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National Office Update: CPC Implementation and Data

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- CPC data exchange



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CPC Classification and Search



Classification and search

- Our office classify all our document using CPC, both patent publications and PCT (IPC through concordance list), and we will continue with this in the future.
- We use CPC for searching documents and we do not have any concerns.



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CPC quality assurance



CPC quality assurance

- No, we do not have a specific quality assurance process. However, a separate team find the main symbol, i.e. A01K, but the rest is done by the examiner.
- Before response is given to the applicant, second pair of eyes goes through the response but this is mainly for consistency in the response/text and not the quality of the CPC symbol.



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CPC training



CPC training

- We train our new examiners in how to use the CPC system when classifying documents. This is done based on our own in-house training program for general technical fields using symbol overview in Espacenet. All new examiners have a supervisor assigned during the first 1.5 yrs training program.
- Regarding training in specific technical field, this takes place through discussion and collaboration between examiners in the respective technical fields.
- We would like to contact EPO to receive and develop in-house CPC-related training. We use all the information we can find on EPOs website regarding this.



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CPC Implementation



CPC implementation

- Compared to IPC, CPC scheme have more symbols, thus making our examination more efficient when searching in prior art. In the start it was extra work finding the equivalent IPC symbol, but today this is carried out in our backoffice using concordance list.
- Implementing CPC went surprisingly easy because the examiners had already experience with ECLA/CPC through Espacenet when doing there searches.



CPC implementation

- The update of the CPC scheme does create some issues regarding reclassification work. This work can be lagging behind due to workload in general.
- For the time being we are not doing reclassification of back files due to workload. However, there are plans being established for doing this.
- We do not translate the CPC scheme into our official national language.



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CPC data exchange



CPC data exchange

- All our front files are transferred to EPO by using FTP transfer in ST 36 format, once a week. We may start using Webservices in the future.
- If/when we start with our back files, they will be transferred in the same manner as for reclassification and forwarded in batches, but not necessarily on a regular basis as for front files.



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