

# CPC

## Revision, Maintenance and Definition Processes



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with reinforcement bonded by the plastic net

# Background

- As for the IPC, growing and emerging technologies require periodic revisions of the available CPC Schemes and Definitions
  - (if applicable) with reclassification of the corresponding CPC documentation
- There is also a constant need to improve and clarify things

## Background (cont'd)

- From 1 January 2013 onwards CPC is **jointly** administered by the EPO and USPTO,
  - There are **joint decisions** to amend the CPC Scheme and Definitions
- Changes through **Maintenance, Revision and Definition projects**
  - same terminology in use for the IPC

# CPC Maintenance project

- Minor editorial corrections or clarifications
  - applied to any of Scheme, Definitions, CICL (CPC-to-IPC Concordance List) ...
- No change in (file) scope
  - no reclassification involved, i.e. no resources required
    - mastered by the CPC Editorial Board, without formal approval of the CPC Joint Board

# CPC Definition project

- Changes in a Definition only, aiming at major clarification or addition of new sections
- No change in (file) scope
  - no reclassification involved, i.e. no resources required
    - mastered by the CPC Editorial Board, without formal approval of the CPC Joint Board

# CPC Revision project

- Changes in the Scheme resulting in changes in (file) scope
  - i.e. reclassification involved  
= resources required
- Because of the resources involved, planning and formal approval of the CPC Joint Board are necessary
- Multi-year revision plan (MYRP)
  - priorities vs. resources
  - 50-50 overall sharing at the two offices
  - administered by the CPC Editorial Board for the CPC Joint Board

## CPC e-forum (CEF)

- The forum to discuss all projects is the CPC e-forum (CEF)
  - “rebranded” version of the IPC e-forum (IEF)
- A short report of the ongoing CPC projects is available at [cpcinfo.org](http://www.cooperativepatentclassification.org/CPCRevisions/Projects.html):  
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# CPC changes – documentation

- Published by Editorial Board
- All changes to CPC schemes (maintenance and revision) announced in advance through Notice of Change
- Definitions changes do not require Notice of Change, but alert will be posted on [www.cpcinfo.org](http://www.cpcinfo.org)



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