that has one or more of its characteristics set or changed in such a manner as to encode information in the signal. By way of example, and not limitation, communication media includes wired media such as a wired network or direct-wired connection, and wireless media such as acoustic, RF, infrared and other wireless media. Combinations of the any of the above should also be included within the scope of computer-readable media.

The computer system may operate in a networked environment using logical connections to one or more remote computers. The remote computer may be a personal computer, a server, a router, a network PC, a peer device or other common network node, and typically includes many or all of the elements described above relative to the computer. The logical connections depicted in include one or more local area networks (LAN) and one or more wide area networks (WAN), but may also include other networks. Such networking environments are commonplace in offices, enterprise-wide computer networks, intranets and the Internet.

For ease of exposition, not every step or element of the present invention is described herein as part of software or computer system, but those skilled in the art will recognize that each step or element may have a corresponding computer system or software component. Such computer systems and/or software components are therefore enabled by describing their corresponding steps or elements (that is, their functionality), and are within the scope of the present invention. In addition, various steps and/or elements of the present invention may be stored in a non-transitory storage medium, and selectively executed by a processor.

The foregoing components of the present invention described as making up the various elements of the invention are intended to be illustrative and not restrictive. Many suitable components that would perform the same or similar functions as the components described are
intended to be embraced within the scope of the invention. Such other components can include, for example, components developed after the development of the present invention.
What is claimed is:

1. An online document management system, comprising:
   one or more editorial computers connected to a multi-node network, said editorial computers comprising one or more program controlled data processors configured to:
   receive document submissions via said multi-node network;
   access journal database records, wherein said database records include information associated with submitted documents and user profiles; and
   migrate one or more documents between non-sister journal databases.

2. The online document management system of claim 1, further wherein said data processors comprise programming operable to recommend a journal to an author if said journal has published articles which have a high similarity with an article submitted by said author.

3. The online document management system of claim 2, wherein said high similarity is determined by creating a fingerprint of said published articles of said journal, creating a fingerprint of said article submitted by said author, and comparing the fingerprint of said published articles of said journal to the fingerprint of said article submitted by said author.

4. The online document management system of claim 1, further comprising one or more trainer computers, wherein one or more of said trainer computers coordinate with one or more of the editorial computers to provide training to journal users.

5. The online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of said editorial computers select one or more submitted documents and process the selected documents as a group with shared properties.

6. The online document management system of claim 5, wherein one or more of said editorial computers create a group template for the selected documents.
7. The online document management system of claim 4, wherein one or more of said editorial computers create a new journal in training mode.

8. The online document management system of claim 4, wherein one or more of said editorial computers replicate an existing journal for training purposes.

9. The online document management system of claim 1, wherein said data processor is further configured to convert one or more submitted documents to a Common Readable Format.

10. The online document management system of claim 9, wherein said Common Readable Format is Hypertext Markup Language or Extensible Markup Language.

11. The online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers automatically assigns editors according to rules and settings of the management system.

12. The online document management system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the editorial computers search for reviewers by taking into account the author’s preferred reviewers.

13. The online document management system of claim 1, wherein annotations to one or more submitted documents are made in the documents being displayed.

14. A computer-implemented method of online document management, comprising:
   - receiving documents via said multi-node network from said one or more user computers;
   - storing said received documents in a non-transitory computer readable medium;
   - accessing journal database records, wherein said database records include information associated with submitted documents and user profiles;
   - receiving via said multi-node network comments regarding said received documents from one or more computers operated by one or more reviewers; and
   - migrating via a data processor one or more submitted documents between non-sister journal databases.
15. The method of claim 14, further comprising recommending a journal to an author if said journal has published articles which have a high similarity with an article submitted by said author.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein said high similarity is determined by creating a fingerprint of said published articles of said journal, creating a fingerprint of said article submitted by said author, and comparing the fingerprint of said published articles of said journal to the fingerprint of said article submitted by said author.

17. The method of claim 14, further comprising initiating a training process from one or more trainer computers for journal users.

18. The method of claim 14, further comprising selecting one or more submitted documents and processing the selected documents as a group with shared properties.

19. The method of claim 14, further comprising converting one or more submitted documents to a Common Readable Format.

20. The method of claim 14, further comprising assigning editors according to predefined rules.
Abstract

An online document management system is disclosed. In one embodiment, the online document management system comprises: one or more editorial computers operated by one or more administrators or editors, the editorial computers send invitations and manage peer review of document submissions; one or more system computers, the system computers maintain journals, records of submitted documents and user profiles, and issue notifications; and one or more user computers; the user computers submit documents or revisions to the document management system; wherein one or more of the editorial computers coordinate with one or more of the system computers to migrate one or more documents between journals maintained by the online document management system.
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